

The
Season
of
Lent



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 3rd 2022

THE 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

10:30a.m.

This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am 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

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE LENTEN CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

The LORD makes a new covenant with us,
We are God's people; the LORD is our God.

(from Isaiah 43:16,19; Jeremiah 31:31,33)

***HYMN 85**

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, your giving is without end;
but we struggle to receive all that you offer.
We misuse your gifts, ignoring your intents, and refusing your abundance.
We hoard what you would have us share, and
we throw away what you would have us keep.
Forgive us and help us understand your purposes.
Govern our hearts with your spirit,
so that we can live into the fullness of the gospel,
and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE (#572)

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"God saved us. It was not because of any good deeds we had done, but because
of God's own mercy we are saved through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new
birth and new life, and who is poured out abundantly on us through Jesus
Christ" *(from Titus 3:4-6)*.

Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE (*Glory to God 838*)

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 15:7-11

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the LORD against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 442** *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world see her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up; "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One;
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

*** THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Words from Scripture

Presentation *Rosie Gleason, Sponsor*

Nora Ann Glidewell, daughter of Bethany and Matthew Glidewell, and younger sister of Noah Glidewell, is being presented for baptism.

Renunciations

***Profession of Faith – The Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

**With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you into Christ's church
to share with us in his ministry,
for we are all one in Christ.**

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

A Time for All God's Children *Suzie McCabe*

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 101

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Gracious God, your love was poured out for us in our Lord Jesus.
Give us grace to live with open hands and to love extravagantly,
treasuring those dear to us and showing generosity to those in need.
Receive our gifts, given in gratitude for the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 422** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door.
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Off'ring up Yourselves in praise:
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour, Lest we strive for self alone:
Born with talents, make us servant Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred: Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the Gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call. Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.



Starting today we are asking for \$20 donations to help those in need purchase food for their Easter dinner. Tim Gleason will be collecting these donations in the Fellowship Hall this morning after the service and next Sunday.

PLANS TO BRING BACK THE EASTER BREAKFAST ARE IN THE WORKS. WE ARE HOPING TO SEE YOU AT 9:15AM ON EASTER SUNDAY. STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!



We are getting the gang back together!

The 20, 30, and 40s group will be getting together April 9 @ 5pm to clean up the church. Potential new pastors will soon be visiting our church and we want them to see a beautiful clean church. Any questions ask Brooke Kaschak.



If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministry Task Force (Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).

Weekly Offering

3/27 \$1,269

3/20 \$2,317

3/13 \$1,690

A local 2nd grader is collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a container in Fellowship Hall on the counter under the bulletin board.

(All types of aluminum can tops will be accepted.)



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 3	10:30am	Worship/Baptism Nora Glidewell/Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 4	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday April 5	10am-12pm	Food Distribution
	4:00pm	Book Group
Sunday April 10	10:30am	Palm Sunday/Worship/Baptism Andrew Rendes/Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Dora Painter

Marlyne Young

Dorothy Jones

HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Redmond

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

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)

Russell Golden (Meyers' Friend)

Phillip Igo

Betty Garland

Bill Thompson (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Rev. Jeanine Haven (Jane Meyers' friend)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Sean Brenner (Jane & Darryl Meyers' nephew)

Dillan Keeley

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

Eastminster Presbytery and staff

Our Mineral Ridge Church Family

Pastor Nominating Committee

Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions

Coronavirus caregivers and patients

Refugees

Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)

Peace and healing for our country

Someplace Safe

Casa de Buen Trato

Needles's Eye

Niles Community Services

World Leaders

Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)

Our PC(USA) coworkers

Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker



Kenneth Wilson 4/3

Thomas Morris 4/3

Donald Pugh 4/5

Jeffrey Meyers 4/8

Michael Fabian 4/8



Tracey & Robert
Palomo



OFFICE HOURS

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9:00am to 1:00pm

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