



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 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.*

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let the heavens be glad and let the rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will
never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the
peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of
our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

***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 lives 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.*

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silence.

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

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed

before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

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

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Luke 24: 30-32

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

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

SECOND READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was

buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #339**

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**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything that else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. 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. 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.

OFFERATORY

***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.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one

who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #702 (GtG)** *Christ Beside Me*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.*

***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.

The Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing officers and the 2024 Nominating Committee will be held today immediately following worship.

Rusty Garland has a new address, 210 Prestwick Dr. Youngstown, OH 44512. Please continue to send cards of encouragement, he is very appreciative of them!

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 distribution will be Dec. 12th 2023, for our Holiday Distribution.

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

Donna Baker 11/27

Kirk Bunch 11/30

Pam Baker 12/01



Thank you for your Generosity

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

November 19th \$2,434

November 12th \$2,239.32

November 05th \$2,865



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Sue McCabe

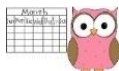
Elder Ted Smith

Deacon Darlene Smith

Music Andrew Karkosiak

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 26 th	9:15am	Church School
(Christ the King Sunday)	10:30am	Worship/ Congregational Meeting / Fellowship
Monday, November 27 th	6:30pm	Deacon's
	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Ateen
Tuesday, November 28 th	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Sunday, December 3 rd	9:15am	Church School
(1 st Sunday of Advent)	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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