Meridian Presbyterian Church

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August 23rd, 2026
"A Content Soul"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

13th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **August 23rd, 2026**

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:2**

PRELUDE **Ruben Marquez**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)
L: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
P: Burst into jubilant song with music;
L: Make music to the Lord with the harp,
P: With the harp and the sound of singing,
L: With trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn
P: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"To God Be the Glory"** **No. 56**
"In Christ Alone"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Eternal Father, guardian of our lives, we confess we are children of dust, unworthy of Your gracious care. We have not loved as we ought to love. We have not lived as You command. Lord God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin, and raise us to new life, so that as long as we live, we may serve You until we enter the joy of Your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Gloria Patri"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"O Praise the Name (Anastasis)"** **Ruben Marquez**

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** **"Doxology"** **No. 814**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 11:28-30**

ANTHEM **Ruben Marquez**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 131**

SERMON **"A Content Soul"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"It Is Well with My Soul"** **No. 705**

POSTLUDE **Ruben Marquez**

***Those who are able please stand.**

Welcome Desk:
Liturgist: Cora Murtha

Greeters: Autumn Moore
Fellowship Hour: Jennifer Lyons

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	12 PM	**Church Picnic @ 107 Connemara Lane**
Monday:	**6-7 PM**	**Club 35 @ King Kones**
	6:30 PM	**Men's Bible Study**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Saturday:	**10 AM**	**Unraveling Grief Group**

CHURCH PICNIC- Join us today for our all church picnic at the Slear's property located at 107 Connemara Lane Butler, PA 16001.

PRAY FOR OUR KIDS-As we approach a new school year, let's keep our kids and their families in our prayers. Partner with us and take a magnet (or 2) with a student's name and grade on it and commit to praying for them throughout the year ahead. There are over 90 kids that our church reaches, and we want to cover them all in prayer. If you would like more information about your student, please reach out to Laura or Mike.

5TH SUNDAY BRUNCH & KINGDOM CONNECTIONS- Sun, Aug 30th at 11 AM come join us for a brunch and feel free to walk around Parker Hall and discover where God is at work in our church, our community, and our world. Meet our mission partners, connect with ministry leaders, and explore how the Holy Spirit may be inviting you to join His work.

SMOKEHOUSE GATHERING- The Deacons are planning a rib and pulled pork cook off along with a cornhole tournament, live music, and time of fellowship on Saturday, September 12th from 4-7 PM. Signups available in the fellowship room.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT-Sept 25th-27th at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock for all ages. You can come for the weekend or just Saturday. You can pay for a single room or share! Each room has its own bathroom. Registration fee covers the room and food for the weekend. The retreat includes activities for children, worship/Bible study, bonfires, great food, and time to relax and get to know one another. Registrations forms are in the fellowship area. See Pastor Mike or Katie Schultz for more information.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Sign up for our new study, Angels, by Melissa Spoelstra. We will begin September 10th and 11th. Pick up a sheet with dates and details and mark your calendars. Invite a friend and get ready for a divine dive into the bible with the ladies of our church.