



First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 28, 2022

THE 12TH 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**

This is God's day, and we are invited to be a part of it.

This is God's invitation: to come and see what God is doing in the world.

This is what God is doing: bringing good news to the poor,

And proclaiming release to the captives,

Recovering sight for those who are blind

And letting the oppressed go free.

Let us join in, and let us worship God.

***HYMN 161** *As Morning Dawns*

As morning dawns, Lord, hear our cry.

O sovereign God, now hear our sigh.

As first light brings the sun's warm rays,

Accept our sacrifice of praise.

Before You, Lord, the wicked fall,

And none shall dwell within Your hall.

The proud shall never gain a place,

Nor evil live to see Your face.

Your steadfast love shall welcome all

Who seek Your house and on You call.

O lead us, Lord, in righteousness,

As though this day Your name we bless.

Let all who seek You then rejoice,

And sing to You with joyful voice.

For You shall bless the righteous, Lord.

Forever be Your name adored.

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside – the difficult ones, the needy ones, the ones that are hard to spend time with, the ones who confront us. And sometimes when we do things like that, it's not really about the other people, but about us. We are uncomfortable, or we feel guilty, or we follow brighter, shinier people, or we worry about what will make us look good. We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness. We need to be forgiven for our sin, for our mistakes, for mistaking what the world values with what you value. Help us to be better, and to see more clearly, and to care more thoroughly. In Christ we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Dear Child of God, in our world it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are loveable. No, we are loveable precisely because God loves us.

-The Assurance are words from Bishop Desmond Tutu in *God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*, Doubleday, 2004.

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 2: 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING*Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16*

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

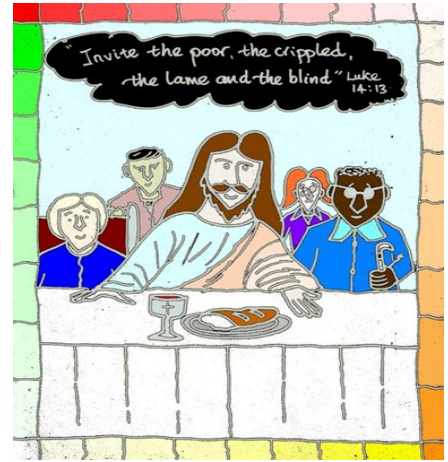
*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall*

THE GOSPEL Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN 506 (GLORY TO GOD) *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
 Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
 Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
 Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table; Ancient followers appear,
 saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
 Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
 Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in the thousand different ways,
 but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
 for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
 to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
 by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
 when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—
 and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We declare God's goodness and justice.

God has blessed us beyond our deserving.

**When we forget the Lord and worship our possessions,
 when we fail to deal justly with the poor,
 when we seek security no matter what it costs others,
 we can expect God's judgment upon us.**

God sends us to strive for justice.

**God has reached out to those who suffer injustice
 and defended the excluded, the poor, and the hungry.**

**The Lord is moving toward the time
 when justice will roll down like waters
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

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**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous towards your world. Amen.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 507 (GLORY TO GOD)

Come to the Table of Grace (verses 1 &3)

Come to the table of grace Come to the table of grace
This is God's table It's not yours or mine Come to the table of grace
Come to the table of love Come to the table of love
This is God's table It's not yours or mine Come to the table of love

***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.*

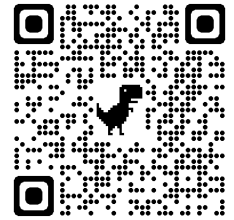
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

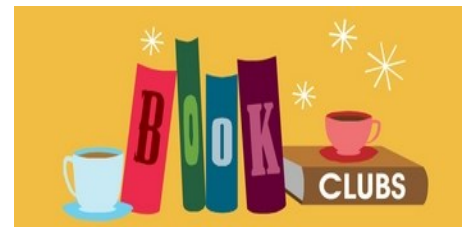
The Presbytery meeting is on September 6th, among the many other things being discussed, Kori is being examined by the Presbytery. She'll be preaching and answering a series of questions. It would be wonderful if anybody from the church would be able to come down and listen, provide support, and be a 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



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, August 28	10:00am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, August 29	6:30pm	Session Meeting
Monday, August 29	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Thursday, September 1	4pm-+6pm	M.R. High Football Dinner
Sunday, September 4	10:00am	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
Pastor Nominating Committee
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
Niles Community Services
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
The Ukraine



Weekly Offering

8/21 \$1,167
8/14 \$2,142
8/07 \$4,115



Derek Brendlinger 8/28
Karen Shoemaker 8/30
Hailey McMullen 8/30



Thomas & Kim
Crozier 9/02

OFFICE HOURS

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RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

PREACHER: Kori Robbins

LITURGIST: Jill Fabian

ELDER: Lisa Sorg

DEACON: Darlene Smith

MUSIC: Anita Miller