



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JULY 31, 2022

THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00am and can be accessed in the following ways:

1. By joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUerMUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.
2. Calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712. through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).
3. Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a **LOW** risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few recommendations from our Health Ministries Team that have been approved by the Session:

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace will resume in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic.
Some of us may choose to elbow bump, wave or knuckle bump while others of us may choose to shake hands or hug. As always, respect for each other will be observed.
3. Pot Luck dinners will resume.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The voice of God gathers us this day;

The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

With acts might and faltering,

With kindness and with selfishness,

With doubt and with faith:

So we may bring the fullness of our lives to God.

May we worship well this day.

***HYMN 473** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
Friends of earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mirth,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, the Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know when we have hurt another.

We know when we have acted against your rule of love.

We know when we have neglected to do something that would help another person or help the world. We know that we sin.

We also know that you love us, and forgive us, and call us to forgive others.

So help us in all of this, so that we truly are your partners in service and mission. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is not hate, God is not wrath, God is not apathy.

God is love.

And that means that God forgives, again and again.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen.

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Friends, let us proclaim the Good News: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Let us go out into the world as people made new by God. **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.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 37:1-11,39-40

Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

for they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the LORD,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;

trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;

do not fret over those who prosper in their way,

over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land,

and delight in abundant prosperity.

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

The Lord helps them and rescues them;

he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,

because they take refuge in him.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

But someone will ask, 'How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?' Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:27-38

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** *Standing on the Promises (#838 in Glory to God)*

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

*Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises of Christ, the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God made us for life in community.

**God created human beings with a need for community
and with freedom to enter into it
by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience
and to one another with love and helpfulness.**

**Since every human being is made
for communion with God and others,
we must treat no one with contempt.**

**We are to respect and love all other people
and ourselves as well. *(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

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!**

DEDICATION PRAYER

**Almighty and merciful God, we praise you for your mercies.
Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 525** *Here I Am, Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *REFRAIN*

REFRAIN: *Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *REFRAIN*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *REFRAIN*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE 322**

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Miss Ella Parrone, our Story Circle Attendant, will be leaving us at the end of August. We are now looking for applications of anyone interested. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Winter hours which will begin in September are from 10:15 to 11:45 am on Sunday mornings. There may be a few occasions over the year that they will be asked to stay a little longer. If you know of anyone that will be interested they can contact Carole Rummell, Educator or Jane Meyers, Chair of Personnel. We are certainly sorry to have Ella leave us but she will be entering her senior year at YSU and will extra busy this year.

The "Little Library " is open!

We have obtained more shelving for more books. If you have books to give to us just bring them into the lounge and place on the shelves. Anyone can come in and take a book. It is not a loan nor is there any cost. Just freebie's giving away what others bring in. We especially would like to have children's books donated. We plan on inviting those who come for our food distribution to use our library. They have children who would be excited to have a new book or so. You may enjoy some summer reading - if so check out our "Little Library".



A local 2nd grader is collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a container in Fellowship Hall on the counter under the bulletin board.



(All types of aluminum can tops will be accepted.)

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.



If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministries Task Force.

(Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).



**Macaroni & Cheese,
Spaghetti Sauce,
Pasta and Cereal**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 31 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, August 1 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday August 7 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young



HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Redmond
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)
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)
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Betty Garland
Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father.)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Pastor Nominating Committee
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Someplace Safe

Casa de Buen Trato
Needles's Eye
Niles Community Services
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
The Ukraine



Weekly Offering

7/24 \$

7/17 \$1,458

7/10 \$2,871



Rodney & Sherry Craver 08/06

Dillan Keeley 08/03



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00am to 1:00pm

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

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