



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 01, 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.*

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for
calling to us this day. We praise you that you
challenge us to show our faith in ministries of peace
and justice, offering compassion to all in need. We are
ready to open our hearts and minds today to hear your
words of encouragement and challenge. Now faith is
the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of
things not seen. We come convinced of many things
but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises,

meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see that which we have not dared to hope. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

For now the winter is past; the flowers appear on the earth.

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above

The time of singing has come; the voice of the turtledove is heard in ourland.

Join with all nature in manifold witness

Arise, my love, my fair one and come away.

To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Let us worship God!

***HYMN #401 (GtG)** *Gather us In (v. 1,2,4)*

*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.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*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, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away,
but here in this space, the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.*

*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 mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting;
God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together
to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have
already been forgiven.*

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

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts, and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. It is our joy to serve God by helping each other and all those in need. Be assured of God's tender mercy toward you and continue that love in all that you do.

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.*

Gracious God, we see as in a mirror dimly. Your Spirit offers clarity, wisdom and understanding. Open our eyes, that these many words of Scripture may bear witness to your true Word: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING *Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

Springtime Rhapsody

The voice of my beloved!

*Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.*

*My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.*

*Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.*

My beloved speaks and says to me:

*‘Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;*

for now the winter is past,

*the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.*

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Hearing and Doing the Word

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were

like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #293** *This is My Father's World*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And Earth and Heaven be one.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to God's Creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification or sanctification through him.

(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,

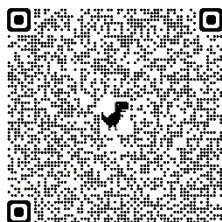
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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

Generous God, we return to you these gifts, not only of our resources, but also of our lives. Sanctify us and use us to work out your purposes in the world. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #543 (GtG)** *God be the Love*

*God be the love to search and keep me
God be the prayer to move my voice
God be the strength to now uphold me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

*Bind to myself the name of Holy
Great cloud of witnesses enfold
Prophets, apostles, angels witness
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

*Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight
Flashing of lightning, strength of wind
Depth of the sea to soil of planet
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

*Walking behind to hem my journey
Going ahead to light my way
And from beneath, above, and all ways
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

*Christ in the eyes of all who see me
Christ in the ears who hear my voice
Christ in the hearts of all who know me
O Christ, surround me
O Christ, surround me*

***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)

Cody Tittle (Marlene's friend)

Marlene Tincher

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)
Samara Fabian
Ginny Gilmore
Marge & Ernie Ankeny (Marty O'Neill's in-laws)
Gwen Martin (Melissa Keeley's friend)
Family of Dale Lytle
Steven Lister (son of Ted & Darlene's friend)
Jace Martin (friend of Keeley Brister)

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



Regular worship hours resume next Sunday,
September 8th. See you at 10:30am!

Plan on coming to a special time on the September 8,
the Sunday after Labor Day at 9:15 to celebrate all of
our birthdays with a fun birthday party. This is for all

ages from the tiny baby to the oldest of our folks. We will have balloons, games, food and fellowship. We may be able to teach the young ones some of the games the older folks played when they were young.

If you do not usually come at 9:15 make this the one time in the year that you do. If you have questions you can ask Debbie Rendes, Lori Brendlinger, Carole Rummell or Pastor Kori. Regular classes for all ages will start the next Sunday 9/15.



Anniversary Wishes

Kim & Tom Crozier 09/02

Lisa & Will Sorg 09/04



Birthday Wishes

Danielle Williams 9/04

Alexandria Fabian 9/07

Michael Craver 9/05

Natalie McMullen 9/07



Responsibilities

Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Tim Gleason

Elder- Chuck Reinhart

Deacon- Lori Brendlinger

Music- Andrew Karkosiak

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Thank you for your generosity!



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

August 25th \$2,002

August 18th \$630

August 11th \$1,882



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 01 10:00am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, September 02 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Thursday, September 05 10:00am Sewing Guild
4:00pm M.R. Football Team

Sunday, September 08 10:30am Worship/Fellowship
Birthday Party/Rally
Day

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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Tuesday/Thursday
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