



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 04, 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.***

Loving and Gracious God, tender one to all who call upon you with repentant and believing hearts: bless us, we pray, with your presence this day. Teach the ones who have gathered to learn your ways, inspire those who seek your wisdom, energize those who are exhausted, comfort those who grieve, and strengthen those who are weak. Indeed, O God, fill all of our hearts with your praise and lead us in holiness and

righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

God calls to us from beyond our cluttered thoughts  
**to a quiet place away from our cluttered lives.**

God calls just for us,

**we don't need any of our stuff.**

God calls us to calm our overwhelm and guide us step  
by step

**to create peaceful order in our world.**

**\*HYMN #2128 (StF)**      *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

*Come and find the quiet center*

*In the crowded life we lead*

*Find the room for hope to enter*

*Find the frame where we are freed*

*Clear the chaos and the clutter*

*Clear our eyes that we can see*

*All the things that really matter*

*Be at peace and simply be*

*Silence is a friend who claims us*

*Cools the heat and slows the pace*

*God it is who speaks and names us*

*Knows our being touches base*

*Making space within our thinking*

*Lifting shades to show the sun*

*Raising courage when we're shrinking  
Finding scope for faith begun*

*In the Spirit let us travel  
Open to each other's pain  
Let our lives and fears unravel  
Celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming  
There's a time for heart to care  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare*

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

*God looks at us, to see if we are wise enough to offer confession, to receive forgiveness, to seek to know the healing love of Christ. Let us prove our wisdom, and set aside our foolish pride, as we pray, first in silent prayer.*

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

**Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call. We confess how often we think of our own interests first— more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. We confess that we have not always treated one**

**another as valued members of Your Body, that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

### **KYRIE #572**

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

### **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The wideness of God's mercy, the range of God's forgiveness, the infinite love of God, the Heart of hope which is never empty: all these gifts are ours, as God restores us to the fullness of life meant for us.

**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**                      *Romans 12: 1-2, 9-13*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

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

**SECOND READING***Ephesians 3:14-19*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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**SERMON***Rev. Kori Robbins****We Respond to God's Love*****\*HYMN #391***Take My Life and Let it Be*

*Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be*

*Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Jesus was what we are. He grew up in a family and a society troubled by the common problems of the world. His knowledge was limited by his time and place in history. He felt deeply the joy of friendship and the hurt of being rejected. Jesus prayed, struggled with temptation, knew anger, and was subject to suffering and death. He was like us in every way except sin. Jesus was what we should be. He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience. He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love. In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit, Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

*(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,

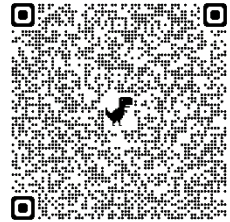
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power 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 #19 (GtG)**      *God of Great and God of Small*

*God of great and God of small,  
God of one and God of all,  
God of weak and God of strong,  
God to whom all things belong,*

### ***Refrain:***

*Alleluia, Alleluia, praise be to your name.*

*God of land and sky and sea,  
God of life and destiny,  
God of never ending power,  
Yet beside me every hour, **Refrain***

*God of silence, God of sound,  
God by whom the lost are found,  
God of day and darkest night,  
God whose love turns wrong to right, **Refrain***

*God of heaven and God of earth,  
God of death and God of birth,  
God of now and days before,  
God who reigns forevermore, Refrain*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE**            *Go On Your Way in Joy*

*Go on your way in joy, my friends.*

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*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)

Samara Fabian

Ginny Gilmore

Marge & Ernie Ankeny (Marty O'Neill's in-laws)

Gwen Martin (Melissa Keeley's 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**



Our outing for the Mahoning Valley Scrapper's game has been rescheduled for Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$14 and will include admission as well as all you can eat at the concession stand throughout the game. Sign-ups are in Fellowship Hall and ticket money is due at that time in order to reserve your seat. Please see a member of Church Growth ( Melissa, Marty, January or Ted for payment.)



## **Anniversary Wishes**

Sherry & Rodney Craver 08/06



## **Birthday Wishes**

Tom Crozier 08/10

## **Responsibilities**



*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Sherry Gleason*

*Elder- Lisa Sorg*

*Deacon- Debbie Rendes*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*

**Thank you for your generosity!**

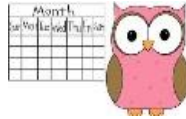


*(We need \$3,000 weekly to make our budget!)*

July 28<sup>th</sup> \$497

July 21<sup>st</sup> \$1,286

July 14<sup>th</sup> \$2,945



**This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, August 04      10:00am      Worship/Fellowship

Monday, August 05      7:00pm      Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, August 11      10:00am      Worship/Communion/  
Fellowship

## **Staff**

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### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Samara Fabian  
Mason Meyers

## **Hours**

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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