



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 14, 2022

THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00am 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

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**

Children of God: Welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of this beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***HYMN 469** *Morning Has Broken*

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Creator, we admit that we like to put You into neat little boxes – the God of this, the God of that, the God of these people, but not of those people. We admit we make You too small. We admit we make You manageable. Forgive our short-sightedness, our self-limitedness, and our stubbornness. Enlarge our hearts, souls, and minds so that we let go of the need to define You so that we can embrace the joy of letting You be the one who loves. In Christ we pray, Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

SUNG RESPONSE 280

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

THE EPISTLE LESSON James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

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

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7: 24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart; whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Holy Spirit helps believers grow in the new life.
The Christian fellowship is not a society of perfect people.
The struggle between the old way of life and the new is severe.
Yet the Spirit produces among followers of Jesus
 love, joy, peace,
 and victories in the battle against evil.
We believe the Holy Spirit works today
 whenever believers grow toward maturity in Christ.
As long as we live we struggle with sin,
 but the Spirit's presence assures us
 God will complete what has been begun in us.**

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CALL FOR OFFERING

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!

DEDICATION PRAYER

All good gifts come to us as expressions of Your love, O God. We believe that Jesus Christ is the ultimate embodiment of that love. The offerings we present are meant to serve as signs of our gratitude. We dedicate them to the work of the Church, and we recommit ourselves to service in the name of Christ. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 543 (Glory to God Hymnal)** *God Be the Love (verses 1 & 4)*

God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me

Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE 322**

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

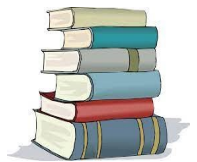
WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

We all have seen on our televisions the flood disaster in eastern Kentucky. At this point 37 lives have been lost. They expect to find more. Homes are gone or damaged beyond repair. This is when we are in place to be what God wants us to be. Helping our neighbor.

Resources are needed now but will be needed in the weeks, months and years to come. Making a donation will enable the denomination to be in a position to support the long-term recovery. You can use an envelope in the pews or just send in your donation and our Treasurer will make sure it goes to the PDA.



The Little Library

The Christian Education Committee is pleased that many are participating in the giving and taking books from our "Little Library". Some have brought children's books and we hope others may also contribute children's books. We will be inviting those who come to our food distribution (which is August 23) to check out our "Little Library" and participate in the sharing of books. Many of them have children and we will be encouraging them to use the children's books.

Christian Education

We are sorry to learn that Miss Ella Parrone, Story Circle attendant, will be leaving us as of the end of August she has been a faithful staff member and we will certainly miss her. She will be a senior at Youngstown State University and will have a heavy schedule. We want to wish her well as she moves on with her studies that will prepare her for her life's work.

We are now looking to hire a Story Circle attendant for 1-1/2 hours or so on Sunday mornings usually between 10:15 and 11:45 when we return to worship this fall. The applicants must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, and provide a safe, secure place for children to play and enjoy each other. She or he must pass a background check. Applications can be received from Jane Meyers, Chair of Personnel or Carole Rummell, Educator.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 14	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, August 15	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Thursday, August 18	8:30am	Community Parish Meeting
Sunday, August 21	10:00am	Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young



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)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Betty Garland
Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father.)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)
Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Stan Alex (Dale, Kathy Graham Brother-in-Law)
Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's 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
The Ukraine



Weekly Offering

8/07 \$4,115

7/31 \$1,175

7/24 \$1,106



Chad Warrick 8/14 Glenn Griffiths 8/16
April Dahl 8/14 Jane Meyers 8/16
Diane Koch 8/16 Carole Rummell 8/19



Brian & Melissa Keeley 08/16

Tim & Sherry Gleason 08/20



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Kori Robbins

LITURGIST: Sherry Gleason

ELDER: Lisa Sorg

DEACON: Shirley Brodie

MUSIC: Anita Miller