



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2024**

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.***

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. **Amen.**

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

With friends and strangers,  
with family and neighbors, we gather:

**Come among us, Healing God,  
with love which never ends.**

With faith reaching out to touch,  
with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**Come among us, Friend of the broken,  
with your compassion which makes us whole.**

With word and wonder,  
with silence and song, we wait:

**Come among us, Dryer of our tears,  
to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

**\*HYMN #469**      *Morning Has Broken*

*Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** – *Please be seated.*

*There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us—in life and death—from God. We may be touched by the healing power of God, so let us confess our worst faults, our failures and deepest fears, first in silent prayer.*

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

**We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope; we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor; we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends; we want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most. Forgive us, Loving God, that we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever. God hears our voice, and listens to

our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins.

**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.*

*Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace and live as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

**FIRST READING**

*Psalm 30: 1-5*

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,  
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have  
healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from  
Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down  
to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.

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

**SECOND READING**      *Mark 5:24-34*

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "Who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.'

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

## ***We Respond to God's Love***

**\*HYMN #272**

*God of the Sparrow*

*God of the sparrow*

*God of the whale*

*God of the swirling stars*

*How does the creature say Awe*

*How does the creature say Praise*

*God of the earthquake*

*God of the storm*

*God of the trumpet blast*

*How does the creature cry Woe*

*How does the creature cry Save*

*God of the rainbow*

*God of the cross*

*God of the empty grave*

*How does the creature say Grace*

*How does the creature say Thanks*

*God of the hungry*

*God of the sick*

*God of the prodigal*

*How does the creature say Care*

*How does the creature say Life*

*God of the neighbor*

*God of the foe*

*God of the pruning hook*

*How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace*

*God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. Our confidence and our hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievement of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

*(from “A Declaration of Faith,” 1977)*

### **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES**

*At this time, you’re invited up to light candles in memory of any loved ones you lost in 2023.*

**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 #276**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

***Refrain:***

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,*

*Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE**                      *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**

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)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Joan Williams

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Mary Jane Hileman

Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)

Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)

Terry Keeley Sr

Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)

Joe Scafuri (Terry Godman's father-in-law)

Logan (Friend of Abbie Postlethwait)

## **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  
Ukraine  
Victims of Natural Disasters  
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

## **Announcements**

**Our Annual Meeting** will be held Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>, following worship, this meeting is for the purposes of hearing and receiving the annual report, and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2024.

**The Souper Bowl Offering is coming soon.** The children will be holding the kitchen pots at the doors of the sanctuary at the end of the service on the same day at the NFL play their Super Bowl football game, February 11<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to give an

offering of a dollar or more to aid those that are less fortunate than you. Watch for more information in the next Church Mouse.



**Birthday Wishes**

Linda Lukehart 1/28

Amelia Bane 1/29

Chuck (John) Hudzik 1/30

Emily Marsteller 1/30

Debra Bunch 1/31

Tyler Keeley 2/02



**Responsibilities**

*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- David Rummell*

*Elder- Sue McCabe*

*Deacon- January Rendes*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*

*Media- Alyssa Strange*

## **Thank you for your generosity**

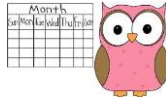


*We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!*

January 21<sup>st</sup> \$4,130

January 14<sup>th</sup> \$738.25

January 07<sup>th</sup> \$2,982



### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, January 28    9:15am    Church School  
                                  9:30am    Tiny Tots  
                                  10:30am    Worship/Annual  
  Meeting/Fellowship

Monday, January 29    7:00pm    Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, February 04    9:15am    Church School  
                                  9:30am    Tiny Tots  
                                  10:30am    Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

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### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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