



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
September 24th, 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**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER** – *let us pray.*

Awesome and majestic God, your creative power, your glory and holiness were experienced by your people of old as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom. They believed that no one could see your face and live. How blessed therefore are we, for you have revealed your

face to us in Jesus—the human face of your love. You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings,

through the gift of the Holy Spirit. These people of old believed that it was your presence with them which made them a chosen and special people. We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so special, by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus. May this time of worship and the service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so care for us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

We gather here in anticipation

**Seeking an encounter with our Holy God**

Wrestling, struggling, resisting

**Who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts**

Powers beyond understanding

**Who embraces us and reconciles us**

Let us wrestle!

**Let us worship that which is sacred.**

**\*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.*

*To open our hearts is to risk vulnerability, judgment,  
and condemnation. But throughout the scriptures, we  
learn that God is merciful and just, slow to anger, and  
eager to forgive. Let us then risk our confession, first in  
silent prayer.*

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

**God of Jacob, you have called us into a whole-  
hearted relationship with you. You've asked us to**

**live out our faith with passion and integrity. We confess that we don't always live into our commitment to you, and allow other things to take priority in our lives. We take the relationship we have with you for granted, and we don't share your deep love for us with the world. We ask for strength to hold onto you no matter what comes our way. We ask for courage to wrestle honestly with the things we don't understand and to grapple faithfully with what it means to follow you. We are your people, chosen and named by you. Even in the midst of our constant struggles and worries, we ask your continued blessing. Mark us with your love as we seek to be disciples in your world. 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.*

*Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

*Psalm 99*

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their

wrongdoings. Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.

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

**SECOND READING**

*Genesis 32: 22-30*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.'

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #302**      *I Danced in the Morning*

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had My birth.*

**Refrain:**      *Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance,' said He,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance,' said He.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they would not follow Me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with Me and the dance went on. **Refrain***

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped & they hung me on high,  
And they left Me there on a cross to die. **Refrain***

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **Refrain***

*They cut Me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me;  
I am the Lord of the dance', said He. **Refrain***

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are a cloth of diverse colors made from many gifts and graces. We are the people flowing forth from Creator God, surprising ourselves with the things which can be done. We are raw material for rewarding relationships as our lives interweave, contributing one to the other, holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

**We are each worthy of being respected and cared for essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks, sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

**We commit ourselves to working together in the name of God that one day, this world may be a place where all people live in justice, freedom and peace. 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**

### **\*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.*

**O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.**

***We Go Out to Serve God***

**\*HYMN #411**      *Arise, Your Light is Come!*

*Arise, your light is come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light is come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.*

*Arise, your light is come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the brokenhearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.*

*Arise, your light is come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's power will make us strong.*

**\*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 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

Carole Rummell

## **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

## **Announcements**

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

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NAMI mental health training will take place on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please stay tuned for further updates on this upcoming event.

Reminder: Deacons will meet Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Session will meet Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will take place at 6:30pm.

Sunday, October 1st will be our *Peace and Global Witness Special Offering*. This Offering is unique in that 1/2 of it is directed to peacemaking & global

witness efforts at the national church level to address critical issues around the world, 25% percent is retained by congregations like ours for peace & reconciliation work, & 25% goes to mid councils for similar ministries on the regional level. Our portion will be given to the National Association of Mental Health.



### **Birthday Wishes**

Darryl Meyers 09/25

Scott Rentz 09/27

Matt Glidewell 09/28

Mark Brendlinger 09/30

### **Anniversary Wishes**



Bethany & Matt Glidewell 09/25

Linda & Brian Frayer 09/26

Brooke & Jeff Kaschak 09/29

April & Kristopher Dahl 09/30



## **Responsibilities**

**Pastor** Rev. Kori Robbins

**Liturgist** Sue McCabe

**Elder** Chuck Reinhart

**Deacon** Debbie Rendes

**Music** Anita Miller

**Story Circle** Olivia Meyers

**Media** Alyssa Strange

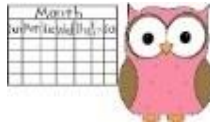
## **Thank you for your Generosity**



September 17<sup>th</sup> \$2,240

September 10<sup>th</sup> \$2,784

September 03<sup>rd</sup> \$2,335



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>    9:15am    Church School  
   10:30am    Worship  
   Fellowship

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>    6:30pm    Deacons Meet  
   7:00pm    Al-Anon/  
   Al-Ateen

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>    6:30pm    Session Meeting

Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>    4:30pm    M.R. Football  
   Team Dinner

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## **Staff**

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### **Media**

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## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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