

First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2022

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 ANNOUNCMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *Let us pray.*

Holy God, we come to you in worship today to give our gifts back to the church. Make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is doubt, faith; where there is darkness, let there be light too. For it is giving that we receive. Help us to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. **Amen.**

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

What does the Lord require of you?

Do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

It is good to be together, God,

together listening for your voice, united by your Spirit.

In this time of worship

tell us about your kingdom of kindness so that we can seek it.

Show us your justice.

We want to walk with you, humbly, closely, daily.

*HYMN #749 (GtG) Come! Live in the Light!

Come! live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and violence will be no more! *Refrain* Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love! *Refrain*

CALL TO CONFESSION – Please be seated.

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silence.

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

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, The strength to amend our actions, And the reassurance that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. 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. **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.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving and gracious God, As we hear words of judgment and hope, we pray, Holy Spirit, that you would teach us what we need to know. May we not be overcome by what is harsh or complacent by what is soothing so that we may live rightly before you. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 15

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart; who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honour those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING Micah 6:6-8 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

*HYMN #506 (GtG) Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.

Clouds of light surround the table;

Ancient followers appear, saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight; Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in the thousand diffrent ways, but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks ittruth and manna from above!and then passes wine that wakens in your hear the taste of love.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in the divine spirit that not only created but, continues to create & speak in our time. We find meaning and hear God's calling through Jesus, our Christ.

We understand the mystery of God using words that barely describe the essence of the One. And, yet, deep within we know the love, the peace, and extravagant grace that is. We open our hearts & minds to God's possibilities recognizing that no words are adequate.

The Divine One calls us to grow & learn, to be & act, to care & love, and beyond.

In becoming the people God calls us to be, we pledge our whole selves. Amen.

EUCHARIST – see insert

As you come up the center aisle to take communion, please bring your stewardship pledge card and/or weekly offering.

We Go Out to Serve God

*HYMN #339 Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart; whatever befall Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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

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) James Boyce (Church Custodian) Larry Schmidt (Meyers' Friend) Jen & Jon Christmas (Kori's Friends) Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend) 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) Betty Garland Tom Crozier

Bill Happney The Keeley family Family of January Rendes Kevin Stanley (Kori's step-father) Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason) Chrissy Rogers (Request of Debbie Rendes)

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

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

<u>Announcements</u>

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Pancake Breakfast held October 30, 2022 a success. Melissa Keeley and January Rendes were co-chairs and did a terrific job. We served approximately 95 people - from our church and the community! Check out our Facebook page to see some pictures.

The backpack program has resumed. We now have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and snacks (snack bars, packs of crackers or cookies, etc) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please reach out to January Rendes.

Our Holiday distribution food giveaways will be coming upon us soon. If you are able to donate items we are in need of the following items: Macaroni and Cheese, Canned soup, Cans of Fruit, Gravy Packets, Boxes of Jello / Pudding, Pasta, Spaghetti sauce, cereal, and mashed potatoes / stuffing. If you have any questions please reach out to January and Debbie Rendes. We appreciate any help provided. Thank you!

Hello, our deacons will be volunteering to help feed the community working with the United Way of Mahoning Valley for the Saturday of Caring on November 19th. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up in Fellowship Hall by November 1st. We will be unloading grocery trucks and packing food. This will be held at the parking lot behind Southwoods Surgical Hospital on Southern Blvd in Boardman to help unload the Save A Lot Trucks. We will then line up to pack the food bags - fresh meat, produce, and shelf stable items. You can help break down the tables at the end and/ or help load up the delivery cars. This will take place from 8:00AM - approximately 10:00 AM. If you have any questions please let January Rendes or Melissa Keeley know.

The Health Ministries Task Force is reaching out to let you know we are here for you if you need us. Please feel free to contact the Church or a member of the committee with any concerns or questions you may have. We are here to support our members, supply information, provide an ear, check a blood pressure, and be a friend.

Members of the task force include: Sherry Gleason, Marnie Bonsall, Marty O'Neill, and Jill Fabian

Please join us on Sunday, November 6th from 12pm-2pm for a chicken and biscuit dinner. Meal will include chicken, biscuit, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and dessert. Adults \$11 Children \$6

Our 160th Anniversary is approaching and we're looking for people to volunteer! Interested? Contact Pastor Kori for more information.

We are also looking to start a prayer group. Please contact Pastor Kori if you'd like to be involved.

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins Liturgist-Olivia Meyers Elder- Brian Williams Deacon- Rosie Gleason Music-Anita Miller

Thank you for your generosity

October 30th \$952 October 23rd \$1,630 October 16th \$501



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Justin Rentz 11/07	Billie Moore 11/11
Molly Cravalko 11/08	Ian Erb 11/11
Mason Meyers 11/08	Rodney Craver 11/11

- Will Rummell 11/10 Evan Erb 11/12



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 6	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
]	.2pm-2pm	Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
Monday, November 7	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, November 8	4:00pm	Book Group
Friday, November 11	10am	Veteran's Day
Sunday, November 13	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

<u>Staff</u>

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