Meridian Presbyterian Church

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September 27th, 2026
"The Problem of Sin"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

18th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **September 27th, 2026**

4 Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. **Psalm 25:4-5**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136)
L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
P: For his steadfast love endures forever.
L: Give thanks to the God of gods,
P: For his steadfast love endures forever.
L: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
P: For his steadfast love endures forever.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMNS** **"This Is My Father's World"** **No. 143**
"Rock of Ages" **No. 342**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Lord God, you call us to "have the mind of Christ" and to be one, as the Father and Son are one. Instead, we often consider ourselves more highly than others; We vie to construct our own kingdoms rather than pursue your Kingdom and righteousness. We confess our sin to you and ask to be covered by your grace and forgiveness. Set our minds on things above and cause our hearts to desire what you desire. Give us passion for your Kingdom and compassion for your lost sheep. We pray in Jesus' name. 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**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 3:1-7

ANTHEM "Be Thou My Vision" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 1:18-32

SERMON "The Problem of Sin" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "In Christ Alone"**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

Welcome Desk: Autumn Moore **Greeters: Pam Greb**
Liturgist: Molly Tarr **Fellowship Hour: Cathy Woller**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship**
	11 AM	**Pageant Practice**
	5:30-7 PM	**Junior High Youth Group**
	6:30-8 PM	**Senior High Youth Group**
Monday:	**6:30 PM**	**Men's Bible Study**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	6:30 PM	**Choir**

BAPTISM- Today we welcome Miles Weitzel, son of Josh and Alyssa Weitzel into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. We rejoice with them as Miles is marked by God and sealed for His purposes today. The rose on the table is in his honor.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Will begin a study of the gospel of Mark on Monday, September 28th at 6:30 PM in the library. The study guide will be *Mark: the Messiah in Action* by Dr. David Jeremiah. For more info contact Mike Sanderson (724-482-2119) or Dave Freund (412-298-3947).

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.

ADULT MISSION TRIP 2027- We are headed back to Yancey Country North Carolina. The trip went so well last year and there is still so much need in the area that Sumaritan's Purse committed to five more years of aid in the area. The trip will be March 7th - 13th. Mark your calendars now and let us know if you are interested or talk to Mike Barton if you have any questions about this opportunity.

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.