



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 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.*

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as

Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Please stand and join me in the call to worship. (Psalm 27:1)*

O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

Who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the Lord;

Who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

***HYMN #2128 (StF)** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.*

*Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.*

*In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

We worship a God who stands more ready to forgive than we are to confess our sin. Our Creator, who is merciful and just, has promised to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Beloved, with such assurance, we do not need to fear confession. Let us profess our sin, first together then in silence, to our God, who has made us, who knows us, and who loves us.

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

You have told us what is good, O God. Your hopes for us are clear. And yet we live as though it is unclear what you would have us do. We live as though we were not the recipients of grace upon grace. We have withheld what is not our own. We have judged where it was not our place. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have failed to do. We know that we have sinned. We seek your forgiveness and your reconciliation and strength that we may follow in the way you would have us go. Cleanse us and guide us. We make this and all our prayers in reliance upon our faithful savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds. Believe the promise of the gospel: **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.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with
Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION— *Let us pray.*

God of inspiration, break into the wilderness of our lives — the uncertainty, the confusion, and the distractions from your Word with a moment of clarity, grace and understanding that encourages us, and molds us through your Word and by your Spirit in Christ’s image. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 27: 1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble

and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 6: 7-8, 16-21

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

*The Word of God for the People of God. **Amen.***

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #450 (GTG)** *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still by my vision, O ruler of all.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility. We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet

we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them. Since every human being is made for communion with God and others, we must treat no one with contempt. We are to respect and love all other people and ourselves as well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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. All: 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.*

Holy God, we have received from your gracious hand abundance upon abundance, grace upon grace. Accept these offerings, we pray, and bless them and multiply them, that through these gifts we might see your kingdom at work among us. We pray all these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #157 (GtG)** *I Danced in the Morning*

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

Refrain: *Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance,' said He,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,' said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with Me and the dance went on. **Refrain***

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped & they hung me on high,
And they left Me there on a cross to die. **Refrain***

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain***

*They cut Me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;
I am the Lord of the dance', said He. **Refrain***

***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

Betty Garland

Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)

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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Tom Crozier

Bill Happney

The Keeley family

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Tony Rozzo (Meyers' Friend)

Samara Fabian

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

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff

Our Mineral Ridge Church Family

Niles Community Services

Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions

Coronavirus caregivers and patients

Refugees

Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)

Peace and healing for our country

Casa de Buen Trato

Needles's Eye

Ukraine

World Leaders

Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)

Our PC(USA) coworkers

Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

Announcements

Shirley Dull has moved to Shepherd of the Valley, her new Address is; 1501 Tibbitts Wick Rd. Apt. 306 Girard, OH 44420.

Randy Rummell will be selling horses through Feb.5th, 2023 for the upcoming Night at the Races. This event benefits the Niles Community Center.

REMINDER....Our Souper Bowl Offering date is coming. Our children will be holding the soup pots at the doors as we leave worship on Feb. 12 the date of both our Souper Bowl and the Super Bowl. You are asked to put at least \$1.00 in the pot. Even more would be better. Carole Rummell will be seeking anyone that will step up and offer to match the congregational giving or even a partial match. Let's see how much we can get to divide between the Niles Community Services and the Back Pack program that benefits kids in need at Seaborn Elementary School.

Birthday Wishes



Charles Hudzik 1/30 Debra Bunch 1/31

Emily Pugh 1/30 Tyler Keeley 2/02



Anniversary Wishes

Richard & Judi Henninger 2/05

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev.Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Brooke Kaschak

Elder- Jane Meyers

Deacon- Marty O'Neill

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers

Media- Alyssa Strange

Thank you for your generosity

January 22nd \$1,355

January 15th \$1,895

January 8th \$1,896



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 29	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Congregational Meeting/Fellowship
Monday, January 30	6:30pm	Deacon's
	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday, February 05	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

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Hours

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