Meridian Presbyterian Church

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August 30th, 2026
"How Good it is!"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **August 30th, 2026**

[1] Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
[2] Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. **Psalm 105:1-2**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 34)
L: I will extol the Lord at all times;
P: His praise will always be on my lips.
L: I will glory in the Lord;
P: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
L: Glorify the Lord with me;
P: Let us exalt his name together.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** **No. 45**
"From Everlasting"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, We confess that we often resist the difficult paths before us. We seek comfort instead of trust, answers instead of faith, and certainty instead of dependence on You. In times of sorrow or struggle, we lose sight of Your presence and Your goodness. Too often, we try to carry our burdens alone rather than bringing them to You. Forgive us, Lord, and remind us that nothing can separate us from Your love. Meet us in our weakness, strengthen us by Your grace, and teach us to trust You even when we cannot understand Your ways, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (Silent Confession)

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

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"Amazing Grace/Jesus Loves Me"** **Oboe: Cora Murtha**

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** **"As The Deer"** **Verse 1**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Colossians 3:11-17**

ANTHEM **"My Lighthouse"** **By: Graceyn McKain**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 133**

SERMON **"How Good it is!"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"The Power of Cross"**

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

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

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore **Greeters:**
Liturgist: Mike Barton **Fellowship Hour: Brunch**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11 AM	**Brunch & Ministry Fair**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Saturday:	**10 AM**	**Unraveling Grief Group**

BRUNCH & MINISTRY FAIR- Join us today for brunch 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.

FISHBONE DINNER- Just a reminder if you signed up to bring items for the dinner please drop them at the church by 4 today. If you are serving dinner we will meet at the church at 4:30. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered.

SMOKEHOUSE GATHERING- Do you like BBQ, Cornhole, and Live Music? Then this is the event for you! Bring a teammate for cornhole, bring your best smoked pulled pork and/or ribs, and bring the family to listen to The Wrangler Band. Saturday, September 12th from 4-7 PM.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS: I would like to put in Hearts and Hammers project day September 19th, 9 AM - 3 PM. Working at 519 S. Eberhart Rd. Butler. There will be a basement clean out, some minor window painting, and finally helping to replace some siding. Anyone interested can sign up outside the church office or on the website under the hearts and hammers page.

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.

YOUTH GROUP- Is kicking off the year with a LAKE DAY at MORAINE STATE PARK! They will depart from the church at 11:30 AM on Sunday, September 13th. Youth can sign up with Pastor Mike, or if you would like to help with the event let Mike know.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT-Sept 25th-27th at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock for all ages. You can come for the weekend or just Saturday. 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. Sign ups due by September 6th.

SAVE THE DATE- Women's event on Sunday, Nov 8th leaving the church at 3:30 to travel to the South Hills for a night of worship. Sign up today, see Laura or Katie Schultz for more information.