

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10:00 AM

*<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*  
John 1:3-5

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

P: **Darkness has been banished!**

L: God's light of hope floods the earth

P: **God's light comes to us all.**

All: May we worship the God of our salvation.

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN "We Three Kings" (Verses 1,2,5) No. 288

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess we often do not trust You fully. We admit we often fail to obey You. Instead, we live according to our own priorities. We have not grown into Your call to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. We have not worshiped You with everything we are and everything we have. We have not esteemed others nearly to the level we esteem ourselves. We have forsaken Your assignment to go and make disciples of all peoples. Forgive us, O Lord. Draw us out of the darkness and into your glorious light. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERING RESPONSE: "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & WELCOME NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

ANTHEM

"You are Mine"

Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 25:21-34

SERMON

"The Birthright"

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

\*HYMN

"How Deep the Father's Love"

COMMUNION

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

POSTLUDE

Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Deacons

Welcome Desk: Sadie Tarr

Liturgist: Autumn Moore

Greeters: Cathy Woller

Fellowship Hour: Cathy Woller

Child Care: Pam Greb

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Worship &amp; Communion</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Deacon's Meeting</b>
	<b>6-8 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<b>Quilting</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Trustee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast @ Mac's Cafe</b>

**WELCOME-** Today we welcome into the church through the sacrament of baptism, Zoe Scott, who comes to these waters through her profession of faith. We also welcome Julie and Lauren Scott as new covenant partners. Welcome Scott family!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-** Laura will be starting a new Women's Bible Study on James beginning Jan 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM and Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. There is a signup sheet in the Library, please see Laura for more details.

**DEACON'S MEETING-**The Deacons will meet today after worship in Room #15.

**CLOTHED & LOVED-**Is a mission led by Tonya Reynolds. They collect and distribute items to very impoverished and sometimes homeless people in Butler to help keep them warm through the winter. We will be collecting new and gently used clothing items, blankets, and other toiletries and essential items now through Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Please see the insert for items needed.

**CLUB 35-** Will be going bowling at Family Bowlaway on Sunday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 PM. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura to sign up.

**SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS-** We are looking for people to volunteer as liturgist, greeters, fellowship hour hosts, nursery help, and Sunday School teachers. A big thank you to those that are always volunteering, you are a blessing to our church!

**CHRISTMAS CARDS-** Reminder to please pickup your Christmas Cards in the quilts today.

# Meridian Presbyterian Church

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