



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost**

**October 29, 2023**

**Stewardship Sunday**

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**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER** – *let us pray.*

We thank you, O God for your love for us. Love that reaches out to accept us, wherever we are, whoever we are. Love that demands a lot, but at the same time, somehow, amazingly, enables us to meet those demands. Love that reassures, affirms, prompts,

challenges, and overwhelms us with the completeness of its response. Help us, your people, held within the security of your love, to risk showing that same love to others. May our love, too, be known for its abundance, its readiness to speak out and its healing power. Amen.

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

*(Adapted from Psalms 134)*

Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

**Thank you God for your love to me**

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God

**Thank you God for your love in this place**

Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

**Thank you God for your love to others**

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

**Thank you God for your love that we can share**

Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

**Thank you God for your love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN #375**

*Lord of All Good*

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.*

*We give our minds to understand Your ways,  
Hands, eyes, and voices to serve Your great design,  
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze,  
Till for Your glory all our powers combine.*

*Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.*

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

*It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.*

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

**O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not always claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents, that you so freely give, to open them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world. We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused, both individually and when we are together as your people, and that this confusion has often blinded us to your interest in our lives. Break in on our confusion, and astonish**

**us anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim us again and silence within us our desire to always have words for every occasion, that we might hear the whisper of the wings of your Spirit. In the name of our Lord, Jesus 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: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**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.*

*Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

*1 Peter 4:8-11*

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

**SECOND READING**

*Luke 13:18-21*

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

He said therefore, ‘What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.’

## **The Parable of the Yeast**

And again he said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #726 (GtG)**

*The Summons*

*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**

**We believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need,  
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not  
on earth, and who gave us the example of self-  
giving love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's  
gifts, in whom we live and move and have our  
being, by whom all things are possible.**

**We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared  
freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy.**

**We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all  
that is God's, caretakers of God's home.**

**We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of  
worship, a means of praising God who has blessed  
us so abundantly. We believe that God has great  
things in store for us, for it is in giving that we  
receive. Amen.**

**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.*

**Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. Amen**

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

**\*HYMN #369**      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

**\*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 noted.*

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

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)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

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

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

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan & Patty Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Joan Williams

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Dave Smith (Karen Painter's friend)

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
Refugees throughout the world  
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  
Victims of natural disasters  
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

## **Announcements**

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

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Join us after worship for the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree  
Brunch. We will be providing pancakes & sausage.  
Family friendly costumes are encouraged!

Our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner will be held Sunday,  
November 12<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm. It will include chicken,  
biscuit, mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert.  
Adults \$11/Children \$5.

We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday,  
November 19<sup>th</sup> after worship.

The Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing officers and the 2024 Nominating Committee will be held Immediately following worship on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Cards of encouragement for Rusty Garland would be appreciated. His address is: Aventura at Humility House, room 19b, 755 Ohltown Rd, Austintown, OH 44515.



### **Birthday Wishes**

Aspen Rummell 10/29

Andrew Pugh 10/30

Kristi Bane 10/31

Olivia Meyers 11/02

Thomas Painter 11/02

Mary Chris Hudzik 11/03

Tracy Butcher 11/04

### **Anniversary Wishes**

January & Mark Rendes 11/02



### **Thank you for your Generosity**

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

October 22<sup>nd</sup> \$1,130

October 15<sup>th</sup> \$785

October 08<sup>th</sup> \$1,925



## **Responsibilities**

**Pastor** Rev. Kori Robbins

**Liturgist** Val Copanic

**Elder** Sue McCabe

**Deacon** Church Growth Committee

**Music** Anita Miller

**Story Circle** Olivia Meyers

**Media** Alyssa Strange



## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

Monday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Ateen
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Saturday, November 04 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am-	Presbytery Meeting
	12:00pm	
	3pm-6pm	Private Event Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 05 <sup>th</sup> (Daylight Savings Ends)	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Custodian**

Patty Postlethwait

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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