



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**3rd Sunday in Lent
March 12, 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.*

Call all the laborers, O God,
Call your laborers who woke early,
Call your laborers who came late,
Call your laborers who feel wronged,
Call your laborers who feel overlooked,
Call your laborers who can't feed their children with
this wage,

Call your laborers who know they are working in your fields,
Call your laborers who use their wage to increase your love,
Call all your laborers, O God,
Tell us to roll up our sleeves
For we know that we have work to do.
Let us find you in the work we share here and now,
in Christ's presence we pray. Amen.

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

God, how is it your grace is so expansive

Truly God, your keep calling us.

Come let us bless our God who calls us

God calls us by name.

Let us keep God before us, God who is always at our right hand!

God be praised, God is with us! Let us Praise God together!

***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.*

In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down and remember that we belong to God. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.

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

God we confess that sometimes you have to call us more than once. Sometimes we are the ones that do not hear you until close til dusk. We confess that we envision ourselves as the early morning workers—but we do not know when it is you first called our name. God’s love is not a competition. Help us to remember that faith is always a gift, and that you are always, always calling us by name. 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: The Steadfast Love of the Lord never changes, God’s mercies never come to the end, they are new every morning, so we know that God will always love and forgive us. Let us proclaim the Good News: **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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Suzie McCabe

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.*

Your eyes miss nothing, O God—you look not only at the things we can see but also inside, where we can only imagine. Open our eyes this day to see as you see. Open our ears to hear as you speak. Open our hearts to receive your wisdom, to know your voice, your truth, your grace. As we come together to your word, lead us in your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:1-16

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they

would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #293** *This is My Father’s World*

*This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father’s world: oh, let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And Earth and Heaven be one.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that God has come to us; that God brought us into being, that this God gave us breath and purpose, that we have been blessed to be a blessing to others, that we have fallen short of this commandment but that God has nevertheless loved us despite our brokenness.

We believe that God is coming to us; that God is not happy to leave us alone, that this God has come to us as a human being, made known to us in flesh and bone like ours, that Jesus Christ was born and our salvation made complete.

We believe that God will come to us; that God will have the final word and that Word will be good, that this God will give us the presence of the Spirit to continue our work, that we are called to be disciples to all the corners of the earth, that the day is coming when tears and pain will be no more, and all will gather at the Table.

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.*

O God, your creative presence makes the earth abundant.

You provide us with what is needed, in your love.

**Through this offering, we participate in your work,
so all your people might be dressed in pure joy,
for the sake of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

EUCCHARIST – *see insert*

EXTINGUISHING THE LENTEN CANDLES

We Go Out to Serve God

***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***

***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

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)

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

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)

Family of Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Dale Jaquin (January Rendes' Uncle)

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

Andreas Reichart (Carole Rummell's cousin)

Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)
Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)
Amanda (Jessica Painter's friend)
Family of Logan Morris
Sue Rentz
Rick Henniger (Judy Henniger's Husband, Yvonne
Rentz' Dad)

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
Ukraine
World Leaders
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker
Earthquake victims in Turkey & Syria
The Community of East Palestine

Announcements

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

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that is received during the season of Lent. It is a longstanding ecumenical effort (begun in 1948) aimed at raising funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster. It will make a difference in the world through three impactful programs. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. PDA is already at work in East Palestine. Offering envelopes are in the church pews. You can also send a check to the church please mark on your check (OGHS). Thank you.

Please remember to send in your “per capita” offering for 2023 if you are able. The amount is \$32.50 per member. This offering is an apportionment to help hold the PC(USA) together and pay for a large number of services that support the church's mission. Please consider making this a part of your giving in 2023. Please mark “Per Capita” on your checks. Thank you.

It is that time of year; the Deacons will be selling flowers for the Easter Holiday. This year we will be selling Daffodils and Tulips; they will be \$9.00 each. We will have the order forms to order the flowers in Fellowship Hall after Church March 5th - March 19th. We will be accepting cash or checks. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge.

To help our Deacons fund their projects and ministry, Session has decided that Communion Sundays (the 2nd Sunday of the month) will be an opportunity to give to the Deacons' Fund (as well as our normal offering.) In addition to that, to help our Food Distribution and Backpack Program, Communion Sundays will be an opportunity to bring in specific items that the Distribution needs to provide food to our community. On March 12, please bring jelly and cereal. During the offering, we'll give special thanks, not just for our normal offering, but also for contributions to the Deacons.

Sue Rentz has moved. Please note her new address is Wickshire Poland, 335 W. McKinley Way, Room 222, Poland, OH 44514.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for March 26th for the purposes of hearing from the Nominating Committee.



Birthday Wishes

Lisa Sorg 03/07	Tom Wolfe 03/17
Patrick McCabe 03/15	Melissa Keeley 03/18
Diane Reinhart 03/16	Tyler Crozier 03/18

Responsibilities

Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*
Liturgist- *Marty O'Neill*
Elder- *Jane Meyers*
Deacon- *Lori Brendlinger*
Music- *Anita Miller*
Story Circle - *Olivia Meyers*
Media- *Alyssa Strange*

Thank you for your Generosity

March 05th \$3,771
February 26th \$133
February 19th \$3064.50



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 12 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Communion/
 Fellowship

Monday, March 13 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, March 19 9:15am Church School
 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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Tuesday/Thursday
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