Meridian Presbyterian Church

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September 13th, 2026
"Fuel & Friction for Following Jesus"
Rev. Christopher DiVietro, PhD

16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **September 13th, 2026**

8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. **Romans 14:8-9**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Chronicles 16)
L: Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
P: Proclaim his salvation day after day.
L: Declare his glory among the nations,
P: His marvelous deeds among all peoples.
ALL: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** **No. 3**
"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, We confess that we are often self-centered, focused on creating a world that benefits us. We hold tightly to anything we can control, hoping to make our lives comfortable and predictable. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our lack of faith and our unwillingness to trust in Your plan. Forgive us when we resist the guidance of Your Spirit. In our doubts and fears, help us remember Your faithfulness. Teach us to trust that You are the author of our lives, and that before the foundation of the world, You wrote us into Your story. In Jesus' name we pray, 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

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "Doxology"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-6

ANTHEM "All to Us" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 3:7-15

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***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "Cornerstone"**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

Welcome Desk: Pat Lazare
Liturgist: Cindy Musko

Greeters: Autumn Moore
Fellowship Hour: McKain & Watterson

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11:30 AM	**Lake Day**
Monday:	**6:30 PM**	**Men's Bible Study**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	6:30 PM	**Choir**
Saturday:	**9 AM-3 PM**	**Hearts & Hammers**

ALL CHURCH RETREAT- Due to low registration numbers this year's retreat has been cancelled.

TWO SERVICES & SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF- We will return to two services starting Sunday, October 4th. Early service will begin at 8:45 AM led by the choir. Sunday School will run from 10-10:50 AM. Late service will begin at 11 AM.

HEARTS AND HAMMERS: Project day on September 19th, 9 AM - 3 PM we will be 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.

TRUNK OR TREAT- Join us Saturday, Oct 17th from 4-6 PM. We need volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, parking, kitchen, and donating cookies. Also, those who would like to bring a decorated car and pass out candy. Sign up today.

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.

BUTLER CLERGY NETWORK- has been building a relationship with the Jewish community and has arranged a visit to the Temple Ohav Shalom synagogue in the North Hills for those interested. Please sign up by Sept 20 if you would like to attend. See Tim Rausch for more information.

CLUB 35- Will be meeting on September 20th from 4-5:30 PM for a scavenger hunt. Sign up with Pastor Mike or Laura today.