



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 17th 2022

Easter Sunday

10:30a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am 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 (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

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! The LORD is risen!

The LORD is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! *(Psalm 118:24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2a)*

***HYMN 123**

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry,
and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,
and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak,
and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

KYRIE #572

"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

"We were buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that,
just as he was raised from the dead by the glory of God,
we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).
Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE (*Glory to God 838*)

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

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

SERMON

The Right Kind of Rumor

— Rev. Meta Cramer



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 104**

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder, all creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion—joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, every -one!

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*(from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, Mark 16:9,
Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20:28)*

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE OF PRAISE (TUNE 411)

**Since God so loved the world, that love we now must share
With all whose need is as our own, whose pain we now help bear.**

DEDICATION PRAYER

Eternal God, we praise you for the glory of this Day of Resurrection.
We thank you that Jesus summons us to new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

May our lives be signs of his life, and all we have show forth his love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD'S WORD IS SEALED

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, INCLUDING PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. ... *ending with*

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.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we give you thanks
that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal
you have opened our hearts and eyes
to the presence of Christ among us.

Send us forth to tell this good news to the world:

The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 114**

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought forth Israel
into joy from sadness,
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
Now rejoice Jerusalem,
And with true affection
Welcome in unweathered strains
Jesus' resurrection!

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE**

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

*Today's sermon picture is of an Easter Garden
at York Minster Cathedral, York, England.*

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.

Love in the time of Covid-19: What the Pandemic Has Taught Us About Not Loving Our Neighbor with Rev. Dr. John Swinton.

First Presbyterian Church 201 Wick Ave Youngstown, OH 44503

Schedule: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

3:30pm Registration

4:00pm Seminar— First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary (Dinner Reservations have Closed.)



Adult Class

Walking With God in the Desert

The adult class will begin a new video-discussion series Sunday April 24 (next Sunday) at 9:15 a.m. in the lounge. Join renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan he guides us through the land of the Bible. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the Faith Lessons DVD series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. Each lesson focuses on passages of Scripture explored in the DVD.

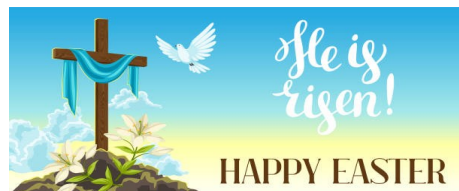
We will see the story of the struggles and experiences of the Hebrew desert journey and, as we come to know their story, we too become part of the ancient story of redemption. Their story is our story – God's plan to reclaim his world and restore harmony between himself and humankind. We will learn how to deal with our own "desert experiences". Hope you can join our study and discussion next Sunday. -Ted Smith

Weekly Offering

4/10 \$2,285

4/3 \$4,214

3/27 \$1,269



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.)



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 17	10:30am	Easter Breakfast/Worship/ Dove Release
Monday, April 18	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday April 19	4:00pm 6:30pm	Book Group Committee Night
Sunday April 24	10:30am	Adult Bible Study (9:15am) Worship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Dorothy Jones

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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Betty Garland

Bill Thompson (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Rev. Jeanine Haven (Jane Meyers' friend)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Sean Brenner (Jane & Darryl Meyers' nephew)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)



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



Robin Warrick 4/17

Bret Warrick 4/20

Nicholas Pugh 4/22

Tait Rummell 4/24



OFFICE HOURS

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