



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 07, 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.*

Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with

You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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

How majestic is our God!

How worthy of our worship and praise!

When we stand in awe of our Creator, marveling at the heavens, the moon and the stars, we ask,

“What are we that you are mindful of us? Who are we that you care for us?”

How majestic is our God!

How worthy of our worship and praise!

***HYMN #332**

Live Into Hope

*Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!*

*Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear
A vision of our God brought near.*

*Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.*

*Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

To come before God with the truth of our lives is itself an act of faith: we trust that the Holy One is interested in us, interested in our minds and hearts and souls. We trust that God's mercy and grace are intended for us, too. With faith and in trust, let us make our confession to God, first in silent prayer.

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

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent when we go astray and help us choose your way of reunion and renewal. Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence. Teach us peace, that we might learn to talk across old boundaries as siblings in your love. Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides the human family. Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we are forgiven and freed. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God’s grace. Respond with love.

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.*

***HYMN #386**

O, For a World (v. 1)

*O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION – *Let us pray.*

Spirit...Wind...Breath...fill our lungs and lives with your energizing presence; refresh our stale minds; and stir our slowly beating hearts; so that we may humbly and courageously be your breathing, gusting, good presence in the world. Amen.

READING *Psalm 67*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***HYMN #386** *O, For a World (v. 2)*

*O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.*

READING *Psalm 148*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you

highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he
commanded and they were created. He established
them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which
cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you
sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and
frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains
and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals
and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings
of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of
the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young
together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his
name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and
heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise
for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close
to him. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN #386**

O, For a World (v. 3)

*We welcome one world family
And struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity
And gives our vision voice.*

READING

Matthew 7: 24-33

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and
acts on them will be like a wise man who built his
house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the
winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall,
because it had been founded on rock. And everyone
who hears these words of mine and does not act on
them will be like a foolish man who built his house on

sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

***HYMN #386**

O, For a World (v. 4)

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,

The foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong,

Who perishes will rise.

We Respond to God's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***HYMN #280**

Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

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.

***HYMN #525**

Here I Am Lord (v2)

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.*

*I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?*

Refrain: *Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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.*

Spirit of life, you long for the world's transformation. Your vision is grander than anything we can imagine, and so we thank you for the privilege of participating in your mission. May these gifts be a blessing that speaks the language of this community and may that blessing multiply out to every place. Breathe in us again this day, that our whole lives may be an offering for your glory. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #369** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

*I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

*I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
Anywhere, Lord, anytime!*

***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

The upcoming Scrapper's Baseball outing has been postponed until a later date. Please watch for updates regarding this adjustment.



Anniversary Wishes

Robbie & Angelika Postlethwait 07/09

Cindy & Ken Kaschak 07/12



Birthday Wishes

Angelika Postlethwait 07/09

Randy Rummell 07/10

Bryan Keeley 07/13



Thank you for your generosity!

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

June 30th \$2,976

June 23rd \$584

June 16th \$782



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

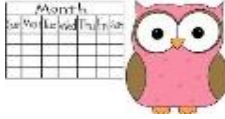
Liturgist- Muffin Rummell

Elder- Jane Meyers

Deacon- Debbie Rendes

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 07 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

Monday, July 08 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 14 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

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