



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Transfiguration of the Lord
February 19, 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.*

God of the high and low, we come before you this day seeking your Holy presence. We come to sing praises, pray petitions, and listen to the Word at your holy mountain. We come to experience metamorphosis, to be changed into your people. Change us in this hour so we might speak your Spirit of hope and grace to the world. We pray this in the name of Christ, Amen.

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

God calls us, the deep from the deep

God your magnificence is too great for us

God you are changed from glory, into glory

So you come to us, human, and walk with us

Teach us again, today

Come let us walk with God

***HYMN #410 (GtG)** *God is Calling through the Whisper*

*God is calling through the whisper
of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties
that can catch us by surprise.*

*Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:*

God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling – can you hear?

*God is calling through the voices
of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption
and for rescue from despair.*

*Place of hurt or face of needing;
strident cry or silent pleading:*

God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling – can you hear?

*God is calling through the music
of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels,
and the carols of our hearts.*

*Lift of joy and gift of singing;
days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling – and we hear!
God is calling – and we hear!*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down. What is confession, but walking with God? Why don't we let ourselves walk with God here. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.

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

God we confess that we are overwhelmed by being human. How is it then can we take in your glory of divinity? We feel like we should respond. We feel like we need to do things or say things. And yet, sometimes, stillness is grace. Sometimes we need to just sit with our own humanity. Sometimes its ok to just try to get to know ourselves better, and to remind ourselves that getting to know ourselves is to get to know you. Let us allow ourselves to do that we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Be still, and know God is with you, today, tomorrow, and every day, and feel the good news: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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. For children above kindergarten there are worship bags with activities to use in worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION— *Let us pray.*

Lord our God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Let us hear your promises in this Scripture, and let the world know your blessing in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:24-7:8

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

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

SERMON

Chris Giron

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #726 (GtG)**

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?*

*Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Rev. Julia Seymour)

Our hope is God, our holy Parent, who makes all things and from whom all blessings flow. God's faithfulness is the anchor of our hope.

Our trust is in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. More than a teacher, His life, death, and resurrection giving meaning to our existence.

Christ's faithfulness tethers us to holy mystery.

Our trust is in the Holy Spirit. Blowing over and through creation, unexpected and untamed, The Spirit stirs forgiveness, fruitfulness, and creates families. The Spirit's faithfulness ties together past, present, and future.

Holy Trinity, One God, we believe you transfigure our faith. Amen.

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. 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.*

Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*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 #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

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

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)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

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)

Bill Happney

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)
Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)
Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Casa de Buen Trato
Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
Earthquake victims in Turkey

Announcements

*Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into
the bulletin.*

February 22nd, we invite you to join us in observing Ash Wednesday. From 11:30-1:30, and again from 3:30-5:30, we'll have Ashes to Go in our parking lot. Then, at 6:15pm, we invite you to join us for a fish supper with a Taizé style service at 7pm. Haven't experienced Taizé before? You're in for a real treat! Taizé is a meditative style of worship that comes from France, and provides the perfect setting to the start of Lent.

The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, and snacks (snack bars, chips, pudding cups, 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. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, boxes of Macaroni and cheese, and Ramen Noodles. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distribution will be March 28th, 2023, for our Easter Distribution. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

We have some exciting news; we will be selling new shirts for the Church! Nicole McMullen has graciously offered to make the shirts and provide the church with a portion of the profits of what we sell. We will have an order form in Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, January 29th, 2023. We will have the sign-up sheet for the next 3 weeks in Fellowship hall. We will be selling sweatshirts for \$30, Crewneck (long sleeve) for \$20, and T-shirts for \$15. For sizes 2XL and 3XL there will be an additional \$5 charge. We will be accepting cash and checks. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge.

Our congregation is so generous. The \$1,242 that we collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring will be divided

between Niles Community Services and The Backpack Program for Seaborn Elementary School. Also a big thank you to those who matched giving to help us grow the \$355 to the \$1,242. You are SUPER FOLKS!

THANK YOU!

First Presbyterian Church

raised:

\$1,242

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around The Souper Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 13, 2023

Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring



Birthday Wishes

Jill Fabian 2/20 Nancy Pugh 2/21 Liam Bane 2/23

Anniversary Wishes



Jill & Michael Fabian 2/24

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Andy Konsol

Elder- Chuck Reinhart

Deacon-

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers

Media- Alyssa Strange

Thank you for your generosity

February 12th \$729

February 05th \$3,103

January 29th \$1,555.91



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 19 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship/

Monday, February 20 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Tuesday, February 21 6:30pm Committee Night

Wednesday, February 22 11:30am-1:30pm, Ashes to Go
 3:30pm-5:30pm
 6:15pm Fish Dinner
 7:00pm Taiz'e Service

Sunday, February 26 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

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Pastor's Office Hours

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