



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
November 27, 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**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**SUNG RESPONSE #85 (GtG)**

Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel; God fulfills the promise.

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER** – *Let us pray.*

O God, our God, our Wonderful Counselor and Prince of Peace: we come to you this day with much on our hearts. In this time set apart, in the quiet and stillness, help us draw near to you and to each other. Open our ears to hear your good news; open our eyes to see the possibilities for peace and grace that await us. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

**Amen.**

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

The story begins with hope for a child –

**A child, born of woman, like us;**

A child who will lead us,

**A child who will inspire us.**

A child who will be our living hope.

**On this first Sunday of Advent, we give thanks for the coming child, Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN #12**      *People, Look East (v. 1, 4, 5)*

People, look east. The time is near

Of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,

Trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**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 of grace and truth,  
long ago your prophets told of your promises –  
a promise of restoration and salvation.  
We confess that we have not believed your  
promise, that we have preferred brokenness to  
restoration, and have lingered with dis-ease rather  
than welcome salvation. We have remained  
steadfast in the ease of the status quo,  
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance**

**and change. Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength, so that we may receive the fullness of your promise, and live into that joy. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ, the promise is true: God loves us. God forgives us. God is coming to us even now to save us. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

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

*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** *Habakkuk 1:1-7*

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the

righteous—therefore judgement comes forth perverted. Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

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

**SECOND READING**      *Habakkuk 2:1-4, 3: 17-19*

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights.

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

## ***We Respond to God's Love***

**\*HYMN #100 (GtG)**      *Canticle of the Turning*

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

### ***Refrain***

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. ***Refrain***

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears

ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **Refrain**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are an Advent people, a people of hope.  
For us, Advent is a time of waiting,  
and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One  
who is the fulfillment of God's promise, the  
fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have  
been redeemed. The Holy One is coming, to make  
holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.  
And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and  
worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that  
peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in  
our world, now and forever. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** – *You may be seated.*

## **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.**

**EUCCHARIST** – *see insert*



## **We Go Out to Serve God**

**\*HYMN #9**

*Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

### ***Refrain:***

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. ***(Refrain)***

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. ***(Refrain)***

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE #743**

*Step by Step*

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
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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)

Larry Schmidt (Meyers' Friend)

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](mailto:pastor@fpcmr.org) and you can reach the general office mailbox at [admin@fpcmr.org](mailto:admin@fpcmr.org). Our previous mailboxes will still be up for awhile while we make this transition.**

On December 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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-Suzie McCabe*

*Elder- Brian Williams*

*Deacon-Rosie Gleason*

*Music-Anita Miller*

## **Thank you for your generosity**

November 20<sup>th</sup> \$2,403

November 13<sup>th</sup> \$1,366

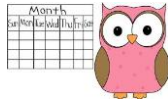
November 6<sup>th</sup> \$2,320

## **Birthday Wishes**



Jennifer Pugh 11/30

Kirk Bunch 11/30



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 27	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship/Communion
Monday, November 28	6:30pm	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, November 29	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Sunday, December 04	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

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## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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