



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 12, 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.***

God of surprises, we come here from the weariness of the week, from various triumphs, from fears and doubts. We are such a rag-tag group of people. Some of us are at the “top of our game” and others just struggle to get through each day. Yet you draw us here where we will find friendship, peace, and hope not only for our lives right now but for all the times to come. Stand us up again, O God. Dust us off and put us

back on the pathways of service and reconciliation. Warm our hearts with your love; lift our spirits with your power, and open our hearts to receive your surprising message of hope for all people, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

We look at this world, focusing on the pain and confusion, the fears and hatred which seem to abound.

**For what can we hope?**

We wait breathlessly for the goodness of creation to be made manifest in all the world, for this is the promise of God.

**God is always with us, guiding, rescuing, healing, restoring us.**

Get ready, dear friends, the promises of God are true.

**Lord, quiet our spirits and open our hearts. Bring us hope and peace. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #207**      *How Lovely, Lord*

*How lovely Lord how lovely  
Is Your abiding place;  
My soul is longing fainting,  
To feast upon Your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter,  
A place to build her nest;  
And so Your temple calls us  
Within its walls to rest.*

*In Your blest courts to worship,  
O God a single day  
Is better than a thousand  
If I from You should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance  
And claim You as my Lord  
Than revel in the riches  
The ways of sin afford.*

*A sun and shield forever  
Are You O Lord Most High;  
You shower us with blessings;  
No good will You deny.  
The saints Your grace receiving,  
From strength to strength shall go,  
And from their life shall rivers  
Of blessing overflow.*

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

*In worship, everyone is welcome as they are. We invite each other to set our burdens down. Let us now be honest with God and ourselves about the ways in which we fail, so that we may hear the good news of Jesus' redemption anew. Let us confess our sins, first in silence.*

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

**It is said that confession is good for the soul, but there are times, O Lord, when we just don't want to confess, we don't want to own up to the many ways in which we have failed to be your faithful disciples. We have turned our backs on those in need. We have sought after power and riches,**

**believing that these things bring true happiness. But you know us far too well. You know what is within our hearts and our spirits. You seek the very best for us that we might grow to be fruitful plants in your garden. Be with us. Forgive us when we have failed to love and treat others with respect and compassion. Turn our hearts back toward you, who always reaches out to us offering healing and love. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

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

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Great news has come to us, dear friends. God, who is faithful and just, who cherishes us as we are, seeks restoration and healing for those broken places in our lives, forgives and loves us unconditionally. Receive that 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.

*Kindergarten and younger children may now leave with Olivia Meyers for Story Circle in Fellowship Hall. For children above kindergarten there are worship bags with activities to use in worship.*

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**— *Let us pray.*

*Lord our God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Let us hear your promise in this Scripture, and let the world know your blessing in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

*Psalms 84: 1-7*

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!  
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of  
the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the  
living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the  
swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and  
my God. Happy are those who live in your house, ever  
singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is  
in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a  
place of springs; the early rain also covers it with  
pools. They go from strength to strength; the God of  
gods will be seen in Zion.

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

**SECOND READING**

*Matthew 13: 24-32*

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of  
heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good  
seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an  
enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and  
then went away. So when the plants came up and bore  
grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves  
of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did  
you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did  
these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has  
done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want

us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.” ’

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

*The Word of God for the People of God. **Amen.***

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

## ***We Respond to God’s Love***

**\*HYMN #507**      *I Come with Joy*

*I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free;  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me,  
his life laid down for me.*

*I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread,  
in Christ's communion bread.*

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends;  
the love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.*

*And thus with joy we meet our Lord;  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here,  
we see and praise him here.*

*Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways;  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise,  
we'll live and speak his praise.*

### **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.*

**Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to proclaim your healing mercies. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**EUCCHARIST** – *see insert*

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

**\*HYMN #514**      *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

*Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one,  
at his table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express.  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*



*Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!  
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.  
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

**\*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 otherwise noted.*

Betty Garland

Logan Morris (Infant Great-Grandson of Tom Morris)

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)

Jim Flores (Marty O'Neill's boyfriend)

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)

Bill Happney

Shannon Poole (daughter of Sherry and Tim Gleason)

Samara Fabian

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

Lora McGlynn (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Glen Duncan (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)  
Lacie Weber (Kathy Graham's Daughter)  
Kristen Graham (Kathy Graham's Daughter-in-Law)

### **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  
Needles's Eye  
Ukraine  
World Leaders  
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker

## **Announcements**

*Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into the bulletin.*

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Shirley Dull has moved to Shepherd of the Valley, her new Address is; 1501 Tibbitts Wick Rd. Apt. 306 Girard, OH 44420.

REMINDER....Our Souper Bowl Offering date is today. Our children will be holding the soup pots at the doors as we leave worship. You are asked to put at least \$1.00 in the pot. Even more would be better. Carole Rummell will be seeking anyone that will step up and offer to match the congregational giving or even a partial match. You can let her know if you wish to do some kind of match or just wait and hear what the congregation has given and then mark an envelope Souper Bowl offering and put in the offering plate. One person has already promised to match the congregational giving. Let's see how much we can get to divide between the Niles Community Services and the Back Pack program that benefits kids in need at Seaborn Elementary School. Last year our congregation along with the matching funds raised \$1112 for the Community Parish Fund. Let's see if we can do that well this year.

The backpack program is still ongoing. We have a total of 23 families and 34 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, ramen noodles, and snacks (snack bars, chips, pudding cups, packs of crackers or

cookies, etc.) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

As we continue to provide free groceries to families in need within our community, our community food pantry needs Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, boxes of Macaroni and cheese, and Ramen Noodles. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distribution will be March 28th, 2023, for our Easter Distribution. Should you have any questions please reach out to January or Debbie Rendes.

We have some exciting news; we will be selling new shirts for the Church! Nicole McMullen has graciously offered to make the shirts and provide the church with a portion of the profits of what we sell. We will have an order form in Fellowship Hall beginning on Sunday, January 29th, 2023. We will have the sign-up sheet for the next 3 weeks in Fellowship hall. We will be selling sweatshirts for \$30, Crewneck (long sleeve) for \$20, and T-shirts for \$15. For sizes 2XL and 3XL there will be an additional \$5 charge. We will be accepting cash and checks. Checks can be made to First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge.

The dishwasher in the church kitchen has been repaired and is now fully functional.

## **Birthday Wishes**



Virginia Gilmore 02/13    McKenzie Schaffer 02/14  
Tracey Rummell 02/13    Ronald Crawford 02/15

## **Anniversary Wishes**



Darryl & Jane Meyers 02/14

## **Responsibilities**

*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Melissa Keeley*

*Elder- Chuck Reinhart*

*Deacon- Patty Postlethwait*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle Attendant- Olivia Meyers*

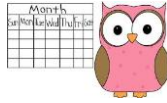
*Media- Alyssa Strange*

## **Thank you for your generosity**

February 05<sup>th</sup> \$3,103

January 29<sup>th</sup> \$1,555.91

January 22<sup>nd</sup> \$1,355



**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, February 12    9:15am    Church School  
                                  9:30am    Tiny Tots  
                                 10:30am    Worship/Communion/  
  Fellowship/Souper Bowl of  
  Caring

Monday, February 13    7:00pm    Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Tuesday, February 14    2:00pm    Presbytery Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, February 19    9:15am    Church School  
                                  9:30am    Tiny Tots  
                                 10:30am    Worship/Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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Carole Rummell

### **Administrative Assistant**

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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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