



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
July 09, 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.*

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea; Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith; Ever-present God, who fills us with awe but also raises many questions without easy answers; Open our eyes to see you in our boat—today, Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie

ahead, Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak. This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen

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

Come! Let us worship God!

**But today we are drenched with worry.**

God, you embrace our water-logged anxiety.

**We come for “me,” and, by your grace, worship as “we.”**

Your attention to our storms and your fearlessness in their midst provides a healing salve.

**So, let the waves come, because in you, our raging waters find rest. Amen.**

**\*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.*

*We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.*

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

**Lord God, we come to you today with joy and sorrow in our hearts. We praise you for what you have done for us through Jesus Christ, and the new life you've shown us. We bless you for the love and mercy you offer us, and yet we also come to you knowing that sometimes we have received your grace in vain. We do not always rely on your words and wisdom to guide us. We don't always show compassion when we should have. We remain silent**

**when we should speak, and speak when we should remain silent. We seize this moment in our storm-tossed lives to ask for another chance of hearing you say “Your sins are forgiven.” May the mark of that forgiveness be your grace in us as we respond with grace and gratitude to your love. Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

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

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Fear not!

God is with us, stilling the storms and raging fears in our lives. Place your trust in God always.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen**

### **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**

*Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32*

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the Lord, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

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

## **SECOND READING**

*Mark 4:35-41*

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

### ***We Respond to God's Love***

#### **\*HYMN #356**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

### **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.*

**God of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.**

**EUCCHARIST** – *see insert*

## ***We Go Out to Serve God***

**\*HYMN #2166 (StF)**

*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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

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)

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

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)

## **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  
The Community of East Palestine

## **Announcements**

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

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We are in need of a church custodian. This is a part-time position working 8 hrs/wk. If you or anyone you may know is interested please call the church office at 330-652-5712 (option 2). Schedule is flexible!

Hello Church Family! On Sunday, July 23rd we will be having our summer potluck. Church growth will be

providing hotdogs. Please feel free to bring a side if you would like! Weather permitting; Pastor Kori will be holding services outside under the pavilion at the manse. We will also be taking some photos, so please feel free to wear your FPCMR shirts if you have them! Bring a chair and enjoy some good food and company. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Birthday Wishes** 

Angelika Poslethwait 07/09

Randy Rummell 07/10

Dan Bezilla 07/12

Bryan Keeley 07/13

Tom Redmond 07/14

 **Anniversary Wishes**

Robbie & Angelika Poslethwait 07/09

Tracy & Jerry Butcher 07/11

Cindy & Ken Kaschak 07/12

**Responsibilities** 

Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Chuck Reinhart*

Elder- *Matt Glidewell*

Deacon- *Debbie Rendes*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle-*Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

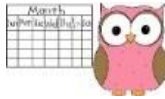


**Thank you for your Generosity**

July 02<sup>nd</sup> \$2,340

June 25<sup>th</sup> \$1,741

June 18<sup>th</sup> \$891



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, July 09<sup>th</sup>      10:00am      Worship/Fellowship  
(Communion)

Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>      7:00pm      Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>      10:00am      Worship/Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

Reverend Kori Robbins  
(406)-560-5548  
Pastor@FPCMR.org

### **Christian Educator**

Carole Rummell

### **Administrative Assistant**

April Dahl  
330-652-5712

### **Custodians**

Vacant

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

## **Church Info**

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