



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Easter Sunday
April 9, 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 –

Living God,
When our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples,
he greeted them in peace
and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them.
Breathe your Spirit upon us
as we gather to welcome Christ
with glad hearts and joyful voices.
Meet us here, we pray;

open our ears to hear you speaking
and our hearts to respond with joy.
Fashion us into an Easter people,
and send us out
to proclaim what we have seen and heard:
Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed!** Amen.

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

One: Come, let us worship God!

All: We come with joy and amazement. We come, startled and frightened. We come as we are.

One: We assemble together, saying “It is true!”

All: Are not our hearts burning within us?

One: Look! Touch and see! It is Jesus!

All: He has appeared! Our Lord is risen indeed!

One: Christ stands among us, saying “peace be with you.”

All: And we are witnesses of all these things!

***HYMN #104**

Christ is Risen!

*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 everyone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

It is tempting to think we have it all figured out, but then we fool only ourselves even as we crowd out the Spirit. When we admit our faults and our failings, we make room for the still small voice of God to speak, to us and through us. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess the ways we wound our lives, and the life of the world. Let us confess our sins, first in silence; then, together.

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

We come running, looking for you, Risen Christ, but you are not where we expect you to be. As always, you are to be found among the living—those living at the edge, those living with uncertainty, those living in ways we cannot imagine and may not

approve. We come running, our hands full of things and our minds full of self-reliance, only to find that you have been here already, you have rolled away the stone and called us to trust your word.

If this good news is true, it means everything is different now. We confess that our excitement is a little bit nervous—it's hard for us not to be in control.

Today as we peer once again into your empty tomb, remind us of all you have told us, and then guide our feet to follow. Fill the empty tombs of our hearts with your love that cannot be contained. Breathe new life into us, into your church, into your world, and overcome our fear of change so that we too may be found among the living. Turn our expectations upside down, and lead us into the new and different world you are creating, even now, even here. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear this good news: God is not far from each one of us. In every breath, the Spirit makes us new, alive with Christ!

We are forgiven, loved, and free. **Thanks be to God! 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

Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall. For children above kindergarten there are worship bags with activities to use in worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION— *Let us pray.*

Risen Christ, fill us with your Spirit and speak peace to us through these words of scripture. As we hear you, let our love overflow with knowledge and insight, and teach us to live in you, to the glory and praise of God. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #241 (GTG)** *Woman, Weeping*

*Woman, weeping in the garden,
who has pushed the stone aside?
Who has taken Jesus' body;
Jesus Christ, the crucified?*

*Woman, waiting in the garden,
after men have come and gone;
after angels give their witness,
silently you watch the dawn.*

*Woman, walking in the garden,
Jesus takes you by surprise;
when the gardener call you, "Mary!"
faith and joy meet in your eyes.*

*Woman weeping in the garden,
weeping for joy, for you have seen
Jesus, the Messiah risen:
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.*

*Woman, dancing from the garden,
find the others and proclaim
Christ is risen as he promised;
tell the world he knew your name!*

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 #245 (GtG)** *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every Knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ triumphant now, Alleluia!*

***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

Easter Flowers & Memorials

Given in honor and in memory of those we love.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John F. Brodie by Tom & Shirley Brodie

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Grady by Tom & Shirley Brodie

In memory of Ralph & John Grady by Tom & Shirley Brodie

In memory of Henry & Grace Brendlinger by the Brendlinger Family

*In memory of Albert Williams & Vicki Williams by the Brendlinger
Family*

In memory of Sean Brenner by Darryl & Jane Meyers

In honor of Olivia & Mason Meyers by Pop Pop & Gaga

In memory of Parents, Sisters & Brother by Gayle Hollowell

In memory of Frankie Keeley by Gayle Hollowell

In memory of George & Ann Kaschak by the Kaschak Family

In memory of Shirley Craig by the Kaschak Family

*In memory of Kate & Junior Postlethwait by Jim, Patty & Abbie
Postlethwait*

In memory of Bud & June Keeley by the Keeley Family

In memory of Frank Keeley & Madeline Keeley by the Keeley Family

*In memory of Lou Rendes & Mary Harwood by Mark & January
Rendes*

*In memory of Granny Helen Harwood by Mark, January & Andrew
Rendes*

In honor of Debbie Rendes by Andrew Rendes

In memory of loved ones by Carole Rummell

In memory of Daryl Moore by Lisa Sorg and Alyssa Strange



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.

Betty Garland

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)

Marty O'Neill

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)

Samara Fabian

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)

Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)

Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)

Amanda (Jessica Painter's friend)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

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.

Church Growth will be hosting Easter Breakfast today at 9:15am. Come join us for time of fellowship and good food followed by the annual releasing of the doves.

Marty O'Neil would like to extend sincerest thanks to everyone who sent cards, attended, or donated food for Jim Flores' Celebration of Life. She would like to share that she is so blessed to have such a strong, loving church family. She is grateful to all of you for helping her through this difficult time.

Last week we collected \$612.41 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our children collected \$87.41 with their OGHS fish banks, great job kids! Total collected to date is \$1,793.56. Thank you for your generosity.

Birthday Wishes



04/12 Marty O'Neill

04/13 Linda Frayer

Responsibilities

Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Val Copanic*

Elder- *Andy Konsol*

Deacon-*Rosie Rebraca*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle - *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

Thank you for your Generosity

April 02nd \$2,075

March 26th \$617

March 19th \$1,148



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 09	9:15am	Easter Breakfast
(<i>Easter Sunday</i>)	10:00am	Releasing of Doves
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
	5:00pm	Presbytery Event
Monday, April 10	6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, April 15	9:15am	Adult Class
	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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