



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
June 25, 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.*

O come, faithful God, who empowers the weak, who encourages the fearful, who enlightens the blind, who intones the deaf, who energizes the lame, who emancipates the speechless, who enriches the poor, who invigorates the dead; O come, faithful God, come and enable us, right now, to worship you and work for your Kingdom, filled with your strength, your hope,

your vision, your melody, your motivation, your Word, your inheritance, your Life! All this we pray, through him who came to be our Savior, who lives to be our Lord, who will return and fully make all things new; In Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

You who are poor, why have you come?

**To hear good news.**

You who are brokenhearted, why have you come?

**To heal our hearts.**

You who are captive, why have you come?

**To hear words of freedom.**

You who are prisoners, why have you come?

**To be released from what binds us.**

You who mourn, why have you come?

**To receive comfort.**

Then you are welcome here in this place,  
at this table, where Jesus offers blessing for all.

**Amen**

**\*HYMN #332**

*Live Into Hope*

*Live into hope of captives freed,  
Of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
The year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope the blind shall see  
With insight and with clarity,  
Removing shades of pride and fear--  
A vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty,  
The right to speak the right to be,  
The right to have one's daily bread,  
To hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed  
From chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

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

*God loves justice and despises wrongdoing, yet God is faithful in recompense and has made an everlasting covenant with those who turn from sinful ways and strive earnestly for righteousness. May the whispers of our hearts be pleasing to God. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.*

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

**Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared. Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people**

**of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. Rejoice, friends! **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.

**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.*

*They gathered together young and old, men and women, certain and seeking, slave and free. They gathered together to unroll the scroll, they read and*

*listened and talked and prayed. They heard the Word of God. Just as the great clouds of witnesses before us, let us now gather together in this community to open the book and hear the Word of God.*

**FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 61:1-4*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

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

**SECOND READING**

*Isaiah 61: 5-11*

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord; you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a

double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #386**

*O For A World*

*O for a world where everyone  
Respects each other's ways,  
Where love is lived and all is done  
With justice and with praise.*

*O for a world where goods are shared  
And misery relieved,*

*Where truth is spoken, children spared,  
Equality achieved.*

*We welcome one world family  
And struggle with each choice  
That opens us to unity  
And gives our vision voice.*

*The poor are rich, the weak are strong,  
The foolish ones are wise.  
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,  
Who perishes will rise.*

*O for a world preparing for  
God's glorious reign of peace,  
Where time and tears will be no more,  
And all but love will cease.*

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father mighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 #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 of grace, you are the source of all we have gained, but your greatest gift is the new life we receive in Christ. We offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to claim Christ's resurrection as your gift, for you have claimed us in his life. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #391**

*Take My Life*

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.*

*Take my heart it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

**\*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)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

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)

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Lora McGlynn (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)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Janiece Eischen (Melissa Keeley's Aunt)

Joan Williams

Kellan Schmidt (Meyers' friend)

Dot Cathers (Jane Meyers' friend)

## **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.*

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We are in need of a church custodian. This is a part-time position working 8 hrs/week. If you or anyone you may know is interested please call the church office at 330-652-5712 (option 2). Schedule is flexible!

Hello Church Family! On Sunday, July 23rd we will be having our summer potluck. Church growth will be providing hotdogs. Please feel free to bring a side if you would like! Weather permitting; Pastor Kori will be

holding services outside under the pavilion at the manse. We will also be taking some photos, so please feel free to wear your FPCMR shirts if you have them! Bring a chair and enjoy some good food and company. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Birthday Wishes**



Yvonne Rentz 06/28

Nora Glidewell 07/01



**Anniversary Wishes**

David & Nancy Pugh 06/26

**Responsibilities**



Pastor- *Rev. Kori Robbins*

Liturgist- *Marty O'Neil*

Elder- *Sue McCabe*

Deacon- *January Rendes*

Music- *Anita Miller*

Story Circle- *Olivia Meyers*

Media- *Alyssa Strange*

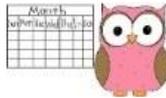


**Thank you for your Generosity**

June 18<sup>th</sup> \$891

June 11<sup>th</sup> \$3,231

June 04<sup>th</sup> \$3,040



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>                      10:00am              Worship/Fellowship

Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>                      7:00pm              Al-Anon/Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 02<sup>nd</sup>                      10:00am              Worship/Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Christian Educator**

Carole Rummell

### **Administrative Assistant**

April Dahl  
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### **Custodians**

April Mohn/  
James Boyce

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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