Meridian Presbyterian Church

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October 11th, 2026
"Religion Is Not Enough"
Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

Early Service

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96)
L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
P: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
P: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN** **"Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated"** **No. 579**
"From Everlasting"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**
Gracious God, You have given us the good news of Jesus Christ and poured out Your Spirit to lead and guide us. Yet we confess that we do not always turn to You. We cling to old habits, hold tightly to our own desires, and resist the changes You seek to make in us. Too often we hear Your truth without allowing it to shape our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Give us hearts that are willing to turn back to You and follow where You lead. Fill us with Your Spirit, strengthen our faith, and help us see the people around us who need Your love. Give us courage to join You in the work You are already doing and to share the hope we have in Jesus, in whose name we pray, Amen. (Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE:** **"Behold the Lamb"**

OFFERTORY

***OFFERING RESPONSE:** **"He is Exalted"**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 51:1-6**

ANTHEM **"Believe On Jesus"** **By: Choir**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON **Romans 3:1-8**

SERMON **"Religion Is Not Enough"** **Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** **"I Surrender All"** **No. 596**

***POSTLUDE** **Debbe Picerno**

Late Service

***WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 96 in unison)
Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

***HYMN**	**"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated"**	**No. 597**
	"Abide"	
OFFERTORY	**"Heart of Worship"**	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
CHILDREN'S SERMON		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Psalm 51:1-6**
ANTHEM	**"Make Room"**	
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON		**Romans 3:1-8**
SERMON	**"Religion Is Not Enough"**	**Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin**
***CONFESSION OF FAITH**		
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POSTLUDE		

Music Led By Ruben Marquez & Cindy Candelaria

Thank you to this morning's volunteers!

Greeters: Laura Jordan
Welcome Desk: Carolyn Street
Fellowship Hour: Lori McCann
Liturgist: Mark Jordan

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

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR		
Sunday:	**8:45 AM**	**Early Service**
	10 AM	**Sunday School**
	11 AM	**Late Service**
	4-5:30 PM	**Club 35 @ Lyons Farm**
	5:30-8 PM	**Youth Group @ Lyons Farm**
Monday:	**6:30 PM**	**Men's Bible Study**
Tuesday:	**1 PM**	**Quilting**
	6:30 PM	**Session Meeting**
Wednesday:	**9 AM**	**Coffee & Conversation**
	5:30 PM	**Handbell Practice**
	6:30 PM	**Choir Practice**
Saturday:	**4-6 PM**	**Trunk or Treat**

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH- During October we take time to recognize and honor our pastors and their families for the love, dedication, and sacrifices they make in serving our church family. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful pastors who faithfully lead! Boxes will be placed in the fellowship room for cards and notes of appreciation for Pastor Steve, Pastor Mike, & Tim!

DISCOVERY NIGHT- The elders will be hosting a discovery night for anyone who may be interested in joining the church or learning more about Meridian on Tuesday, October 27th at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided, please sign up in the fellowship room.

3RD GRADE BIBLES- We will be presenting bibles to our 3rd graders in worship on November 1st at both services. Please reach out Laura if you have a child 3rd grade or older who hasn't received a bible from the church.

100TH BIRTHDAY- One of our members Pearl Park will be celebrating her 100th birthday on October 29th! We would love her to receive as many birthday cards as possible. Her address is 4931 Nettleton Road Apt 3303 Medina, OH 44256 if you would like to send her birthday wishes.

LYONS FARM FALL FEST- Our Club 35 group will meet at the Lyons farm today from 4-5:30 PM and the youth group will be combined at the farm from 5:30-8 PM. The rain plan is meet at the church instead.

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.

ADULT MISSION TRIP 2027- We are headed back to Yancey County North Carolina. The trip went so well last year and there is still so much need in the area that Samaritan'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.