



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**3rd Sunday in Lent
March 03, 2024**

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.*

God, you are here to serve us and to feed us. You stooped your divine self into human form--translating divinity into a body and Good News into a format that we can understand, so that we can taste and see the Good News of your life. We desire your presence among us. Be with us in this time of worship and singing and listening. We pray in the name of your son Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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

Great is God's Steadfast Love

God delivers me

God is great and wondrous

You alone are God

I give thanks to you, of you alone are God

Let us give our whole hearts to God

God's steadfast love is eternal

Come let us glorify God's name forever

***HYMN #81** *Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

*Lord, who throughout these forty days
For us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
And close by Thee to stay.*

*As Thou with Satan didst contend,
And didst the victory win,
O give us strength in Thee to fight,
In Thee to conquer sin.*

*And through these days of penitence,
And through Thy passiontide,
Yea, evermore in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*God allows us to sit in the Divine presence even when
we feel uncertain, come let us confess ourselves to God.
Let us confess our sins, first in silent prayer.*

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

**God, we confess that we do not know what to
render to you. It feels like everything belongs to
society and Caesar: our bodies, our time, our work.
We confess that it angers us in such a way that we
might become like the tenants, ready to lash out
even at those who come to with messages from
God. Help us to move beyond the structures of this
world, so that we can serve the Kingdom we pray.
Amen.**

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News, the yoke of Jesus Christ is light,
and He is ready to forgive, so we know the Good News
of Christ's grace

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.*

Lord our God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Let us hear your promises in this Scripture, and let the world know your blessing in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 89: 8-13

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O Lord,
that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole
heart, and I will glorify your name for ever.

For great is your steadfast love towards me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 12:1-12

Then he began to speak to them in parables. ‘A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again, he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally, he sent him to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But those tenants said to one another, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.” So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?’

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #2223 (StF)** *They Will Know We Are Christians*

*We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored*

Chorus:

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love*

*We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land **(Chorus)***

*We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride **(Chorus)***

*All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to
Christ Jesus God's only Son
And all praise to
The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

God has not taken his people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship him there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining him in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and his promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace. Amen.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

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.*

God who sees us as complete and calls us by name in the midst of our struggles, lead us towards a faith that helps us to serve in a way that is not about ability but about faith we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #543**

God Be the Love

*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*

*Bind to myself the name of Holy
Great cloud of witnesses enfold
Prophets, apostles, angels witness
O Christ, surround me O Christ, surround me*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind
Depth of the sea to soil of planet
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*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me
Christ in the ears who hear my voice*

*Christ in the hearts of all who know me
O Christ, surround me O Christ, surround me*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Peace*

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Let your left foot say, "Glory"

And your right say, "Amen."



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 otherwise noted.

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)
Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)
Chuck & Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)
Joan Williams
Rusty Garland
Kathy Garland
Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Terry Keeley Sr
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)
Logan (Friend of Abbie Postlethwait)
Pam & Sam Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

Dawn Wilson

Prayers for the World

Eastminster Presbytery and staff

Our Mineral Ridge Church Family

World Leaders

Refugees

Peace and healing for our country and the world

Niles Community Services

Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission

Our PC(USA) coworkers

Ukraine

Citizens of Israel and Palestine

Announcements

The Christian Education committee has books on Easter available in Fellowship Hall for our kids. Please feel free to take one!

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Special Offering received during Lent. This offering is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. The three programs it supports are: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance -goes to communities after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. Presbyterian Hunger Program -takes action to alleviate hunger. Self-Development of People -invests 13 in communities to teach people to help themselves. Our GOAL this year is \$1,500!

Community Pantry will hold a meeting on Monday, March 4th at 8:30am in the lounge.

Anniversary Wishes

Tracey & Randy Rummell 03/03

Birthday Wishes



Andy Konsol 02/29 Michelle Meyers 03/05
Jeffrey Painter 03/03 Lisa Sorg 03/07
Patty Postlethwait 03/03 Dan Rambo 03/08
Brian Pugh 03/04 Richard Henniger 03/08
Gayle Hollowell 03/04 Butch Lukehart 03/09

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Jill Fabian

Elder- Carole Rummell

Deacon- Rosie Rebraca

Music- Andrew Karkosiak

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity

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



02/25/24 \$1,146

02/18/24 \$1,779.84

02/11/24 \$1,343

*(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420
Received to date \$794)*



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 03

(3rd Sunday in Lent)

9:15am

Church School

9:30am

Tiny Tots

10:30am

Worship/Fellowship

Monday, March 04

8:30am

Community Pantry
Meeting

7:00pm

Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, March 10

(4th Sunday in Lent)

9:15am

Church School

9:30am

Tiny Tots

10:30am

Worship/Communion
Fellowship

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Olivia Meyers

Media

Samara Fabian

Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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