



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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.*

Abundant God, we gather around tables to fellowship with those we love. Food is what sustains us for the journey ahead and we dine with those who you have called to serve with us.

Help us widen our gaze.

Inspire us to draw the welcome circle wider.

Instill within us the truth that your love knows no

bounds. Gather us this day and forever more in your holy and powerful name. Amen.

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

Welcome, friends, to this holy day.

We come to offer thanks; we come to sing and pray.

Welcome, friends, to this time set apart,

A time to remember those we love, and time to remember the holy promises of God.

Welcome, friends, to this table of remembrance and joy,

The table where we are fed, the feast we share with many.

Welcome, friends, and let us worship God.

***HYMN 401 (GtG)** *Here in This Place*

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,*

*we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Friends, the invitation list to the Lord's Table is larger than any of us could ever imagine. Let us confess the ways in which we have sought to limit that invitation, first in silence.

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

God of Hospitality and Wonder, you welcome us to a table that invites those who are different than us. This invitation has made us uncomfortable, unsettled, and defensive. Our discomfort comes from an unwillingness to see other peoples' perspectives. Our unsettledness comes from a dependence on the status quo. Our defensiveness comes from a belief that our image of you is the only one that matters. Help us to surrender ourselves to the abundance of your invitation. Inspire us to embrace the fact that diversity is strength, not weakness. Gather us to welcome the stranger, care for the oppressed, and feed the hungry. Forgive us for our short-sightedness and open us to your Gospel that we might better embody the Beloved Community you call us to be. In the Wild and Wonderful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are ALL invited to this table.

I am here to announce to you
that whatever you think disqualifies you from God's
love has been washed away by the life, death, and
resurrection of Jesus Christ!

Our sins have been forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

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.*

Holy Spirit, lift these words from the pages of scripture like the aroma of freshly baked bread. Help us to hunger for these words, to be fed by your grace, and to share what you offer with all of your children on this earth. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.' For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling-place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN 769 (GtG)** *For Everyone Born*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead. **Refrain***

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.*

*For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair. **Refrain***

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong. **Refrain***

*For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live. **Refrain***

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain***

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*

God of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.

EUCCHARIST – *see insert*

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #526** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one,
at his table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,*

*gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound*

***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.

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)
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 Clay (Cousin of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Family of Joe 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

Session is convening a Safety Planning Committee.
More details will be coming soon.

A Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, May 12th. Please contact Rosie Rebraca or January Rendes if you would like to donate any items for this event.

Book Club will meet Tuesday, April 30th at 4:30pm. We will be reading *Homecoming* by Kate Morton. Please join us!

Birthday Wishes



Robin Warrick 04/17

Ava Fening 04/18

Bret Warrick 04/20



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Sherry Gleason

Elder- Sue McCabe

Deacon- January Rendes

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity!

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



04/07/24 \$2,174

03/31/24 \$813

03/24/24 \$1,170

*(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420
Received to date \$1,266.50)*



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 14	9:15am	Multi-Generational Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship/ Communion/ Fellowship
Monday, April 15	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, April 16	6:30pm	Committee Night
Sunday, April 21	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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