



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**1st Sunday in Lent
February 18, 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.*

Jesus we are following you into Lent

Your laws are perfect, so we follow you

Jesus we long to love and serve like you

Here we are, starting the journey into Lent,

Journey with us God

Come let us journey with God

Come, let us make space for this holy time together.

***HYMN #84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

*In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.*

*When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.*

*When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.*

*Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Jesus calls us to follow him, because we are heavy burdened, let us lay down what we are carrying to God, so we might find rest. Let us confess our sins, first in silent prayer.

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

God we know that what you have to offer is more desirable than God and sweeter than honey, but we confess that we are not ready to give up all of our possessions and follow you. We confess that we find the idea of changing everything, difficult. We confess that we are uncertain, sometimes, what following you even means sometimes. Forgive us when we are afraid, teach us how to serve beside you in ways that are life giving and hopeful we pray. In the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News: Jesus promises that he is preparing a way full of grace and mercy for us, so we can be assured of 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 19: 7-10

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,

even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 10: 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.”’ He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus

looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #371**

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore his sacred name.

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Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,

*The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain***

Each newborn servant of the Crucified

*Beard on their brow the seal of Christ who died. **Refrain***

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. Refrain*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain*

***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 – *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

(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.*

Let us go forth proclaiming the good news, that faith is not about who is first or who has the most. It is not even about being perfect. For it is God who will teach us to serve, and we will carry that throughout the world. We give thanks for the gifts of God that give us the means to serve. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #87** *The Glory of These Forty Days*

*The glory of these forty days
We celebrate with songs of praise;
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.*

*Alone and fasting, Moses saw
The loving God who gave the law;
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steeds and chariots of flame.*

*So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became
The herald of Messiah's name.*

*Then grant, that we, like them, be true,
Consumed in fast and prayer with You;
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
And give us joy to see Your face.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

Go On Your Way in Peace

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, 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 Goodman'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

Join us for a training presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) as we talk about mental health in our community! Saturday, Feb. 24th 9am-12pm. Donuts and Coffee provided.

Deacons will meet Monday February 26th, Session meets Tuesday February 27th. Both at 6:30pm.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. You put \$288.55 in the soup pots which the children held at the end of the service last week. We had two people who said they would match congregational giving so that means that the Back Pack program will receive \$865.65 to help our children in need at Seaborn Elementary to have food/snacks for weekends. One person matched the congregational giving to go to our General Fund, so our General Fund will grow by \$288.55. Thank you again for your generosity.



Anniversary Wishes

Jill & Mike Fabian 02/24

Birthday Wishes



Jill Fabian 02/20

Keeley Brister 02/22

Nancy Pugh 02/21

Liam Bane 02/23

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Debbie Rendes

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!)



02/11/24 \$1,343

02/04/24 \$2,909

01/28/24 \$1,816



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 18 (1 st Sunday in Lent)	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship

Monday, February 19	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
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Tuesday, February 20	6:30pm	Committee Night
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Saturday, February 24	9am-12pm	NAMI Mental Health Training
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Sunday, February 25 (2 nd Sunday in Lent)	9:15am	Church School
	9:30am	Tiny Tots
	10:30am	Worship/Fellowship

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