

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**10:00 AM**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<sup>2</sup> *Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.*

<sup>3</sup> *Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.*

**Psalm 111:2-3**

**PRELUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 66 in unison)**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMNS**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
“10,000 Reasons”

**No. 90**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and Almighty God, many times we think we love You well, but we deceive ourselves. We confess our love is diluted and divided. Our attention falls away. Our devotion dies. Our commitment withers, and we flee from Your presence and purpose. Forgive us, O God. In Your deep mercy, spare us. Rekindle our love for You as we experience Your love for us through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: “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**

**Deuteronomy 31:7-8**

**SPECIAL MUSIC “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”**

**By Violinist: Paige Cihonski**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Matthew 5:13-16**

**SERMON**

“Shine Your Light”

**Michael Barton, CLP**

**\*CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN**

“Take My Life”

**No. 597**

**POSTLUDE**

**Debbe Picerno**

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



**Ushers:** Elders

**Welcome Desk:** Sadie Tarr

**Liturgist:** Julie Freehling

**Greeters:** Lori McCann & Cora Murtha

**Fellowship Hour:** Bonnie Fiel

**Childcare:** Pam Greb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>12 PM</b>	<b>Church Picnic at the Slears</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
<b>Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Care Team Meeting (Facility Team)</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Adult Mission Trip Meeting</b>

**CARE TEAM MEETINGS**-One division of the Care Team will meet on the second Sunday of the month following Sunday worship. The facility team will meet on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM in Parker Hall. Please contact Tim with any questions.

**CHURCH PICNIC**- The all church picnic is today at 107 Connemara Lane Butler, PA 16001. Everyone is welcome!

**ADULT MISSION TRIP MEETING**- There will be an informational meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> following worship for those interested in coming on our adult mission trip to Wilmington, NC on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**CHOIR PRATICE**- Choir practice is resuming at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see Debbe if you have an interest in joining the choir.

**FISHBONE DINNER SIGNUP**- We will be hosting another Fishbone dinner on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for volunteers and supplies. Please see Andy Tarr with any questions.

**HYGIENE KITS**- The mission committee will be collecting items for hygiene kits for Convoy of Hope. There is a signup sheet in the rear narthex for the items that we are collecting. We will be packing 200 kits this year. You may donate as many items as you would like. Please place all donated items in the library by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF**- Join us Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> following worship for the return of Sunday School for all ages!

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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