



# First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

JULY 17, 2022

THE 6TH 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](http://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

We give thanks to you, Lord, with all our hearts;  
**Because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

O Lord, your love endures forever;

**Do not abandon the work of your hands.** (from Psalm 138:1-2,8)

**\*HYMN 260**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure;  
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;  
his kingdom is forever!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Compassionate God, you are more ready to hear than we are to speak.  
You are more ready to forgive than we are to confess.  
You invite us to open our hearts to you in prayer, but we close ourselves to you  
and follow other paths.  
Again and again you draw near, but we keep turning away.  
Lord, teach us to pray. Lead us to seek you.  
As we admit our sinfulness, help us discover your grace and receive your mercy, so that we  
may live the abundant life you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

“God truly listens to the words of our prayer... God does not reject our prayer or remove  
steadfast love from us” (from Psalm 66:19-20).  
Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**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 139:1-12

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

**THE EPISTLE LESSON** Romans 8:26-27

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” So he said to them, “When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

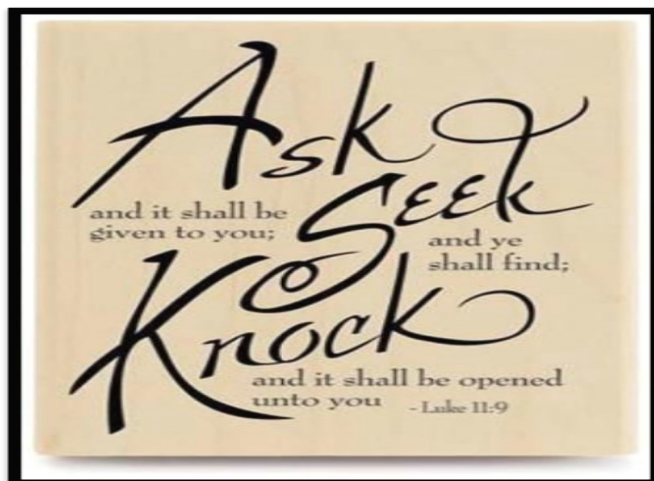
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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



## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

### **\*HYMN 403**

### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou will find a solace there.

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

**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.**

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**

**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We are charged to pray for ourselves and others**

**with gratitude, boldness, and persistence,**

**confident that God hears and answers our prayers**

**in ways best for us all.**

*(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**

**God of love, we thank you for hearing our prayers, and  
for promising us the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
We praise you for Jesus, who taught us how to pray for your kingdom,  
and who showed us that kingdom in his own life, death, and resurrection. Amen.**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*HYMN 333** *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **\*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.

### 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.)



***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).***



**Food  
Pantry  
Needs**

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

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 17      10:00am      Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 18      7:00pm      Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday July 24      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)  
 Russell Golden (Meyers' Friend)  
 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)  
 Daren Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)  
 Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)  
 Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)  
 Jim Koch

## 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

7/10 \$2,871

7/03 \$6,370

6/26 \$1,492



7/22 Jason & Aubrey Reese

Raelyn Crump 7/17

Russell Garland 7/20

Kathy Graham 7/18

Robbie Postlethwait 7/21

Terry Ivanchak 7/19

Zane Rummell 7/21



## RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

**PREACHER:** Rev. Meta Cramer

**LITURGIST:** Matt Glidewell

**ELDER:** Jane Meyers

**DEACON:** Marnie Bonsall

**MUSIC:** Anita Miller



## OFFICE HOURS

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

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