



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024**

Welcome to our church! It is a joy to worship with you on this morning. Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation.

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER** – *Let us pray.*

Almighty God,  
parent of all who call upon your name,  
in the waters of baptism you have transformed us,  
marking us as your children,  
and recreating us through the work of your Son  
and the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Shower us once more with your grace

that we might be renewed in your spirit,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** –*Please stand and join me in the call to worship.*

All creation proclaims the greatness and love of God.

**God's love permeates even the deepest darkness.**

The light of God shines on us with new hope.

**We are called to be people of compassion and justice.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to see your light and live in your hope.

**Prepare us for service to all your people and to this world.**

**\*HYMN #525**

*Here I Am Lord*

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain***

**Refrain:** *Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? **Refrain***

**CALL TO CONFESSION** – *Please be seated.*

*When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.*

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - *Please join me in saying the unison prayer of confession.*

**Holy God, gracious Creator, forgive us for not seeing the beauty that surrounds us. Forgive us when we look at screens rather than sunsets;**

**forgive us when we read about a crisis and do not respond. Forgive us for thinking that we are the source of power and beauty and life. Turn us around, and give us new eyes to see; eyes to see hope in the clouds, eyes to see you in the smallest of creatures to, to see power in the water of life. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

“Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy up on us.”

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace –

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

### **SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, who grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.  
Amen.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** – *at this time, all children are invited up to hear a short message! After, kindergarten and younger can be dismissed to Story Circle with*

*Olivia Meyers. Those older than kindergarten may return to their pews. We have activity bags available for their use in the back.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**— *Let us pray.*

*Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**            *Acts 2:1-4*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

**SECOND READING**            *1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not

have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

## ***We Respond to God's Love***

**BAPTISM**

*Alaya Grace Brendlinger*

**\*HYMN #488 (GtG) *I Was There To Hear Your Borneing Cry***

*I was there to hear your borneing 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 borneing cry,*

*I'll be there when you are old.*

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(From the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book)*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,**

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the  
universe!**

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain  
our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive  
us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**



## **CALL FOR OFFERING**

*In the kingdom of God, we find that generosity of spirit, generosity of possessions & the radical sharing of skills are practiced openly. All gifts are important to God, so as the offering plate comes around, place your hand over it, committing to God that you will use your time, talent and treasures for furthering the work of God's kingdom.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*(If you prefer to give online you may scan this code to be directed to the Giving Page)*



## **\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #694 (GtG)**

Great God of every blessing,  
of faithful, loving care

You are the fount of goodness,  
the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

The praise is but a start.

Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** – *Please join me in saying the prayer of dedication.*

**God of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.**

### ***We Go Out to Serve God***

**\*HYMN #543 (GtG)**      *God Be The Love*

*God be the love to search and keep me  
God be the prayer to move my voice  
God be the strength to now uphold me  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me*

*Bind to myself the name of Holy  
Great cloud of witnesses enfold  
Prophets, apostles, angels witness  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight  
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind  
Depth of the sea to soil of planet  
O Christ, surround me  
O Christ, surround me*

*Walking behind to hem my journey  
Going ahead to light my way  
And from beneath, above, and all ways*

*O Christ, surround me*

*O Christ, surround me*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me*

*Christ in the ears who hear my voice*

*Christ in the hearts of all who know me*

*O Christ, surround me*

*O Christ, surround me*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE**            *Go On Your Way in Joy*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Let your left foot say, "Glory"*

*And your right say, "Amen."*

# **Prayer List**

## **MEMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Marlyne Young   Shirley Dull   Helen Redmond

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN**

*Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless otherwise noted.*

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)  
James Tincher (Marlene's son)  
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)  
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)  
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)  
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)  
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)  
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)  
Joan Williams  
Rusty Garland  
Kathy Garland  
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
Shirley Brodie  
Mary Jane Hileman  
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)  
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)  
Terry Keeley Sr  
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)  
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)  
Pam Clay (Cousin of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)  
Dawn Wilson  
Cameron Watkins  
Family of Joe Koch  
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn  
Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)  
Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)

## **Prayers for the World**

Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
World Leaders  
Refugees  
Peace and healing for our country and the world  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Ukraine  
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

## **Announcements**

A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rosie Rebraca or January Rendes if you would like to donate any items for this event.

The Deacons are looking for help on June 8<sup>th</sup> for the Flag Day Festival Pancake breakfast. We need at least 12 people! If you can help, please let January Rendes or Pastor Kori know!

Weathersfield Township will hold a paper shredding event on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am-10am. This event will place in the Community Park.

We will have a church clean-up day on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am. We'll have lots of projects available and you are invited to bring tools, gardening supplies, or whatever else you may think of to help clean up the church for the summer! Any help is appreciated!

## **Birthday Wishes**



Adrionna Craver 05/04

Dianne Stoddard 05/11

## **Anniversary Wishes**



Nicole & Paul McMullen 05/08

## **Responsibilities**



*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Val Copanic*

*Elder- Lisa Sorg*

*Deacon- Marty O'Neill*

*Music- Andrew Karkosiak*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*

*Media- Samara Fabian*

# **Thank you for your generosity!**

*(We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!)*



04/28/24

04/21/24 \$2,411

04/14/24 \$1,313

*(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420*

*Received to date \$1,299)*



## **This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, May 5	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, May 6	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday, May 12	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship/ Mother's Day

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**Hours**

**Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
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**General Office Hours**

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9am-1pm

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