



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**January 22, 2023**

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.*

Lord, you gather us into your dwelling and lift us up into your holy presence. Make us worthy of you and teach us always to do what is right, as we pray for your people. Bless our worship this day that we might leave this place to live out our faith in tangible ways that change lives. In all that we do, may we do it for your Gospel. **Amen.**

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

On this day of memory, we gather to sing and to pray,  
**we remember the past and look to the future.**

Show us your ways, O Lord!

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us.**

Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will  
and to follow it.

**Bring us together to worship and work for your  
purpose, and move us forward into your future.**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #326 (GtG)**      *For All the Saints (v. 1, 3, 5)*

*At this time, you are invited up to light a candle for  
loved ones who have died in the last year.*

*For all the Saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

**[Chorus]**

*Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*O Blest communion, fellowship divine  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. [Chorus]*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. [Chorus]*

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

*In all honesty and humility, let us confess our sins before God and be freed of the burdens that weigh us down for the journey ahead. First, please join me in silent prayer.*

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

**Merciful God, you call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. But often we ignore that wisdom. Instead of listening, we talk past one another. Instead of exercising patience, we become hotheaded and irritable. Instead of practicing kindness, we hand out judgment and malice. Help us rid ourselves of wickedness and embrace steadfast love in its place. Forgive us of our sins so that, when we look in the mirror, we see the disciples you are calling us to be. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Friends, our hearts overflow with God’s forgiveness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. I announce to you that our sins are forgiven. **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.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with  
Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall.*

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

*As we read the words of scripture, we are pointed to your living Word who walked among us; and we are surrounded by your Spirit, who whispers words within our hearts and minds. Inspire us in our hearing and reflecting, that we may move beyond your words into life-changing acts of grace, love, hope, and peace. **Amen.***

**FIRST READING**

*Matthew 5: 1-11*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on

my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**SECOND READING**

*Matthew 5: 11-20*

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #172 (GtG)**      *Blest Are They (v. 1, 3, 4)*

*Blest are they, the poor in spirit  
Theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they, full of sorrow  
They shall be consoled (Refrain)*

**Refrain:**      *Rejoice and be glad  
Blessed are you; holy are you  
Rejoice and be glad  
Yours is the Kingdom of God*

*Blest are they who show mercy  
Mercy shall be theirs  
Blest are they, the pure of heart  
They shall see God (Refrain)*

*Blest are they who seek peace  
They are the children of God  
Blest are they who suffer in faith  
The glory of God is theirs (Refrain)*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God creates, orders and sustains all seasons of life; God makes spring color burst from the grey of winter, and the summer heat dissolve into the cool of autumn. We believe that in the right season, God sent Jesus to be our Light, our Life, our Love and our Salvation. We believe that in this present moment, the Holy Spirit sustains us, and gives us patience, creativity, imagination and courage, as we seek new ways to answer God's call.**

**We believe that God is with us, in every season of our life together and we are grateful.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting indeed that you are always there, we pray to you now as your Son taught us, saying together,

**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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. All: 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**

#### **\*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!

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

**You, Lord, are our God, and we are your people. As you have placed your generosity in our hearts, we pray now for the blessing of pouring it out for others. May the gifts we bring be of use in your kingdom, bringing hope to the despairing, light in the valley of shadows, peace in the midst of chaos. Make these tokens of our gratitude into a sign that shows your glory, until all come to see your gracious love. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #546 (GtG)** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh refresh us, oh refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.*

*We give thanks and adoration  
for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful  
To your truth may we be found.*

*Savior, when your love shall call us,  
From our struggling, pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us,  
glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever  
Reign with you in endless day.*



**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE #743**

*Step by Step*

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

# ***Prayer List***

## **MEMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond

Shirley Dull

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

Betty Garland

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)

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)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Tom Crozier

Bill Happney

The Keeley family

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Tony Rozzo (Meyers' Friend)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)  
Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)  
Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

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  
Ukraine  
World Leaders  
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

# **Announcements**

The Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following Worship.

Church Growth will be hosting a 5th Sunday potluck , “Hugs and Quiches” on January 29,2023. Please bring a covered dish to share.

## **Birthday Wishes**



James Postlethwait 1/23

Lori Brendlinger 1/27

Linda Lukehart 1/28

## **Responsibilities**

*Pastor- Rev.Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Matt Glidewell*

*Elder- Carole Rummell*

*Deacon- Marty O'Neill*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers*

*Media- Alyssa Strange*

## **Thank you for your generosity**

January 15<sup>th</sup> \$1,895

January 8<sup>th</sup> \$1,896

December 24<sup>th</sup> \$7,952



## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 22	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Congregational Meeting/Fellowship
Monday, January 23	6:30pm	Deacon's
	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, January 24	6:30pm	Session
Sunday, January 29	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Kori Robbins  
(406)-560-5548  
Pastor@FPCMR.org

### **Christian Education**

Carole Rummell

### **Head of Personnel**

Jane Meyers

### **Administrative Assistant**

April Dahl  
330-652-5712

### **Custodians**

April Mohn/  
James Boyce

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

## **Church Info**

**Address**- 3654 Main Street  
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440

### **Email**

Admin@FPCMR.org

### **Phone**

330-652-5712