



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**12th Sunday of Pentecost
August 20th, 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.*

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, sovereign of the universe who has sanctified us with God's commandments and commanded us to keep the Sabbath. In love and favor, You made the holy Sabbath our heritage as a reminder of the work of Creation. As first among our sacred days, it recalls the Exodus from Egypt. You chose us and set us apart

from the peoples. In love and favor You have given us
Your holy Sabbath as an inheritance. Blessed are You,
our Lord, who sanctifies this day. Amen.

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

Come all you who are weary,

And find rest in the arms of your Savior.

Come all you who are broken hearted,

And find wholeness in the presence of God.

Come all you who are exhausted from striving,

and be still and know that the Lord is God.

***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 lives 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.*

We have come this morning with full hearts – hearts that carry sorrow, and worry, and guilt. In this time, we offer our hearts to God, remembering Christ's invitation that all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens may come to him. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

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

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know— we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. Holy God, hear our prayer. We have twisted

your decrees and institutions to suit our own interests rather than yours. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ be our peace: those who are divided, Christ has made one. Christ has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body in Christ.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

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.*

Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

SECOND READING

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately

she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

Barry Chance

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #280**

Amazing Grace

*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.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, Creator and Sustainer of all that lives; the One in whose image all are made; the One who kept covenant with Sarah and Abraham and never forgot Hagar, the One who loves, hears and sings over us still today.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Redeemer and Savior of all who believe; the One who fed the crowds, who healed the woman who bled, and the One whose love, life, death and rising re-creates us still today.

We believe in the Spirit, Comforter and Interpreter for all who cry out; the One who came in fire and wind; the One who gave courage to Esther, and the One who breathes life into the Word and us still today.

We believe that the Body of Christ is made up of hands large and small, hearts old and young, legs strong and weak, and feet made beautiful as they carry the Good News to the nations.

We join those who have gone before and those in the generations to follow in praise of the triune God who was and is and is to come. 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

***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.*

**We give you thanks Lord, for the bounty of the
earth and the gift of rest. Accept these gifts, not
just for your work in the world, but as a sacrifice of
praise that reminds us that we can stop and we can
give and still there will be enough for tomorrow.
Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #527** *Near to the Heart of God*

*There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.*

Refrain:

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before Thee,
near to the heart of God*

*There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

*There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]*

***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)

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Family of Melissa Keeley

Joan Williams

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees
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
Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria
Wildfire Victims in Maui

Announcements

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

As summer winds down, regular monthly meetings will resume. Committee Night takes place on Tuesday, August 22nd, Deacons will meet Monday, August 28th, and Session resumes on Tuesday, August 29th. Meetings are held at 6:30pm unless otherwise noted.



Birthday Wishes

Ameera Crozier 08/20

Ken McCabe 08/21

Nicole Pugh 08/21

Kylee Palomo 08/22

Makayla Warrick 08/25

Anniversary Wishes



Sherry & Tim Gleason 08/20

Joseph & Andrea Lane 08/26



Responsibilities

Preacher Barry Chance

Liturgist Cindy Kaschak

Elder Lisa Sorg

Deacon Melissa Keeley

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange

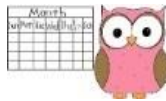


Thank you for your Generosity

August 13th \$2,076

August 06th \$2,755

July 30th \$350



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 20th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship
(Guest Preacher)

Monday, August 21st 7:00pm Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Tuesday, August 22nd 10am-12pm Food Distribution
6:30pm Committee Night

Thursday August, 24th 4:30pm M.R. Football
Team Dinner

Sunday, August 27th 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
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