



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Palm Sunday
March 24, 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.*

O God, who brought us from the rest of last night to the light of this new day, brings us from the light of this day to the guiding light of eternity. We ask that you help us be aware of your presence among us, O God, as we venture into the uncertainties of this world. In the name of Christ we pray, amen.

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

You are my God, I give thanks to you

You are my God, I will extol you

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

Come, let us praise God whose steadfast love endures forever

Come, let us worship God

***HYMN #88**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Refrain:

*All glory, laud, and honor,
to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessed One. (Refrain)*

*The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before thee we present. (Refrain)*

*To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. (Refrain)*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King. (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*With our full selves, we come before God, who knows us
and loves us. Come let us cry out our confession to the
Lord together, first in silent prayer.*

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

**God, we confess that we cry out Hosanna, even
when we are uncertain whether or not we want to
serve you. We are uncertain how to anoint you as
King. Yet here we are, crying out to be saved, from
something. because deep in our hearts we know
that you are our savior. Hosanna, blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord, come and
teach us how to be the people of 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

Hear the good news, if Christ is for us, who is against
us? We know that Jesus Christ is even now working
towards our grace, and so we can proclaim 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.

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.*

Guide us O God, by your word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

FIRST READING

Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to

them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 14:3-9

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good

service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #302**

I Danced in the Morning

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance,' said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,' said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with Me and the dance went on. **Refrain***

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped & they hung me on high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die. **Refrain***

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain***

*They cut Me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the dance', said He. **Refrain***

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *You may be seated.*

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.*

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail; and let your people be repairers of the breach and restorers of streets to live in. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #91** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.*

*Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power and reign.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Peace*

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, 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)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg'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 & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Joe and Diane Koch
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn

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

Upcoming Meetings: Deacons will meet Monday, March 25th and Session will meet Tuesday, March 26th. Both meetings will be held at 6:30pm.

Holy Week Services: A service will be held on *Maundy Thursday*, March 28th in Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm. A Tenebrae service will take place *Good Friday*, March 29th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. *Easter Sunday* begins with a potluck breakfast at 9:15am, followed by the releasing of the doves at 10am, and worship at 10:30am.

Birthday Wishes



Mackenzie Caple 03/24
Abbie Postlethwait 03/26

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Lisa Sorg

Elder- Carole Rummell

Deacon- Rosie Rebraca

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity

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



03/17/24 \$3,515.66

03/10/24 \$1,120

03/03/24 \$2,103

(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420

Received to date \$1,234)



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:15am	Kid's Parade (Line up in Fellowship Hall)
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
	12pm-2pm	Easter Eggs w/Kids
Monday, March 25	6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, March 26	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Thursday, March 28 (Maundy Thursday)	6:30pm	Service (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00pm	Tenebrae (Sanctuary)
Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday)	9:15am	Easter Breakfast (Potluck)
	10:00am	Dove Release
	10:30am	Worship

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Pastor's Office Hours

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