



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**Transfiguration of the Lord  
February 11, 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.*

God of the high and low, we come before you this day seeking your Holy presence. We come to sing praises, pray petitions, and listen to the Word at your holy mountain. We come to experience metamorphosis, to be changed into your people. Change us in this hour so we might speak your Spirit of hope and grace to the world. We pray this in the name of Christ, amen.

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

God calls us, the deep from the deep

**God your magnificence is too great for us**

God you are changed from glory, into glory

**So you come to us, human, and walk with us**

Teach us again, today

**Come let us walk with God**

**\*HYMN #2128 (StF)**      *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*Come and find the quiet center*

*In the crowded life we lead*

*Find the room for hope to enter*

*Find the frame where we are freed*

*Clear the chaos and the clutter*

*Clear our eyes that we can see*

*All the things that really matter*

*Be at peace and simply be*

*Silence is a friend who claims us*

*Cools the heat and slows the pace*

*God it is who speaks and names us*

*Knows our being touches base*

*Making space within our thinking*

*Lifting shades to show the sun*

*Raising courage when we're shrinking*

*Finding scope for faith begun*

*In the Spirit let us travel*

*Open to each other's pain*

*Let our lives and fears unravel*

*Celebrate the space we gain*

*There's a place for deepest dreaming*

*There's a time for heart to care*

*In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare*

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

*In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down. What is confession, but walking with God? Why don't we let ourselves walk with God here. Let us confess our sins, first in silent prayer.*

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

**God we confess that we are overwhelmed by being human. How is it then can we take in your glory of divinity? We feel like we should respond. We feel like we need to do things or say things. And yet, sometimes, stillness is grace. Sometimes we need to just sit with our own humanity. Sometimes its ok to just try to get to know ourselves better, and to remind ourselves that getting to know ourselves is to get to know you. Let us allow ourselves to do that we pray. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Be still, and know God is with you, today, tomorrow, and every day, and feel 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.

**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.*

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

## **FIRST READING**

*Psalm 27: 1-4*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

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

**SECOND READING***Mark 9: 2-8*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

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**SERMON***Rev. Kori Robbins****We Respond to God's Love*****\*HYMN** (*Tune 293*)*We Seek to Follow Christ**The disciples followed Christ**Up a high mountain apart.**He preached the Word,**but they had not heard**The wisdom from his heart.**We seek to follow Christ**And listen for his call.**Help us to hear, even though we fear**Our faith may prove too small.*

*And before their very eyes  
They saw him shining bright.  
His face, his clothes, his very soul  
Were bathed in glorious light.  
We seek to follow Christ  
With vision pure and clear  
To see his glow everywhere we go  
And to his truth draw near.*

*The disciples wanted Christ  
And prophets from the past  
To stay in tents, but they could not sense  
The moment would not last.  
We seek to follow Christ  
Through what we can control.  
Give us the nerve to let go and serve  
G-d's glory to extol.*

## **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.*

**Creator God, you call us to join in your work of love in the world, and you equip us with all we need to follow your lead. Now make us generous of hand, heart, and mind, as you are. As we return to you a portion of your gifts, we pray you would receive them as a sign of our gratitude for your unending love and guide us as we offer our whole selves in your service, seeking your abundant life for all. Amen.**

**EUCCHARIST** – *see insert*

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

**\*HYMN #2130 (StF)**                      *The Summons (v. 1,4,5)*

*Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?*

*Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the 'you' you hide  
If I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
And never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
To reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound  
In you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE**            *Go On Your Way in Joy*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

*Let your left foot say, "Glory"*

*And your right say, "Amen."*



# **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.*

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)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Chuck & 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  
World Leaders  
Refugees  
Peace and healing for our country and the world  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Ukraine  
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

## **Announcements**

FPCMR will be hosting Ashes to Go on Wednesday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm and 4pm to 5:30pm. Use the driveway between the church and the manse to receive ashes and prayer. Additionally, we've partnered with other area PCUSA to offer an Ash Wednesday worship service on the 14th at 7:00 pm at Canfield Presbyterian Church.



## **Anniversary Wishes**

Darryl & Jane Meyers 02/14



## **Birthday Wishes**

Muffin Rummell 02/13

Virginia Gilmore 02/13

McKenzie Ruthrauff 02/14

Ron Crawford 02/15

## Responsibilities



*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Lori Bendlinger*

*Elder- Andy Konsol*

*Deacon- Patty Postlethwait*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*

*Media- Samara Fabian*

## Thank you for your generosity



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

February 04<sup>th</sup> \$2,909

January 28<sup>th</sup> \$1,816

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



## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 11

9:15am

Church School

9:30am

Tiny Tots

10:30am

Worship/Communion/

Souper Bowl/Fellowship

Monday, February 12

7:00pm

Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Tuesday, February 13

6:00pm

Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

(Ash Wednesday)

11am-1pm &

4pm-5:30pm

Ashes-to-Go

7:00pm

Ash Wed Service

@Canfield Presbyterian

Sunday, February 18

(1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)

9:15am

Church School

9:30am

Tiny Tots

10:30am

Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Custodian**

Patty Postlethwait

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Samara Fabian

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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