



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 08, 2024**

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.*

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us. Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it. Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do. Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

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

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

***HYMN #505 (GtG)** *The Feast is Ready*

*The trumpets sound, the angels sing;
The feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide,
And Jesus welcomes you inside. **Refrain***

Refrain:

*Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
The feast is ready to begin.*

*Tables are laden with good things;
O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine.
He'll turn your water into wine. **Refrain***

*The hungry heart he satisfies,
Offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud
The amazing goodness of the Lord. **Refrain***

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God’s path of righteousness.

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

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose 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.*

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid and distract ourselves from your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer in this worship moment.

FIRST READING *Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17*

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

SECOND READING *Genesis 3:1-8*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #420** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,*

*Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee.*

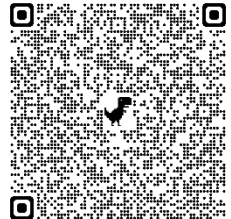
*Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

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

(If you prefer to give online you may scan this code to be directed to the Giving Page)



***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.*

**Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not
only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify
us and use us to work out your purposes in the
world. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST – *see insert*

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #411** *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

*Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God
which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;*

*proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones
and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Joy*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Go on your way in joy, my friends.
Let your left foot say, "Glory"
And your right say, "Amen."*

Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Marlyne Young Shirley Dull Helen Redmond

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless otherwise noted.

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Cody Tittle (Marlene's friend)

Marlene Tincher

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

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

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Joan Williams

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Mary Jane Hileman

Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)

Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)

Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)

Dawn Wilson

Cameron Watkins

Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)

Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)

Jim Harper (Jessica Painter's grandpa)

John (uncle of Mary Nolasco)

Penny Delleiso (Patty Postlethwait's mother)

Pam Kuzawa (Patty Postlethwait's aunt)

Jack (Tom Redmond's brother)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes father)
Shayne Gleason (January Rendes friend)
Samara Fabian
Ginny Gilmore
Marge & Ernie Ankeny (Marty O'Neill's in-laws)
Gwen Martin (Melissa Keeley's friend)
Family of Dale Lytle
Steven Lister (son of Ted & Darlene's friend)
Jace Martin (friend of Keeley Brister)

Prayers for the World

Peace and healing for our country and the world
Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Mineral Ridge Community Food Pantry
World Leaders
Refugees
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Ukraine
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

Announcements



Do you like to read? Something new is coming!

Think about this.....Read a book of your choice and come together with others to tell them about that book. Of course, there would be no "spoilers". Doing this may introduce us to new authors which we would know whether to try their books or not. So, there would be no assigned books, folks would just share

their own choice of reading. We would probably meet once a month in an afternoon. October may be a good starting date. If this sounds like something that would interest you call or tell Carole Rummell.

REGULAR CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 15.

The Adult Class is held in the lounge and begins at 9:15am. Our Tiny Tots class (3-4yrs) begins at 9:30 and is located on the second floor in the northwest corner classroom. The Multiage Class (age 5-grade six) will be in the first door on the left as you go up the stairs and begins at 9:30am.



Anniversary Wishes

Mary Rose & Tom Rebraca 09/10

Jessica & Jeffrey Painter 09/14



Birthday Wishes

Shirley Dull 09/09

Chuck Reinhart 09/12

Cindy Kaschak 09/12

Andie Pugh 09/13



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins
Liturgist- January Rendes
Elder- Chuck Reinhart
Deacon- Lori Brendlinger
Music- Anita Miller
Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Thank you for your generosity!

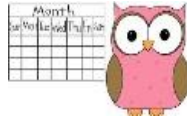


(We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!)

September 01st \$1,190

August 25th \$2,002

August 18th \$630



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 08 10:30am Worship/Fellowship
Birthday Party/Rally
Day

Monday, September 09 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Thursday, September 12 10:00am Sewing Guild
4:00pm M.R. Football Team

Sunday, September 15 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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