



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

Christmas Program Day!

Welcome to our church! It is a joy to worship with you 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SUNG RESPONSE #85 (GtG)

Light two candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *Let us pray.*

Amazing God, long ago, You gathered a group of unlikely outsiders—Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and others to be part of a great miracle: the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Today You have sought us out and brought us to the manger. You have interrupted our routines with Your Good News. You have gathered this unlikely assortment of folk to become a holy people, a community of faith. We want to respond. Show us how. Help us receive your renewing love as we praise You for offering us salvation in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

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

Come, holy people, called by God, let us follow the way prepared for us.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth among those who please God.

Once again the world is surprised at a manger, as the glory of God surpasses what is expected.

Let us go to Bethlehem to see what God has made known to us.

There in Bethlehem and here today at First Presbyterian Church, we are reminded anew of the wonder of God's ways.

Let us glorify and praise God for all that we have seen and heard!

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Every moment of living is an opportunity to do something differently, to face the truth of our lives, to turn toward God in hope. Every confession of those things which lie in hearts is an opportunity to come closer to God. Trusting in God’s grace and mercy, let us then make our confession, first in silent prayer.

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

God, we join with the angels, the great cloud of witnesses, and one another this day to celebrate you and the gift of Jesus Christ. We name that we get distracted and lost often in the chaos of daily life, and this has kept us from sharing in the joy, love, and life that you intend. Trusting your love and forgiveness, we confess the ways we have missed out and fallen short. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Open yourselves to the joy to be found in our forgiveness; never more are we to be held captive by that which seeks to tear us from God. Hear the Good News of the Gospel: we are forgiven. **Amen!**

SUNG RESPONSE

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

We Respond to God's Love

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.

OFFERATORY

***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 new life, out of the abundance of our lives we offer these gifts to you. Through your blessing and our willingness to share, may these offerings become a source for hope and love in this church family, and in the community beyond us, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Narration

Scripture Reading John 1:1-4, 5, 9-14, 18

SONG This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
(back to beginning)*

Narration

Scripture Readings Luke 1:26-38

SONG**Here I Am, Lord (v. 1 & 3)**

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

Chorus: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
'til their hearts are satisfied,
I will give my life for them, whom shall I send?*

Narration**SONG****O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 2)**

*O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light:
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.*

Narration

SONG

Away in a Manger (v. 1 & 2)

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
The little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Narration

SONG

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 1 & 3)

(All the other angels move to the front.)

*Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace,
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die,*

*Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

Narration

SONG O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1 & 2)

(All shepherds move to the front.)

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him,
 O come let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)*

Narration

SONG Do You Hear What I Hear? (v. 1 & 2)

(All animals move to the front.)

*Said the night wind to the little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb,
"Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite."*

*Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy,
"Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the the sea,
With a voice as big as the the sea."*

*Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king,
"Do you know what I know?
A child, a child shivers in the cold--
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold."*

Narration

SONG Go Tell It On the Mountain (v. 1 & 2)

(All the townspeople move to the front)

Chorus: *Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold through-out the heavens
There shone a holy light.(chorus)*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.(chorus)*

Proclamation of the Good News

SONG

Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, & 4)

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world! The Savior reigns”
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his right-eous-ness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.*

Merry Christmas!

***BENEDICTION**

Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond

Shirley Dull

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

Betty Garland

Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)

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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

Larry Schmidt (Meyers' Friend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic's father)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Tom Crozier

Bill Happney

The Keeley family

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
Refugees
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)
Peace and healing for our country
Casa de Buen Trato
Needles's Eye
Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

Announcements

We have recently made some updates to our church email addresses. You can reach Pastor Kori at pastor@fpcmr.org and you can reach the general office mailbox at admin@fpcmr.org. Our previous mailboxes will still be up for awhile while we make this transition.

On December 14th we will be joining with Guiding Light Presbyterian Church in Girard for “A Blue Christmas” as many struggle to cope with grief and loss over the holiday season. The service will take place at 7pm at FPCMR.

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist-Olivia Meyers

Elder- Jane Meyers

Deacon- David Rummell

Music-Anita Miller

Thank you for your generosity

November 27th \$1,317

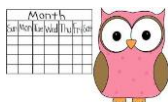
November 20th \$2,403

November 13th \$1,366

Birthday Wishes



David Pugh 12/04



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 04	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Christmas Program/Fellowship
Monday, December 05	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday, December 11	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

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