



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 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.***

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in

the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

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

The world outside worries us.

**The worlds inside our homes, and our heads, and our hearts spin with anxiety.**

Christ call us to the quiet center.

**We come to worship and receive God's peace.**

We come to remember how to trust our Creator.

**Let us worship our God who is caring for us right now.**

**\*HYMN 401 (GtG)**      *Gather Us In (v. 1,2,4)*

*Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness, vanished away,  
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away;  
Here in this place the new light is shining;  
Now is the kingdom and now is the day.*

*Gather us in, and hold us forever;  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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

*The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.*

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

**Saving God, like many of God's people before us we are filled with joy when you deliver us from bondage and we praise you when you vanquish our foes. Yet we are less trusting when you lead us into the desert: the long way, the unknown path, the journey of trial, trust, and refining. Forgive us for**

**questioning the path you have chosen for us. Forgive our complaining along the way. Forgive the times we've stumbled when the journey was long and hard. Lead us on our unexpected journeys. Sustain us in our deserts. Bring us to our promised lands. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

We know in faith that God restores and renews, and that our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose 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.*

*God of all, open our hearts and minds to find your Truth in all places. Teach us your unforced rhythms of grace that our lives might reflect your Wisdom. With Christ as our guide, we live and pray. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**                      *Psalm 66: 1-10*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.' Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

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

**SECOND READING**                      *Matthew 6: 25-34*

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you

worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

## ***We Respond to God’s Love***

**\*HYMN #79 (GtG)**

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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*When eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.*

*Light dawns on a weary world:*

*The promised day of justice comes.*

**Refrain:**

*The trees shall clap their hands;  
The dry lands, gush with springs;  
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!  
We shall go out in joy, And be led forth in peace,  
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world  
When hungry hearts find bread  
And children's dreams are fed.  
Love grows in a weary world;  
The promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain***

*Hope blooms in a weary world  
When creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.  
Hope blooms in a weary world:  
The promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with the response of God's people in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do.**

*(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,

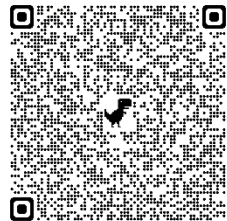
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. 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**

*(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.*

**We give you thanks, O Lord, with all our heart.  
You have provided everything we need in your  
steadfast love. Receive these offerings as our  
response to your great faithfulness, for the praise  
of Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #39**      *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

***Refrain:***

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

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*Let your left foot say, "Glory"*

*And your right say, "Amen."*

# **Prayer List**

## **MEMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Marlyne Young   Shirley Dull   Helen Redmond

## **PRAYERS FOR HEALTH, SUPPORT AND CONCERN**

*Names will be taken off after 6 weeks, unless otherwise noted.*

James Tincher (Marlene's son)  
Clayton & Eileen (Bev Myers' family friends)  
Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)  
Dennis Copanic (Val Copanic'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)  
Mary Jane Hileman  
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)  
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)  
Joe Scafuri (Terry Goodman's father-in-law)  
Dawn Wilson  
Cameron Watkins  
Irene Spainhower (Darlene Smith Aunt)  
Jeff Pitzer (friend of Jane Meyers)  
Jim Harper (Jessica Painter's grandpa)  
John (uncle of Mary Nolasco)  
Penny Delleiso (Patty Postlethwait's mother)  
Pam Kuzawa (Patty Postlethwait's aunt)  
Jack (Tom Redmond's brother)  
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes father)  
Shayne Gleason (January Rendes friend)  
Samara Fabian  
Ginny Gilmore

## **Prayers for the World**

Peace and healing for our country and the world  
Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
Mineral Ridge Community Food Pantry  
World Leaders  
Refugees  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Ukraine  
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

## **Announcements**



Our outing for the Mahoning Valley Scrapper's game has been rescheduled for Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$14 and will include admission as well as all you can eat at the concession stand throughout the game. Sign-ups are in Fellowship Hall and ticket money is due at that time in order to reserve your seat. Please see a member of Church Growth (Melissa, Marty, January or Ted for payment.)

There will be a Town Hall on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.



## **Birthday Wishes**

Robbie Postlethwait 07/21

Zane Rummell 07/21

Cindy Garris 07/24

William Reinhart 07/25

Fred Fisher 07/27



## **Responsibilities**

*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Andy Konsol*

*Elder- Jane Meyers*

*Deacon- Marty O'Neill*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*



**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

July 14<sup>th</sup> \$2,945

July 07<sup>th</sup> \$1,492

June 30<sup>th</sup> \$2,976

(\$932 online)



**This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, July 21                      10:00am              Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 22                      7:00pm              Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 28                      10:00am              Worship/Town Hall/  
Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Samara Fabian  
Mason Meyers

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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