Meridian Presbyterian Church

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August 9th, 2026
"Crushed, But Not Destroyed"
Tim Rausch, CLP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **August 9th, 2026**

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (John 16:32-33)
32 "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.
33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"His Eye is on the Sparrow"** **No. 624**
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" **No. 526**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Almighty Father, we walk through this troubled world searching for goodness and truth. We are overwhelmed by the evil that lurks in the valleys all around us. We walk into the darkness trying to find our way because our eyes are closed. We fail to see the light that You shine on our path to lead and guide us. We think that we can overcome the evils of this broken world without Your blessing. Forgive us, Oh God, for thinking that we can go through life alone, for not listening to You, and not following Your path. Continue to shine your precious light before us showing us the path to You and eternal salvation. (Silent Confession) Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
L: Brothers and sisters, believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"He Will Hold Me Fast"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"Heal Our Land"** **Duet: Ken Mossgrove & Les Freehling**

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** **"Doxology"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **2 Corinthians 4:7-12**

ANTHEM **"People Need the Lord"** **Duet: Ken Mossgrove & Les Freehling**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 129**

SERMON **"Crushed, But Not Destroyed"** **Tim Rausch, CLP**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"** **No. 804**

POSTLUDE **Debbe Picerno**

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

Welcome Desk: Kathy Kriebel **Greeters: Cindy Musko**
Liturgist: Barry Coley **Fellowship Hour: Kay Freehling**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11:15 AM	**Deacon's Meeting in library**
Mon-Thurs	**9 AM-3 PM**	**Hearts & Hammers @ Fishbone**
Monday:	**6:30 PM**	**Men's Bible Study**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
	7 PM	**Scotland Mission Trip Meeting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
Saturday:	**10 AM**	**Unraveling Grief Group**

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.

HEARTS & HAMMERS- This week Mon-Thurs (8/10-8/13) from 9-3 we will be working at Fishbone Ministries on several projects. Please pack your lunch, bring gloves, and wear your Hearts & Hammers shirt. Sign up today and see Pastor Mike for more details.

GRATEFUL HEARTS- Join us for an evening of fellowship at our Women's Dessert & Game Night on Thurs, August 20th at 6 PM in McCaslin Hall. Please bring a small dessert to share. Signup today!

FISHBONE DINNER- Our next Fishbone dinner will be Sunday, August 30th and we are planning an end of summer picnic for 40 adults and children who attend this ministry program. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room for volunteers.

MEALS ON WHEELS- We will be providing desserts for the Meals on Wheels program on August 16th. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room with more information.

CHURCH PICNIC- Join us on Sunday, August 23rd at 12 PM at the Slear's property.

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.

CLUB 35- Monday, Aug 24th from 6-7 PM our 3rd-5th graders and parents are invited to come to King Kones. We want to welcome new members, spend time in prayer for the school year, and play games in the field behind King Kones.