



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 11, 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.*

Loving and Gracious God, tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the ones who have gathered here today, fill our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

God calls us to worship

**and we come with images of fires and floods in our minds,**

with hurting and worry in our hearts,

**overwhelmed by all the bad news.**

God calls us to worship to remind us goodness and life will always win

**and God has already conquered this world.**

God calls us to worship to revive us

**for being agents of peace and justice in all places.**

**\*HYMN #293**

*This is My Father's World*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears*

*All nature sings, and round me rings*

*The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought*

*Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;*

*His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget*

*That though the wrong seems oft so strong,*

*God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;*

*Jesus who died shall be satisfied,*

*And Earth and Heaven be one.*

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

*Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.*

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

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ. We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

**KYRIE #572**

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

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

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

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose 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.*

*God of all, open our hearts and minds to find your Truth in all places. Teach us your unforced rhythms of grace that our lives might reflect your Wisdom. With Christ as our guide, we live and pray. Amen.*

**FIRST READING***John 3:16-17*

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

**SECOND READING***John 16:25-33*

‘I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father.’

His disciples said, ‘Yes, now you are speaking plainly, not in any figure of speech! Now we know that you know all things, and do not need to have anyone question you; by this we believe that you came from God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do you now believe? The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each one to his home, and you will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!’

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

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

**\*HYMN #791 (GtG)**     *For You, My God, I Wait (v.1,5,6)*

*For you, my God, I wait  
With hope born of the Word.  
Like sleepless ones  
Who long to dream  
I wait and call my Lord.*

*And once my soul is still,  
In you I find my rest,  
At peace as though  
A child upon  
A gentle mother's breast.*

*O God, you are my hope;  
I know that you forgive.  
Your love redeems me  
From the depths  
So I may rise and live.*

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

**Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we**

**should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

*(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

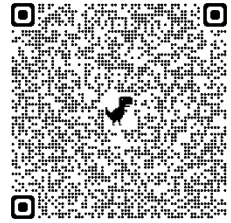
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power 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**

*(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.*

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart. You have provided everything we need in your steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our response to your great faithfulness, for the praise of Jesus' name. Amen.**



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

**\*HYMN #467**

*How Great Thou Art*

*O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed; **Refrain***

**Refrain:**

*Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain***

*And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on a cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain***

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! **Refrain***

**\*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.*

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Cody Tittle (Marlene's friend)

Marlene Tincher

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)

Mary Jane Hileman

Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)

Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)

Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)

Dawn Wilson

Cameron Watkins

Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)

Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)

Jim Harper (Jessica Painter's grandpa)

John (uncle of Mary Nolasco)

Penny Delleiso (Patty Postlethwait's mother)

Pam Kuzawa (Patty Postlethwait's aunt)

Jack (Tom Redmond's brother)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes father)  
Shayne Gleason (January Rendes friend)  
Samara Fabian  
Ginny Gilmore  
Marge & Ernie Ankeny (Marty O'Neill's in-laws)  
Gwen Martin (Melissa Keeley's friend)

## **Prayers for the World**

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

## **Announcements**



Community Pantry will hold a meeting on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in the lounge. The next food distribution will take place on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm.



## **Anniversary Wishes**

Melissa & Bryan Keeley 08/16

## **Birthday Wishes**



April Dahl 08/14

Chad Warrick 08/14

Diane Koch 08/16

Jane Meyers 08/16

## **Responsibilities**



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- David Rummell

Elder- Lisa Sorg

Deacon- January Rendes

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

## **Thank you for your generosity!**



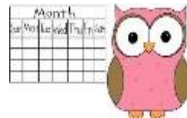
*(We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!)*

August 04<sup>th</sup> \$875

(July Online \$932)

July 28<sup>th</sup> \$497

July 21<sup>st</sup> \$1,286



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

Sunday, August 11	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, August 12	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, August 13	8:30am	Community Pantry Meeting
	3:00pm	Presbytery Meeting
Sunday, August 18	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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April Dahl  
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### **Custodian**

Patty Postlethwait

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Samara Fabian  
Mason Meyers

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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