



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**23rd Sunday of Pentecost
November 05, 2023**

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)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan & Patty Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Joan Williams

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

Mary Jane Hileman

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.*

Our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner will be held Sunday,
November 12th 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
19th after worship.

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

We now have a total of 22 families and 38 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and snacks (snack bars, packs of crackers or cookies, etc) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Our community food pantry needs Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, fruit cups, pancake mix, maple syrup, desserts/muffin & gravy packets. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distributions will be Nov. 14th, 2023, and Dec. 12th 2023, for our Holiday Distributions.

For the month of November the Deacons will be collecting items to donate. The items we will be collecting will be New or gently used items: Warm coats (sizes Adult Large – 4X), Dry Boots (Sizes Men 9-13), sleeping bags, winter gloves, winter hats, blankets, tarps, and NEW socks. We will also accept monetary donations as well.



Birthday Wishes

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| Heather Pugh 11/05 | Will Rummell 11/10 |
| Justin Rentz 11/07 | Billie Moore 11/11 |
| Mason Meyers 11/08 | Ian Erb 11/11 |
| Marlyne Young 11/09 | Rodney Craver 11/11 |



Thank you for your Generosity

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

October 29th \$837

October 22nd \$1,130

October 15th \$785



Responsibilities

Preacher Bryce Wiebe

Liturgist Brooke Kaschak

Elder Ted Smith

Deacon Darlene Smith

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers


Media Alyssa Strange



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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| Sunday, November 05 th | 9:15am | Church School |
| | 10:30am | Worship/ Fellowship |

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| Monday, November 06 th | 8:30am | Community Pantry Meeting |
| | 7:00pm | Al-Anon/Ateen |

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| Tuesday, November 07 th |  | Election Day |
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| Saturday, November 11 th |  | Veteran's Day |
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| Sunday, November 12 th (Communion) | 9:15am | Church School |
| | 10:30am | Worship |
| | 12pm-2pm | Chicken & Biscuit Dinner |



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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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Tuesday/Thursday
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