



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 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.*

Show us your ways, O Lord! Lead us in your truth, and teach us. Open our eyes, minds, and hearts to know your will and to follow it. Reveal your vision for us, and keep us focused and faithful to what you would have us do. Bring us together to worship and work for your purpose, and move us forward into your future. Amen.

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

We are called to the work of Israel, to the work of Jesus. **We are called to spread God's love in this world.**

We can do this work because of the Holy Spirit.

By God's grace, we are salt.

We purify, we cleanse, we bind, we bring out the best in people.

By God's grace, we are light.

We allow things to be seen as they are. We point to holiness.

By God's grace, we follow the commandments and the law.

We love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.

By God's grace, we are salt. We are light. God transforms us and uses us.

Let us worship our God, so full of transformative grace.

***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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down, including the burden of false pretenses. Let us be honest with God and with our selves about the ways that we fail so that we can hear the good news of Jesus' redemption anew. Let us confess our sins together and individually.

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

Almighty God, you have called us to bring out the best in the world around us, to be bold in our faith, to share your love with those around us. We have failed your command. We choose conflict. We choose laziness. We choose excuses. Forgive us for rejecting the identity that you offer us freely, for rejecting the work of your Holy Spirit in our hearts.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even when we fail, even when we are not perfect, God still claims us. God still calls us by name. God still places God’s Spirit upon us.

We are known and loved and 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.

Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall. For children above kindergarten there are worship bags with activities to use in worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION— *Let us pray.*

Lord our God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Let us hear your promise in this Scripture, and let the world know your blessing in our lives. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 37: 1-4, 23-28

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the

desires of your heart. Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand. I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are ever giving liberally and lending, and their children become a blessing. Depart from evil, and do good; so you shall abide for ever. For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his faithful ones.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 7: 1-14

‘Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, “Let me take the speck out of your eye”, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

‘Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

‘Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how

much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

‘In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #332**

Live Into Hope

*Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear--
A vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.*

*God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(The Confession of Belhar)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.*

Heavenly Parent, we offer you these gifts. Please bless them, just as you bless those who gave them and those who will receive them. May the sharing of these gifts remind us of the connection that holds us all together and the beloved community you call us to form. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

HYMN #356Come Thou Fount*

*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.*

*Oh, 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, oh take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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 otherwise noted.

Betty Garland

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)

Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Linda Lukehart (Betty Garland's Daughter)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

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)

Bill Happney

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

Pam & Sue Clay (Cousins of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)

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

Needles's Eye

Ukraine

World Leaders

Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)

Our PC(USA) coworkers

Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

Announcements

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

Shirley Dull has moved to Shepherd of the Valley, her new Address is; 1501 Tibbitts Wick Rd. Apt. 306 Girard, OH 44420.

REMINDER....Our Souper Bowl Offering date is coming. Our children will be holding the soup pots at the doors as we leave worship on Feb. 12 the date of both our Souper Bowl and the Super Bowl. You are asked to put at least \$1.00 in the pot. Even more would be better. Carole Rummell will be seeking anyone that will step up and offer to match the congregational giving or even a partial match. You can let her know if you wish to do some kind of match or just wait and hear what the congregation has given and then mark an envelope Souper Bowl offering and put in the offering plate. One person has already promised to match the congregational giving. Let's see how much we can get to divide between the Niles Community Services and the Back Pack program that benefits kids in need at Seaborn Elementary School. Last year our congregation along with the matching funds raised \$1112 for the Community Parish Fund. Let's see if we can do that well this year.

Randy Rummell is selling horses for the upcoming Night at the Races. Today is the last day to purchase one. This event benefits the Niles Community Center.

The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, and snacks (snack bars, chips, pudding cups, packs of crackers or cookies, etc) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, boxes of Macaroni and cheese, and Ramen Noodles. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distribution will be March 28th, 2023, for our Easter Distribution. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

We have some exciting news; we will be selling new shirts for the Church! Nicole McMullen has graciously offered to make the shirts and provide the church with a portion of the profits of what we sell. We will have an order form in Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, January 29th, 2023. We will have the sign up sheet for the next 3 weeks in Fellowship hall. We will be selling sweatshirts for \$30, Crewneck (long sleeve) for \$20, and T-shirts for \$15. For sizes 2XL and 3XL there will be an additional \$5 charge. We will be accepting cash and checks. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge.



Birthday Wishes

Erin Dement 02/08

Joan Williams 02/09

Bryce Brendlinger 02/08

Aubrey Reese 02/10

Lonnie Kaschak 02/08

January Rendes 02/10

Dirk Kaschak 02/08

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Chuck Reinhart

Elder- Chuck Reinhart

Deacon- Patty Postlethwait

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers

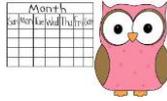
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Thank you for your generosity

January 29th \$1,555.91

January 22nd \$1,355

January 15th \$1,895



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 05 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, February 06 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, February 12 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Communion/
 Fellowship/Souper Bowl of
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Pastor's Office Hours

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