Meridian Presbyterian Church

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September 20th, 2026
"I Am Not Ashamed"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

17th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **September 20th, 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
L: Lift up your heads, you gates, lift yourselves up, you everlasting doors,
P: That the king of glory may come in.
L: Who is this king of glory?
P: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
ALL: Let us exalt his name together!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"Come, People of the Risen King"**
"All Glory Be to Christ"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Almighty God, who sent Your promised Holy Spirit to dwell with Your people— to guide us into truth, to empower our witness, and to send us with good news for the world. We confess that we do not always wait for Your timing: too often, we stall, gripped by fear, or rush forward in our own strength. Forgive our reluctance and self-reliance. Descend upon us anew, increase our awareness of Your presence, even as You have promised to never leave us nor forsake us, through 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:** **"Behold the Lamb"**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Joshua 1:5-9

ANTHEM "Unashamed" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 1:1-17

SERMON "I Am Not Ashamed" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "Amazing Grace" No. 343**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

Welcome Desk: BJ McKean **Greeters: Cindy Musko**
Liturgist: Bonnie Fiel **Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11 AM	**Pageant Practice**
	12 PM	**Community Lunch**
	4-5:30 PM	**Club 35**
	5:30-7 PM	**Junior High Youth Group**
	6:30-8 PM	**Senior High Youth Group**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	5:30 PM	**Handbells**
	6:30 PM	**Choir**
Thursday:	**6-7:30 PM**	**Women's Bible Study**
Friday:	**10-11:30 AM**	**Women's Bible Study**
Saturday:	**10 AM**	**Unraveling Grief Group**

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.

DREAM BIG HONDURAS - Is collecting items for their next visit on October 10th. They are in need of, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, soap, washcloths, towels, shampoo, brushes, combs, razors, shaving cream, first aid kits, bandaids, gloves, masks, gauze, and medical tape. If you would like to donate any of these items into one of the bins located by the door in the narthex we will make sure they get to Dream Big Honduras before they leave next month! Due October 4th.

KID CARE TEAM CARDS- We'd love for the kids to help us make some special cards for our Care Team to share with patients at the hospital! 💌 This is a simple way for our kids to show God's love, offer encouragement, and help spread the Gospel. Every card can be a little reminder that someone cares and that God loves them! They are on the bookshelf in the gathering space.

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.

BUTLER CLERGY NETWORK- has been building a relationship with the Jewish community & has arranged a visit to the Temple Ohav Shalom synagogue in the North Hills. Please sign up today.

YOUTH GROUP - First youth group meeting today with new times! Jr. High 5:30-7 PM, Sr. High 6:30-8 PM. We will be having a parent meeting at 6:30 PM for both age groups.