



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**21st Sunday of Pentecost
October 22, 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! Glorious is Your name in all the earth! We celebrate who You are, and all that You have done for us. You hold our lives in Your hands and catch us when we stumble. So we come together today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship You: to sing Your praise, to confess our mistakes, and to receive Your love and mercy, made possible through

the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Be present among us as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your Word. To You be all glory, now and forever. Amen.

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

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***HYMN #401 (GtG)**

Gather Us In

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness, vanished away,
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
we are the old, who yearn for your face,
we have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat, the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;
gather us in, and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

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

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name 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: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

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.*
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

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

 praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

 praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

 praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

 praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

 praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

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

SECOND READING

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 6:1-5

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, 'Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

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

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #525**

Here I Am Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.*

*I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN***

REFRAIN: ***Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **REFRAIN***

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.*

*Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? REFRAIN*

***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.*

Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to You. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share Your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring Your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before You today, to spread Your peace in the world. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #676 (GtG)**

Day is Done

Day is done, but love unfailing

Dwells ever here;

Shadows fall, but hope prevailing,

Calms every fear.

God our Maker, none forsaking,

Take our hearts, of love's own making,

Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,

Be always near.

Dark descends, but light unending

Shines through our night;

You are with us, ever lending

New strength to sight:

One in love, your truth confessing,

One in hope of heaven's blessing,

*May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!*

*Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,
Watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safekeeping
Still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide.*

***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.*

Book Club meets on Tuesday October 24th at 4:30pm.
Please join us!

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

October 29th 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.

Cards of encouragement for Rusty Garland would be appreciated. His address is: Aventura at Humility House, room 19b, 755 Ohltown Rd, Austintown, OH 44515.

Reminder: Deacon's meeting will be held Monday, October 23rd at 6:30pm and Session will meet Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm.



Birthday Wishes

Pam Reinhart 10/25

Fred Weaver 10/27



Anniversary Wishes

Derek & Emily Brendlinger 10/22

Emily & John Marstellar 10/23

Tuci & William Pugh 10/23

Lori & Mark Brendlinger 10/27



Thank you for your Generosity

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

October 15th \$785

October 8th \$1,925

October 1st \$4,042



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist David Rummell

Elder Sue McCabe

Deacon Rosie Rebraca

Music Anita Miller

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 22 nd	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, October 23 rd	6:30pm	Deacon's
	7:00pm	Al-Anon/Ateen
Tuesday, October 24 th	4:30pm	Book Club
	6:30pm	Session
Thursday, October 26 th	6:30pm	Meet the Candidates
Sunday, October 29 th (1 st day of Stewardship)	9:15am	Church School
	10:30am	Worship/ Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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Tuesday/Thursday
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