# 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 AM February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:3-4

PRELUDE Debbe Picerno

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

P: Make known his deeds among the peoples!

L: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

P: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

L: He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth. He remembers his covenant forever,

P: The word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. Praise the Lord!

## **OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMNS "O Worship the King" No. 104
"As the Deer" No. 548

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you know the very depths of our hearts, even better than we know ourselves. You perceive even those times when we might act in a posture of judgment and condemnation. Forgive us when we fail to remember that all human beings are fearfully and wonderfully made. You alone have washed away our sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. Remind us that you extend to all people an offer of merciful righteousness and grace. May we be grateful for your love. Amen. (Silent Confession)

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

### **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 Romans 15:1-7

ANTHEM "Standing on the Promises" By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 35:1-15

SERMON "Returning Home" Tim Rausch

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*HYMN "In Christ Alone"

POSTLUDE Debbe Picerno

\*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Katie Schultz Greeters: BJ McKean

Welcome Desk: Katie Schultz Fellowship Hour: Bonnie Fiel

**Liturgist:** Molly Tarr Childcare: Pam Greb

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday: 10 AM Worship

11 AM Sunday School 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

Monday: 6:30 PM Men's Bi Tuesday: 1 PM Quilting Wednesday: 6:30 PM Choir

Saturday: 10 AM Grief Fellowship Hour

**MEALS ON WHEELS-** Our Church will be providing desserts for Connoquenessing Meals on Wheels. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room. Please have your dessert wrapped, labeled, & freezer ready and dropped off in the hallway outside of the Library on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**ADULT MISSION TRIP**- Please keep those serving on the mission trip to Whitesville, NC in prayer as they dedicate their time and efforts to helping those in need. The trip will take place from February 22<sup>nd</sup> -February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR-** Their next meeting will be on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM in the library.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE-** We invite you to join us on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM as we gather for a reflective night of worship.

**FAITH & FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS-** Mark your calendars, as we will host Faith & Fellowship Night during Lent, every Wednesday beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> with dinner served at 5:30 PM and bible study for all ages from 6:15-7 PM. We will need volunteers to help with the dinners and the children's program. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Room.

**DISCOVERY LUNCH-** Anyone who might be interested in joining the church or just learning more about Meridian, the elders will be hosting a Discovery Lunch on March 23<sup>rd</sup> following worship 11 AM - 1 PM. Lunch will be provided.

**ALICE GILLILAND FUND** – If you are planning on sending your children to camp this summer, the Church has scholarships available. Scholarship forms are available in the fellowship room, please see the office for more information.

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February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 "Returning Home" Tim Rausch