



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 04, 2022

THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00a.m.



This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:00am and can be accessed in the following ways:

1. By joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUerMUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.
2. Calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712. through Facebook at www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).
3. Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a **LOW** risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few recommendations from our Health Ministries Team that have been approved by the Session:

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace will resume in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic.
Some of us may choose to elbow bump, wave or knuckle bump while others of us may choose to shake hands or hug. As always, respect for each other will be observed.
3. Pot Luck dinners will resume.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

A love that never ceases,
A creativity that designed the universe,
A hope that cannot be quenched,
A pursuit of reconciliation no matter the cost:
These are the things that are of God,
Then let us worship God.

***HYMN 473** *For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1-4)*

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night.
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent child,
Friends of earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mirth,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust and joy. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God sent Jesus not to judge us, but to save us. God accepts both our courage and our fears. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Dare to accept the gift of a new beginning.

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.**

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 139: 1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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



SERMON

Choosing God

Pastor Kori Robbins

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN 285**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image, Would a true reflection be
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful In our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship Joined in one community.
When we blur Your gracious image, Focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as Your people, We move onward toward Your goal.

God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We trust in God,
Whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
And makes every equally in God's image.
All genders, of all races, of all people,
To live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
Accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
And threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
The God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
To bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal son home,
God is faithful still.**

(From A Brief Statement of Faith)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING

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!**

*** DEDICATION PRAYER**

God of the Universe, thank you for your promises and your faithfulness. We know we can rely on you. Your Holy Words say that we will find joy in offering our time, talents and treasures to meet the needs of others. We give you this offering freely and cheerfully towards the work of your kingdom. Lord, bless us and keep us, make your face shine upon us. Turn your face towards us and give us peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 536 *Lord, Make Us More Holy (verses 1, 2, 4)*

Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy,
until we meet again:
holy, holy, holy,
until we meet again.

Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving,
until we meet again:
loving, loving, loving,
until we meet again.

Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Until we meet again.
Faithful, faithful, faithful,
Until we meet again.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN VERSE 322**

*Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.*

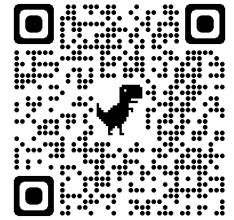
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY. We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.

The Presbytery meeting is on September 6th, among the many other things being discussed, Kori is being examined by the Presbytery. She'll be preaching and answering a series of questions. It would be wonderful if anybody from the church would be able to come down and listen, provide support, and be a friendly face in the crowd. Meeting will be held at Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland, OH @1pm. Please bring a chair. The presbytery E-packet and other details will be posted on the website by August 30th. To help the folks from Poland plan for lunch, early registration is appreciated.

Pending the approval of the Presbytery on September 6th, Kori's ordination and installation will be held on September 18th at 2:00 pm at FPCMR. Members of the Presbytery have been invited, as well as Kori's own pastor from Montana. A little reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Please scan for complete details



Beginning next Sunday September 11, 2022 regular Worship hours resume. See you at 10:30am!

Book Club resumes Tuesday, September 13th. Meetings will be held every other week at 4pm in the Lounge. See you there!



Christian Education

We are sorry to learn that Miss Ella Parrone, Story Circle attendant, will be leaving us as of the end of August she has been a faithful staff member and we will certainly miss her. She will be a senior at Youngstown State University and will have a heavy schedule. We want to wish her well as she moves on with her studies that will prepare her for her life's work. We are now looking to hire a Story Circle attendant for 1-1/2 hours or so on Sunday mornings usually between 10:15 and 11:45 when we return to worship this fall. The applicants must be at least 18 years old, enjoy working with children, and provide a safe, secure place for children to play and enjoy each other. She or he must pass a background check. Applications can be received from Jane Meyers, Chair of Personnel or Carole Rummell, Educator.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 4	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, September 5	6:30pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Thursday, September 8	4pm-6pm	M.R. High Football Dinner
Sunday, September 11	9:15am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

PRAYER LIST



MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn
Marlyne Young

Helen Redmond
Shirley Dull

HEALTH CONCERNS

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)
Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)
Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)
Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)
Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)
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)
Betty Garland
John (Debbie Rendes' friend)

SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

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
Someplace Safe

Casa de Buen Trato
Needles's Eye
The Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker



Weekly Offering

8/28 \$513
8/21 \$1,167
8/14 \$2,142



9/04 Danielle Williams 9/07 Alexandria Fabian
9/05 Michael Craver 9/09 Shirley Dull
9/07 Natalie McMullen



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00am to 1:00pm
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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Kori Robbins
LITURGIST: Marty O'Neill
ELDER: Ken Rambo
DEACON: January Rendes
MUSIC: Anita Miller