



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 02, 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 us to be together as neighbors in faith:

to celebrate those who came before us

to be in community with those around us

and to care for those who will come after us

With joy and thanksgiving, let us be good neighbors.

With joy and thanksgiving, let us praise the Lord!

***HYMN #461**

God is Here! (v. 1, 3, 4)

God is here! As we your people

Meet to offer praise and prayer,

May we find in fuller measure

What it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us,

All our varied skills and arts

Wait the coming of the Spirit

Into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome

In the Shepherd's flock and fold;

Here as bread and wine are taken,

Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant

Seek in worship to explore

What it means in daily living

To believe and to adore.

*Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel:
help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You,
We adore You! We believe!*

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 up on 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.*

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.

FIRST READING*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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

SECOND READING*1 John 4:7-21*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in

God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #420** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us,
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways.
From the fears that long have bound us,
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.*

*Cure Thy children's warring madness,
Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.*

*Set our feet on lofty places,
Gird our lives that they may be,
Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
That we fail not them nor Thee,
That we fail not them nor Thee.*

*Save us from weak resignation,
To the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving Thee whom we adore,
Serving Thee whom we adore.*

***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.*

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 #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."

Liturgy used comes from Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett.

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.

Amos Rodgers & Cody Tittle (Marlene's friends)
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)

Prayers for the World

Eastminster Presbytery and staff
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family
World Leaders
Refugees
Peace and healing for our country and the world
Niles Community Services
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Mission
Our PC(USA) coworkers
Ukraine
Citizens of Israel and Palestine

Announcements

Come join us for a Luau Potluck to kick off the summer on Sunday, June 30th. Church Growth will be providing Ham and punch, and we welcome anyone who is able and interested to bring a side dish to share. We look forward to seeing you all there for some great food and fellowship! For any questions, please reach out to a member of Church Growth.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 19th 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 general admission to the game and a hot dog, bag of chips, and drink. There will be fireworks after the game. Please note to receive the group pricing we will need a minimum of 20 people to attend. If we do not have a minimum of 20 people we will need to cancel this outing. Signups will be in Fellowship hall. Should you have any questions please reach out to a member of Church Growth.



Anniversary Wishes

Ted & Darlene Smith 06/08



Birthday Wishes

Karen Painter 06/07

William Palomo 06/08



Thank you for your generosity!

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

May 26th

May 19th \$829.32

May 12th \$712

(2024 Per Capita needed \$4,420 Received to date \$1,331)

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Marty O'Neill

Elder- Jane Meyers

Deacon- Rosie Rebraca

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian/Mason Meyers



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 02	9:15am	Church School
	10:00am	Worship/ Zoo Trip
Monday, June 03	7:00pm	Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Sunday, June 09	10:00am	Worship/ Communion/ Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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Tuesday/Thursday
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