



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Christ the King Sunday
November 20, 2022**

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.*

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit, empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let the heavens be glad and let them rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

***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 loves 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.*

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. Still, we engage in confession, admitting to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of God's love, let us make our confession, first in silence.

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

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

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.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with
Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and
your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the
fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20

In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, King Sennacherib of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem, with a great army. He stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Fuller's Field. And there came out to him Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who oversaw the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and Joah, son of Asaph, the recorder.

Then the Rabshakeh stood and called out in a loud voice in the language of Judah, ‘Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria! Thus says the king: “Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you. Do not let Hezekiah make you rely on the Lord by saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: “Make your peace with me and come out to me; then every one of you will eat from your own vine and your own fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. Do not let Hezekiah mislead you by saying, The Lord will save us. Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who among all the gods of these countries have saved their countries out of my hand, that the Lord should save Jerusalem out of my hand?” ’

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

SECOND READING

Isaiah 37: 1-7, 2:1-4

When King Hezekiah heard it, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. And he sent Eliakim, who oversaw the palace, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. They said to him, ‘Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of distress, of rebuke, and of

disgrace; children have come to birth, and there is no strength to bring them forth. It may be that the Lord your God heard the words of the Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria has sent to mock the living God and will rebuke the words that the Lord your God has heard; therefore, lift up your prayer for the remnant that is left.’

When the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah, Isaiah said to them, ‘Say to your master, “Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have reviled me. I myself will put a spirit in him, so that he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.” ’

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #150** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
he is our guide and friend,
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again;
Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

on heaven's blissful shore,
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything that else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

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.*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #293** *This is My Father's World*

*This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied
And earth and heaven be one.*

***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

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)

James Boyce (Church Custodian)

Jen & Jon Christmas (Kori's Friends)

Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's 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)

Betty Garland

Tom Crozier

Bill Happney

The Keeley family

Family of January Rendes

Kevin Stanley (Kori's step-father)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Butch Kelly (Friend of Garland Family)

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN

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. Further details and location to be announced.

The Deacons are taking orders for poinsettias for Christmas. You may also contribute to the Memorial Fund or Deacon’s Fund. The names of all donors will appear in the bulletin Christmas Sunday. You can take your plant home any time after the service. Order forms will be located in the back of the Sanctuary and will also be emailed.

Book Club will be held Tuesday, November 22 at 4pm. Please join us!

Our 160th Anniversary is approaching and we’re looking for people to volunteer! Interested? Contact Pastor Kori for more information.

We are also looking to start a prayer group. Please contact Pastor Kori if you’d like to be involved.

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist-Debbie Rendes

Elder- Brian Williams

Deacon- Shirley Brodie

Music-Marnie Bonsall

Thank you for your generosity

November 13th \$1,366

November 6th \$2,320

October 30th \$952

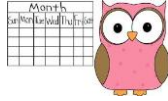
Birthday Wishes



Paul Wasilewski 11/20

Jeff Kaschak 11/22

Mary Alice Seaborn 11/23



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 20	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, November 21	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, November 22	4:00pm	Book Group
<i>Thursday, November 24</i>		<i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday, November 27	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

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