Meridian
Presbyterian Church

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September 6th, 2026
"From the Mountaintop"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM **September 6th, 2026**

[1] Praise the Lord. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of his faithful people. **Psalm 149**

PRELUDE **Debbe Picerno**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)
L: Praise the Lord!
P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.
L: Save us, Lord our God, and gather us from the nations,
P: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
L: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.
P: Let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** **"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"** **No. 210**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen. (Silent Confession)

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

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Gloria Patri"**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY **"As the Deer"** **Violinist: Molly Tarr**

***OFFERING RESPONSE: "He Is Exalted" No. 36**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 21:1-6a

ANTHEM "Come Jesus Come" Solo By: Sarah Tarr

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 134

SERMON "From the Mountaintop" Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***HYMN "10,000 Reasons"**

COMMUNION

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN "How Great Thou Art" No. 147**

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

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

Liturgist: Autumn Moore **Greeters: Laura Jordan**
Welcome Desk: Cindy Musko & Sadie Tarr **Fellowship Hour:**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	**10 AM**	**Worship & Communion**
	11 AM	**Pageant Practice**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
	6:30 PM	**Session Meeting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	5:30 PM	**Handbell Practice**
	6:30 PM	**Choir**
Thursday:	**6-7:30 PM**	**Women's Bible Study**
Friday:	**10-11:30 AM**	**Women's Bible Study**
Saturday:	**9 AM**	**Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Café**
	10 AM	**Unraveling Grief Group**
	4-7 PM	**Smokehouse Gathering**

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: 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.

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.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT-Sept 25th-27th at Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock for all ages. You can come for the weekend or just Saturday. Registrations forms are in the fellowship area. Sign ups due 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.