



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 30, 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, our resurrection and life, the promise of Your new life in Christ is like a breath of fresh air in a dry and thirsty land. We have gathered as believers, and as those who are honestly seeking the truth. Guide our worship this hour.

O God who makes all things new, speak to us as whole people today. May Your truth touch not just our intellects, but also our deeper yearnings of heart and

soul. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal questions. May Your new creation in us shed light upon our everyday walk.

O God who fed the multitudes with but a few loaves and some fish, feed us now with the abundance of what You freely offer, that we might overflow with Your goodness right where we live. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Mister Rogers always called this a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

**Would you, could you be our neighbor?**

We sing God's praise; we lift our hearts,

**while God pours love out on us.**

In this hour, let's make the most of this beautiful day

**Let us worship God as a neighborhood.**

**\*HYMN 401 (GtG)**

*Gather Us In*

*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.*

*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, 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.*

**Merciful Lord, we confess to how easily we lose hope. You promise us your yoke is easy, but we carry it heavily. We treat our callings as burdens, not gifts. Lighten our loads; lighten our hearts. Teach us to rejoice in you, and to trust always in your steadfast, powerful, and unwavering love. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

## **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.*

*O God of wisdom, you delight in deep truth. Let these words of scripture teach our hearts, that we may hear your joy and gladness, for the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. Amen.*

**FIRST READING***Deuteronomy 6: 4-9*

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God;  
the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your  
might. Keep these words that I am commanding you  
today in your heart. Recite them to your children and  
talk about them when you are at home and when you  
are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind  
them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an  
emblem on your forehead, and write them on the  
doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

**SECOND READING***Luke 10:25-37*

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he  
said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to  
him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read  
there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all  
your strength, and with all your mind; and your  
neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have  
given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And  
who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going  
down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the  
hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and  
went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a  
priest was going down that road; and when he saw  
him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a

Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

**SERMON**

*Bryce Wiebe, M.Div*

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

**\*HYMN #356**

*Come Thou Fount*

*Come Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise,  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

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

**We believe in an innovative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**We believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

**Amen.**

### **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 #300 (GtG)** *They'll Know We Are Christians*

*We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord*

*We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored*

**Chorus:**

*And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they'll know we are Christians  
By our love*

*We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land **(Chorus)***

*We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard human dignity  
And save human pride **(Chorus)***

*All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to  
Christ Jesus God's only Son  
And all praise to  
The Spirit who makes us one **(Chorus)***

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

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

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

*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)  
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)  
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)

## **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**

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:05pm. Church Growth is planning a night out to a Scrapper's Game at the Eastwood Field in Niles. Tickets will be \$14 per person and will include food and soft drinks. There will be fireworks after the game. Signups will be in Fellowship Hall. Should you have any questions please reach out to a member of Church Growth.

## **Birthday Wishes**

Nora Glidewell 07/01

Sam Crozier 07/03





## **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

June 23<sup>rd</sup> \$584

June 16<sup>th</sup> \$782

June 09<sup>th</sup> \$1,319

## **Responsibilities**



*Preacher- Bryce Wiebe, M. Div*

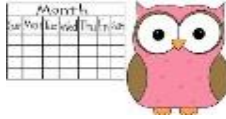
*Liturgist- Lisa Sorg*

*Elder- Jane Meyers*

*Deacon- Church Growth*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*



**This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, June 30                      10:00am                      Worship/Fellowship

Monday, July 01                      7:00pm                      Al-Anon & Al-Ateen



Thursday, July 04

Sunday, July 07                      10:00am                      Worship/Fellowship

## **Staff**

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Olivia Meyers

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Samara Fabian  
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## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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