



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00am and can be accessed in the following ways:

1. By joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUerMUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.
2. Calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712. through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).
3. Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a **LOW** risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few recommendations from our Health Ministries Team that have been approved by the Session:

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace will resume in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic.
Some of us may choose to elbow bump, wave or knuckle bump while others of us may choose to shake hands or hug. As always, respect for each other will be observed.
3. Pot Luck dinners will resume.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sing a new song!

Make a joyful noise!

Let the sea roar,

And let the sky shimmer.

Let the earth be glad,

And let the children run and roll.

Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.

Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.

And let us worship God.

***HYMN 488 (GLORY TO GOD)** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION -

Holy and gracious God,

At times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

KYRIE #572

"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the Good News: At some time each one of us has been lost in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over, and cherished, and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE 280

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Genesis 6:5-22*

The Lord saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the Lord was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the Lord said, 'I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.' But Noah found favor in the sight of the Lord.

These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. And God said to Noah, 'I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them.' Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 8:6-12; 9:8-17

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him anymore.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

The Word of God, for the People of God. **Amen.**



SERMON

Searching for Rainbows

Pastor Kori Robbins

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO
I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bushel, NO
I'm gonna let it shine Hide it under a bushel, NO
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Won't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Won't let no one blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**By becoming flesh in Jesus,
God makes all things new.
In Jesus' life, teaching, and self-offering,
God empowers us to live in love.
In Jesus' crucifixion,
God bears the sin, grief, and suffering of the world.
In Jesus' resurrection,
God overcomes death.
Nothing separates us from the love of God.**

(from "A Song of Faith," The United Church of Canada, 2006)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 324

Open my mouth and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*** DEDICATION PRAYER**

God of the Universe, thank you for your promises and your faithfulness. We know we can rely on you. Your Holy Words say that we will find joy in offering our time, talents and treasures to meet the needs of others. We give you this offering freely and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 304** *Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

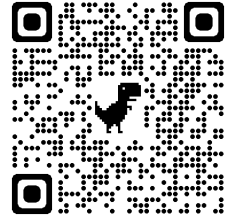
***CLOSING HYMN VERSE 322**

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence

Pending the approval of the Presbytery on September 6th, Kori's ordination and installation will be held on September 18th at 2:00 pm at FPCMR. Members of the Presbytery have been invited, as well as Kori's own pastor from Montana. A little reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please scan for complete details



Book Club resumes Tuesday, September 13th. Meetings will be held every other week at 4pm in the Lounge. See you there!



Congratulations to Elizabeth Smith and Tyler Crozier and big brothers Sam and Saint as they welcomed into their family Ameerah Ruth Ann Crozier on August 20.

Christian Education

We are sorry to learn that Miss Ella Parrone, Story Circle attendant, will be leaving us as of the end of August she has been a faithful staff member and we will certainly miss her. She will be a senior at Youngstown State University and will have a heavy schedule. We want to wish her well as she moves on with her studies that will prepare her for her life's work. We are now looking to hire a Story Circle attendant for 1-1/2 hours or so on Sunday mornings usually between 10:15 and 11:45 when we return to worship this fall. The applicants must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, and provide a safe, secure place for children to play and enjoy each other. She or he must pass a background check. Applications can be received from Jane Meyers, Chair of Personnel or Carole Rummell, Educator.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 11	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, September 12	6:30pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, September 13	4:00pm	Boo Group
Thursday, September 15	4pm-6pm	M.R. High Football Dinner
Sunday, September 18	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship
	2:00pm	Kori Installation/Ordination

PRAYER LIST



MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn
Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond
Shirley Dull

HEALTH CONCERNS

Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)
Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)
Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
James Tincher (Marlene's son)
Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)
David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)
James Boyce (Church Custodian)

Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)
Betty Garland
John (Debbie Rendes' friend)
Lenora Jones



SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country

Casa de Buen Trato
Needles's Eye
The Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

Weekly Offering

9/04 \$2,891
8/28 \$513
8/21 \$1,167



9/12 Charles Reinhart	9/17 Beverly Myers
9/12 Cynthia Kaschak	9/17 Sherry Gleason
9/15 Kenneth Kaschak	9/17 Jaclyn Craver



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00am to 1:00pm
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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Kori Robbins
LITURGIST: Suzie McCabe
ELDER: Ken Rambo
DEACON: January Rendes
MUSIC: Marnie Bonsall