



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**2nd Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We Gather as God's People

OPENING PRAYER – *Let us pray.*

Almighty and eternal God, by your grace you have called us to this time and place to be your servant people as we follow our servant Lord. Make your Holy Spirit move within and among us, that together we may live a new life in the crucified and risen Christ. Bind us together in faith, so that as we receive all spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling, we may

support one another in common ministry; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

We gather as God's beloved children.

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community.

So this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with other.

Let us worship God

***HYMN #726 (GtG)** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

*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 leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
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.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Even when we were dead through our sin, our merciful and loving God made us alive together with Christ and raised us up through him. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God, first in silent prayer.

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

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. We are quick to speak when we ought to listen and remain silent when it is time to speak. We put too much faith in our own actions and fail to trust the strength of your Spirit. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ's way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM – *Let us pray.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God,

with joy we give you thanks and praise....

.... By your Holy Spirit renew us,

that we may be empowered to do your will

and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with
Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION– *Let us pray.*

*Send us your Holy Spirit, O God, that these words might
speak to us as your word, and our lives bear witness to the
good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

FIRST READING

Psalm 36: 5-10

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is
like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like
the great deep; you save humans and animals alike,
O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people
may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They
feast on the abundance of your house, and you give
them drink from the river of your delights. For with
you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

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

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 12: 12-27*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God

has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #727 (GtG)** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

*Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too*

*We are pilgrims on a journey
We are together on the road*

*We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load*

*I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear*

*I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through*

*When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.*

***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)

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. All: 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.*

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Deacons: Melissa Keeley, Lori Brendlinger and Debbie Rendes

Elders: Lisa Sorg, Andy Konsol and Ted Smith

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #702 (GtG)** *Christ Be Beside Me*

*Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart;
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.*

*Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues telling of me.
Christ be in the vision in the eyes that see me;
In ears that hear me Christ ever be.*

***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

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)

Bill Reddersen (Ted & Darlene Smith's friend)

David Giudici (Emily Pugh's friend)

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)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Tom Crozier

Bill Happney

The Keeley family

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Tony Rozzo (Meyers' Friend)

Samara Fabian

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)
Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)
Glen Duncan (Marty O'Neill's friend)

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions
Coronavirus caregivers and patients
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

Our Organizational Meeting is Saturday, January 14th
from 8:30am-12:00pm

The Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 22nd
immediately following Worship.



Birthday Wishes

Brooke Kaschak 1/15

Margaret Bonsall 1/16

Kimberly Barbone 1/20

Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev.Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Bethany Glidewell

Elder- Carole Rummell

Deacon- Marty O'Neill

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers

Media- Alyssa Strange

Thank you for your generosity

January 8th \$1,896

December 24th \$7,952

December 18th \$1,503



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, January 15	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship
Monday, January 16	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday, January 22	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/ Fellowship

Staff

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Media

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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9am-3pm

General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
9am-1pm

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