



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**19th Sunday of Pentecost
October 8, 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 – *let us pray.*

Loving and merciful God, as followers of Christ, you call us to bring a hopeful understanding of our world, knowing that you created this universe and called it good. We ask that you be with us this morning as we bring our hope in you with us wherever we go. We join our hearts, minds and souls together this morning to worship and praise you! Amen.

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

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

***HYMN #291 (GtG)** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings." Refrain:*

*You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes. **Refrain:***

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **Refrain:***

*You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. **Refrain:***

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth
about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of
God's children let us confess our sins, first in silent
prayer.*

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

Holy One, we confess that we have been caught up in the ways of the world. Instead of looking to commandments and rules as a way to guide our life, we use them to punish and restrict others. Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions. Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives. Call us back to Your way of life, a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness. Call us back to a way of life that honors You and creation, and guides us to better love our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus Christ, who ended sacrifice and death and fulfilled the promise of new life, we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 – *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.*

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:1-6; 6:4-9

Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. Not with our ancestors did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. (At that time, I was standing between the Lord and you to declare to you the words of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And he said:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 12: 28-31

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’ Jesus answered, ‘The first is, “Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.” The second is this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.’

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #769 (GtG)** *For Everyone Born (vs. 1,3,5)*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead. Refrain*

Refrain:

*And God will delight when we are creators
Of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators
Of justice, justice and joy.*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong. Refrain*

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free. Refrain*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces. We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done. We are raw material for

rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking. We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears. We commit ourselves to working together in the name of God that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace. 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.

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.*

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***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.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

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

*High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still by my vision, O ruler of all.*

***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

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

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)

James Tincher (Marlene's son)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

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)

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

Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Joan Williams

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Carole Rummell

Dave Smith (Karen Painter's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff

Our Mineral Ridge Church Family

Niles Community Services

Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions

Refugees throughout the world

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

Victims of natural disasters

Announcements

Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into the bulletin.

On Saturday October 21st, 2023, First Presbyterian Church and Ohltown Methodist Church will be hosting a blessing of the Pets at the First Presbyterian Church. The blessing will begin at 12pm and a small lunch will follow. The blessing will take place outside in the Manse yard and will be performed by Pastor Kori and Pastor Jim. We do request if you have a reactive pet that you bring a photo to have blessed.

Meet the Candidates Night will take place Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm. Join us in Fellowship Hall for this highly informative event.

October 29th, will be our next potluck! The Church Growth committee will be hosting a Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree Brunch and will be providing pancakes and sausage. Please feel free to bring a side to share and dress up in a family friendly costume! We look forward to seeing you there!

We will be selling the vouchers once again this year around the holidays to help fund our community pantry. We will have two food distributions for the holidays in November and December. Should you have any questions please reach out to Tim Gleason.



Birthday Wishes

Adrianna Borst 10/09

Sally Erb 10/09

Nicole McMullen 10/13

Valerie Copanic 10/13

Nick Speziale 10/14

Anniversary Wishes



William & Pam Reinhart 10/09

Kim & Fred Weaver 10/09



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Debbie Rendes

Elder Sue McCabe

Deacon Patty Postlethwait

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

Thank you for your Generosity

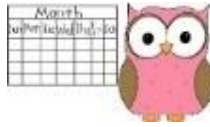


We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!

October 1st \$4,042

September 24th \$1,220

September 17th \$2,240



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 8th 9:15am Church School
 10:30am Worship/
 Fellowship

Monday, October 9th 7:00pm Al-Anon/
 Al-Ateen

Thursday, October 12th 4:30pm M.R. Football
 Team Dinner

Sunday, October 15th 9:15am Church School
 10:30am Worship
 Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
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