



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 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.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God! Glorious is Your name in all the earth! We celebrate who You are, and all that You have done for us, You hold our lives in Your hands and catch us when we stumble. So we come together today, led by Your Holy Spirit, to worship You: to sing Your praise, to confess our mistakes, and to receive Your love and mercy, made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Be present

among us as we worship You, and as we open ourselves to Your Word. To You be all glory, now and forever. Amen.

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

God calls all of us children to rest and worship.

If God's calling we better look our best!

And smile!

And not be late!

And the kids better behave.

And don't forget the food bank donations!

And.. and.. and..

God is calling all of us children to rest and worship.

All God asks is for us to show up, ready to receive and then to go back into the world

to do justice, show mercy, and humbly walk with God.

***HYMN 835 (GtG)** *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with Thee,

Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

Daily walking close to Thee,

Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong;

Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long

*As I walk, let me walk close to Thee. **Refrain***

Through this world of toil and snares,

If I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares?

*None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. **Refrain***

When my feeble life is o'er,

Time for me will be no more;

Guide me gently, safely o'er

*To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore. **Refrain***

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.*

Lord, we give you thanks for your constant presence, even as we admit that we don't always see or hear you with us. So often we find ourselves standing at the edge: of uncertainty, of fear, of society, of faith, of life. We confess that sometimes we see your path and we are afraid and turn our

eyes back instead. Forgive us for our selective memory, our tendency to nostalgia, our hearts set on self-preservation. Give us faith to see your way, and courage to walk it. Focus our minds, hearts, and strength on your love, that we may know you fully. It is with faith and hope that we ask these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose love casts out all fear and leads us into new life with you. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God listens. God hears us when we cry out, when we speak honestly about where we have failed. Friends, we are forgiven to love and serve.

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.*

God of all, open our hearts and minds to find your Truth in all places. Teach us your unforced rhythms of grace that our lives might reflect your Wisdom. With Christ as our guide, we live and pray. Amen.

FIRST READING *Psalm 66: 1-10*

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.' Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

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

SECOND READING *Micah 6: 1-2, 6-8*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; ‘With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’ He has told you, O mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #79 (GtG)** *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

*Light dawns on a weary world
When eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.
Light dawns on a weary world:
The promised day of justice comes.*

Refrain:

*The trees shall clap their hands;
The dry lands, gush with springs;
The hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!*

*We shall go out in joy, And be led forth in peace,
As all the world in wonder echoes shalom.*

*Love grows in a weary world
When hungry hearts find bread
And children's dreams are fed.
Love grows in a weary world;
The promised feast of plenty comes. **Refrain***

*Hope blooms in a weary world
When creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.
Hope blooms in a weary world:
The promised green of Eden comes. **Refrain***

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with the response of God's people in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church toward the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding and in faith we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting indeed that you are always there, we pray to you now as your Son taught us, saying together,

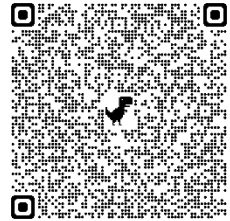
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power 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 #538** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound:
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.*

*So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.*

***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)
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)
Dennis Eggert (January Rendes father)
Shayne Gleason (January Rendes friend)

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

Darren & Cindy Garris 07/16



Birthday Wishes

Tom Redmond 07/14

Raelyn Crump 07/17

Kathy Graham 07/18

Terry Ivanchak 07/19

Rusty Garland 07/20



Thank you for your generosity!

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

July 07th \$1,492

June 30th \$2,976

\$932 (online)

June 23rd \$584



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

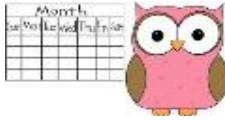
Liturgist- Debbie Rendes

Elder- Jane Meyers

Deacon- January Rendes

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 14 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

Monday, July 15 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, July 21 10:00am Worship/ Fellowship

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