

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26th, 2025

10:00 AM

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 145)

L: Come, let's praise God together!

P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

L: Let's tell stories of God's power and majesty,

P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

L: Let's remember His mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

P: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
"Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

No. 210

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen. (silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

"He Is Exalted"

No. 36

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

"Seek Ye First"

No. 713

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 29:15-35

SERMON

"Love and Deceit"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

No. 705

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Youth

Welcome Desk:

Liturgist: Mike Barton

Greeters: Pam Greb

Fellowship Hour: Nancy Rettig

Childcare: Sarah Murtha

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School
Monday:	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	6:30 PM	Choir
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Scripture instructs us to care for and support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever part of the journey you are on, we invite you to attend for a time of sharing, memories, prayers, and friendship. Saturday, Feb 1st at 10 AM in the library.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS-Are available for pickup on the table outside of the sanctuary. Please let the office know if you would like yours mailed or have any questions.

ECO NATIONAL GATHERING- Pastor Steve, Pastor Mike, Laura, along with some of our elders will be traveling to our denominations national gathering this week. Please reach out to Kala (secretary@meridianpres.org) in the office if you need anything while they are gone.

FISHBONE DINNER- We are looking for volunteers to donate food and to help serve at our next Fishbone Dinner on Sunday, February 16th. There is a signup sheet on the table with items needed. Please see Andy Tarr with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE- Tuesday, Feb. 18th from 5:30-7:30 join us for a Meridian Winter Mingle. We will be providing pizza and a time for games and fellowship. Get to know your church family at this fun winter event! There is a sign up sheet to get an estimated count for dinner.

SNOW TUBING- Club 35 and Youth Group will be going snow tubing at Boyce Park on Sunday, February 9th. We will be meet at the church at 1:30 and return by 6 PM. The cost is \$15 per person and families are welcome to join.

CLOTHED & LOVED- We will be collecting new & gently used clothing items, blankets, & other toiletries and essential items through today.

SUMMER YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-Save the date for our summer events: Youth Group Mission Trip (6th-12th Grade) June 15th-21st, Summer Blast (3rd-5th Grade) July 7th-11th, Vacation Bible School (PreK-5th) July 20th-24th.

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