



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**9th Sunday of Pentecost
July 30, 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

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *let us pray.*

God of all glory, on the first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your

great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.

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

We are children of God:

Called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

We are citizens of a nation:

Called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

We are members of a community: Called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all.

We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God.

***HYMN #330** *Deep in the Shadows of the Past*

*Deep in the shadows of the past,
Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with their God
Across the desert sands.
The dawn of hope for humankind
Was glimpsed by them alone
A promise calling them ahead,
A future yet unknown.*

*While others bowed to changeless gods,
They met a mystery:
God with an uncompleted name,
'I am what I will be';*

*And by their tents, around their fires,
In story, song and law,
They praised, remembered, handed on
A past that promised more.*

*From Abraham to Nazareth
The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past,
Recorded what they knew.
And some, in letters or laments,
In prophecy and praise,
Recovered, held, and re-expressed
New hope for changing days.*

*For all the writings that survived,
For leaders, long ago,
Who sifted, chose, and then preserved
The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its promise yet
Our comfort, strength, and call,
The working model for our faith,
Alive with hope for all.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

We have come this morning with full hearts – hearts that carry sorrow, and worry, and guilt. In this time we offer our hearts to God, remembering Christ’s invitation that all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens may come to him. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

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

Merciful God, hear our prayer. When we are courageous, or down and out, or too weary to do anything else, we admit the truth of our lives. We do not add beauty to the world. We do not offer kindness as often as we might. We pay lip service to the cries of others, and sit idly by until the sound fades. Sometimes get it right, and sometimes we don't. We ask for your mercy and grace, and we ask for your help, to give us courage and strength to live as you would have us live. In Christ, who gave us those qualities and who taught us all we need to know, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(The Assurance are words from Bishop Desmond Tutu in God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time, Doubleday, 2004.)

Dear Child of God, in our world it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are loveable. No, we are loveable precisely because God loves us.

Thanks be to God!

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

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
For learning about wisdom and instruction,
for understanding words of insight,
for gaining instruction in wise dealing,
righteousness, justice, and equity;
to teach shrewdness to the simple,
knowledge and prudence to the young—
let the wise also hear and gain in learning,
and the discerning acquire skill,

to understand a proverb and a figure,
the words of the wise and their riddles.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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

SECOND READING

Proverbs 3:1-8

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments;
for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them round your neck,
write them on the tablet of your heart.
So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #293**

This is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And Earth and Heaven be one.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope. Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and up build one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for

**the sake of righteousness. Together we pray;
together we serve God in this world.**

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

***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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** – *Please join me in saying the prayer of dedication.*

Faithful God, let these gifts we present to you today become seeds of your new creation: planted in the needs of the world you love; watered by tears and hope; fed and strengthened by the glow of Christ's resurrection; gathered home with joy and singing. 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)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

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

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

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Family of Melissa Keeley

Joan Williams

Kellan Schmidt (Meyers' friend)

Dot Cathers (Jane Meyers' friend)

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Ed Buila (Terry Keeley's brother in law)

Rusty Garland

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees
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
Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria

Announcements

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

Our next Community Pantry food distribution will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd from 10am-12pm. Please call the office or see Tim Gleason if you would like to help out with this event.

Birthday Wishes



Jessica Painter 08/01

Jeff Brozier 08/02

Dillan Keeley 08/03

Responsibilities



Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Tim Gleason*

Elder- *Andy Konsol*

Deacon- *Rosie Rebraca*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle- *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

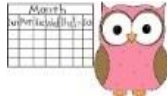


Thank you for your Generosity

July 23rd \$1,623

July 16th \$1,319

July 09th \$1,499



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 30th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 31st 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Sunday, August 06th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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Tuesday/Thursday
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