



# First Presbyterian Church

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 24th 2022

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:30a.m.



*This service is being streamed through FaceBook Live.*

Our weekly worship service will be available via Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube at 10:30am and can be accessed in the following ways:

1. By joining a "Zoom" meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/8613610300?pwd=QnN2TUerMUVVQIRGalJ1c3A5QTRSQT09> (you may want to test this link ahead of time to make sure you have the necessary file downloaded to join the feed). If you already have the Zoom app, you can just enter the meeting ID# 861 361 0300 and the password 6525712.
2. Calling 929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID 861 361 0300 # and the password 6525712. through Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge](http://www.facebook.com/FirstPresMineralRidge) (you do not have to have a Facebook account to watch, but you would need one to share comments).
3. Through YouTube by searching for "First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge" or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQyB2URdu5Kxxkk62GXWipQ/>

## PRELUDE

## RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with a joyful heart we can say Mahoning and Trumbull counties currently have a **LOW** risk level of COVID 19! Thank you for your patience and understanding as our church dealt with the pandemic these past 2 years. We are hoping you are healthy and look forward to many more of you returning to in-person worship in the near future.

We want to keep you abreast of a few recommendations from our Health Ministries Team that have been approved by the Session:

1. Masks are now **optional** inside the church building.
2. Passing of the peace will resume in the same manner previous to the COVID 19 pandemic. Some of us may choose to elbow bump, wave or knuckle bump while others of us may choose to shake hands or hug. As always, respect for each other will be observed.
3. Pot Luck dinners will resume.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

## OPENING PRAYER

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God for mighty deeds;

**praise God for exceeding greatness!**

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.

**Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.**      *(Psalm 150:2, John 20:19,21)*

**\*HYMN 118**

*The Day of Resurrection!*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead: we  
acknowledge that we are unworthy of your redeeming grace.  
We have not believed your promises,  
nor trusted in our living Lord.  
We have not discerned his presence with us,  
nor listened to his word.  
We have not trusted in his redeeming power,  
and have been overcome by evil.  
We have forgotten the good news of his victory over death,  
and have not known the things that make for peace.  
We ask you to forgive all our sins,  
and to restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

**"Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us."**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

"He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

Friends, believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE** *(Glory to God 838)*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

## **GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**     Genesis 2:4b-9

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Miss Ella Perrone  
for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall.*

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**     John 20:19-31 (*Good News Translation*)

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!"

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*CPR for Faith*

— *Rev. Meta Cramer*



**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN 316**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breath on me, Breath of God Till I am wholly thine.  
Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life of thine eternity.

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**The risen Christ is the Savior for all people  
Those joined to him by faith  
are set right with God  
and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community.**

**Christ is head of this community, the church,  
which began with the apostles  
and continues through all generations.**

**To receive life from the risen Lord  
is to have life eternal.**

*(from "The Confession of 1967")*

**RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER**

*Andrew Konsol, Jr. has been received by the Session into the membership of this congregation. Andy was a lifetime member of the former South Side Presbyterian Church of Niles and served as the Clerk of Session for many years.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Tune 411)

Since God so loved the world, that love we now must share  
With all whose need is as our own, whose pain we now help bear.

## DEDICATION PRAYER

Generous God, we praise you, for you minister to us with your life-giving  
Spirit, which revives our faith and gives us new courage for serving you.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 430

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Come sing O church in joy! Come join O church in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!...**Refrain**

**Refrain:**     *In bold accord  
Come celebrate the journey now  
And praise the Lord*

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! ...**Refrain**

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide  
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!...**Refrain**

Come sing O church in joy! Come join O church in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!...**Refrain**

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*CLOSING HYMN VERSE 104

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, every -one!

*Today's sermon art is The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by the Italian Baroque master Caravaggio, c. 1601–1602. It is housed in the Sanssouci Picture Gallery, now a museum, in Potsdam, Germany.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME YOU ALL HERE TODAY.** We are glad you are here and hope you feel God's presence with us. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall following worship.



**Next Sunday May 1 is special. Jane Meyers and Betty Garland will be recognized for their many years of service to our congregation.** Jane officially retired at the end of 2019 as our Administrative Assistant but has continued to be there for April our new AA as she is learning the job. Betty has been our volunteer Parish Nurse for many, many years. She has applied band aids, offered support to those with questions about health and written about health related articles for the Church Mouse.

This celebration will be held following worship, and Church Growth Committee will be serving us lunch. Bring food to share and enjoy the fellowship and offer your thanks to Betty and Jane.



***Our Backpack program is in need of a few items. These items include; macaroni and cheese, canned fruit or fruit cups, and boxed cake or brownie mix.***



**Reminder: Session Meeting Tuesday April, 26th @6:30pm**



### Weekly Offering

4/17 \$1,090

4/10 \$2,285

4/03 \$4,214

***If anyone would like their blood pressure taken before or after church, please ask one of our nurses on the Health Ministries Task Force.***

***(Jill Fabian, Marnie Bonsall, Sherry Gleason).***



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, April 24	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
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Monday, April 25	6:30pm 7:00pm	Deacon's Meeting Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
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Tuesday April 26	4:00pm 6:30pm	Book Group Committee Night
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Sunday May 1	10:30am	Adult Bible Stu(9:15am)/ Worship/Staff Recognition
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**A local 2nd grader is collecting pop tops for The Ronald McDonald House. There is a container in Fellowship Hall on the counter under the bulletin board.**

**(All types of aluminum can tops will be accepted.)**





## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn

Marlyne Young

Dorothy Jones

### HEALTH CONCERNS

Helen Redmond

Paul Stevens (Bev Myers' son)

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)

Helen Harwood (January Rendes' grandmother)

Russell Golden (Meyers' Friend)

Barb and Alan (friends of Suzie McCabe)

Betty Garland

Carl Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Karen (Sue McCabe's friend)

Matt Smith (Kathy Graham's friend)

Dennis Eggert (January Rendes' father)

Rev. Jeanine Haven (Jane Meyers' friend)

Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh's father)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Sean Brenner (Jane & Darryl Meyers' nephew)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)



### SYMPATHY, CONCERN, NURTURE, & SUPPORT

Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
Pastor Nominating Committee  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
Coronavirus caregivers and patients  
Refugees  
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)  
Peace and healing for our country  
Someplace Safe

Casa de Buen Trato  
Needles's Eye  
Niles Community Services  
World Leaders  
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker



4/26 Ethan Erb

4/27 William Pugh

4/29 Chelsa Hibler



Charles & Diane Reinhart 4/29



### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00am to 1:00pm  
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### RESPONSIBILITIES TODAY

**PASTOR:** Rev. Meta Cramer

**LITURGIST:** Brian Williams

**ELDER:** Sue McCabe

**DEACON:** Marnie Bonsall

**ORGANIST:** Anita Miller

**Rev. Meta Cramer 330-921-1114**