



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**10th Sunday of Pentecost
August 6th, 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 holy wisdom, we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision. Our lives are full of information and opinions, but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom – Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another. We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.

Oh God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

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

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God’s bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God’s wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

***HYMN #268** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

*God, who stretched the spangled heavens,
infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance
through the silent fields of space,
we your children, in your likeness,*

*share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating,
show us what we yet may do.*

*We have ventured worlds undreamed of
since the childhood of our race;
know the ecstasy of winging
through untraveled realms of space;
probed the secrets of the atom,
yielding unimagined power,
facing us with life's destruction
or our most triumphant hour.*

*As each far horizon beckons,
may it challenge us anew,
children of creative purpose,
serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise,
each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance
till our goals and yours are one.*

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.*

Holy God, hear our prayer. Sometimes our lives are a mess, because of choices we have made or because of choices others have made. Sometimes our lives are great, and we're kind and generous. Sometimes our lives are great and we forget to be to grateful and humble. We trust that in the jumble of all of this, you are present. We trust that you are with us, walking with us when we stray, nudging us back to the right path, slowing us down when we get ahead of you, and waiting for us when we lag behind. So we thank you, and ask for your forgiveness, and pray that you will stay with us throughout the journey. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My friends, God is not done with us, not by a long shot. You are more beloved than you can ever know, and God is working in you and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that you are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Amen. **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 8:1-11

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
for my mouth will utter truth;

wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.
Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with
her.

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

SECOND READING

Proverbs 8:22-36

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his
command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

‘And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.
Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.
Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.
For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favour from the Lord;
but those who miss me injure themselves;
all who hate me love death.’

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #323**

Loving Spirit

*Loving Spirit, Holy Spirit
You have chosen me to be;
You have drawn me to Your wonder,
You have set Your sign on me.*

*Like a mother You enfold me,
Hold my life within Your own,*

*Feed me with Your very body,
Form me of Your flesh and bone.*

*Like a father You protect me,
Teach me the discerning eye,
Hoist me up upon Your shoulder,
Let me see the world from high.*

*Loving Spirit, in your closeness
I am known and held and blessed:
In your promise is my comfort,
In your presence I may rest.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all that lives; the One in whose image all are made; the One who kept covenant with Sarah and Abraham and never forgot Hagar, the One who loves, hears and sings over us still today.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior of all who believe; the One who fed the crowds, who healed the woman who bled, and the One whose love, life, death and rising re-creates us still today.

We believe in the Spirit, Comforter and Interpreter for all who cry out; the One who came in fire and wind; the One who gave courage to Esther, and the One who breathes life into the Word and us still today.

We believe that the Body of Christ is made up of hands large and small, hearts old and young, legs strong and weak, and feet made beautiful as they carry the Good News to the nations.

We join those who have gone before and those in the generations to follow in praise of the triune God who was and is and is to come. 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

***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 #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.*

***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.

Anniversary Wishes



Sherri & Rodney Craver 08/06



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Tim Gleason

Elder Brian Williams

Deacon Lori Brendlinger

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

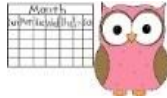


Thank you for your Generosity

July 30th \$350

July 23rd \$1,623

July 16th \$1,319



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Monday, August 7th 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Sunday, August 13th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

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