



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**20th Sunday of Pentecost
October 15, 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.*

Loving and merciful God, as followers of Christ, you call us to bring a hopeful understanding of our world, knowing that you created this universe and called it good. We ask that you be with us this morning as we bring our hope in you with us wherever we go. We join our hearts, minds and souls together this morning to worship and praise you! Amen.

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

Here in this place, there are no strangers

for all are welcome in God's house.

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

for love is the language of faith.

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

for God dwells in each of us.

Come, let us worship in unity and 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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

*Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth
about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of
God's children let us confess our sins, first in silent
prayer.*

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

Gracious and merciful God, you know us. You know our hearts, you know our thoughts, you know our actions. You know our successes and our failures, that which commends us and that which condemns us. We know ourselves, too; we know the good we have done, and we know how we have fallen short. We would know you better, so that the burden of sin would not weigh us down. We would know you better, so that the freedom of your mercy would enable us to fly. Forgive our sins, and restore us to wholeness, 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: Each one of us has been lost at different times and in many different ways. But now we are indeed found, and not simply found, but rejoiced over, and cherished, and beloved. Your sins are forgiven; you have come home. Amen.

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.*

Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path. We also pray for all who are about to set on an adventurous journey of faith anywhere in the world. Amen.

FIRST READING*Psalm 36: 5-12*

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise.

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

SECOND READING*Ruth 1:6-17*

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we

will return with you to your people.’ But Naomi said, ‘Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.’ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ But Ruth said,

‘Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #356** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father, Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father
Almighty.**

**From there he shall come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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

(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 of Abraham, and Moses and Ruth, we give these offerings to you today in gratitude, rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us. We give these offerings in faith, trusting that you will provide for our needs. We give these offerings in hope, knowing that you can use them to spread your love in this world. Where you go, we will go. And with these offerings, we give ourselves; May we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #324 (GTG)** *For All the Faithful Women*

*For all the faithful women
Who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
Proclaimed your power to save.*

*We praise your name for Miriam,
who sang triumphantly
while Pharaoh's vaunted army
lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland
and ventured forth in faith,
who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death.*

*We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.*

*We praise the other Mary,
who hastened to the tomb
and found her Lord arisen,
dispelling doubt and gloom.*

*Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,
who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness,
her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants,
our fervent prayer we raise,
that, faithful in your service,
our lives may sing your praise.*

***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)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan & Patty Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Joan Williams

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Dave Smith (Karen Painter's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Refugees throughout the world
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
Victims of natural disasters
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

Announcements

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

On Saturday October 21st, 2023, at 12pm First Presbyterian Church and Ohltown Methodist Church will be hosting a blessing of the Pets at the First Presbyterian Church. Lunch will follow. We do request if you have a reactive pet that you bring a photo to have blessed.

Meet the Candidates Night will take place Thursday, October 26th at 6:30pm.

October 29th, will be our next potluck! The Church Growth committee will be hosting a Jack-O-Lantern

Jamboree Brunch and will be providing pancakes and sausage. Please feel free to bring a side to share and dress up in a family friendly costume! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner will be held Sunday, November 12th from 12pm-2pm. It will include chicken, biscuit, mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert. Adults \$11/Children \$5.



Birthday Wishes

Saint Crozier 10/15

Terrie Rios 10/15

Brock Warrick 10/19

Anniversary Wishes



Patty & Jim Postlethwait 10/17

Scott & Yvonne Rentz 10/21



Thank you for your Generosity

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

October 8th \$1,925

October 1st \$4,042

September 24th \$1,220



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Lori Brendlinger

Elder Sue McCabe

Deacon Darlene Smith

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 15 th	9:15am 10:30am	Church School Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, October 16 th	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Ateen
Tuesday, October 17 th	4:30pm	Committee Night
Saturday, October 21 st	12:00pm	Blessing of Pets
Sunday, October 22 nd	9:15am 10:30am	Church School Worship/ Fellowship

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Pastor's Office Hours

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