



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**Pentecost
May 19, 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.*

Holy and loving God, the words you speak are the life and sustenance of all that exists. The life Jesus gives is the re-creation and renewed birth of all that is broken and worn. The Spirit's stirring in our souls is the inspiration for creativity, compassion, joy, and community. Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; may our whole lives be worship. In all things,

may we seek to connect with and to reflect your love and your hope. In the name of Jesus we pray, amen.

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

We come together from many places—
from north and south, from east and west, just as God calls.

We come together in one place—
piece by piece, becoming the Body of Christ.

We come together in one place—
not always understanding, not always courageous, not always ready,
and the Spirit rushes in!

Let us rejoice and proclaim God’s power in this place!

***HYMN #319**

Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1, 3, 4)

Refrain:

*Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep,
And over the eons you called to each thing,
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”*

Refrain

*You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
Then you whispered in silence
When the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again
When you blew through your people
On the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain***

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.*

Holy and Beloved God, though the world calls us in a chaotic mess of voices, your voice stands apart. Yours is the soft, still voice that speaks to our very heart of hearts. If we would pay attention to your voice, we would hear your love and concern for us – and for those whose voice is getting lost in the chaos. Help us to hear you, and through you, to hear the voices of the oppressed, the lost, the seething, and the frightened. May your voice bring justice and mercy to us and to all the world.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

My friends, God hears your voice – whether you shout from the top of your lungs or whisper softly below your breath. God has already forgiven you for not listening – and is calling you to live this Good News through the Holy Spirit.

Praise God, who sends the Spirit of Truth and Love to the world. Amen!

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 *Acts 2: 14-21*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

SECOND READING *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that

when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

SERMON

Rev. Dan Schomer

We Respond to God’s Love

***HYMN #356**

Come Thou Fount

*Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Lord, you have done so many things;
the earth is full of your creations!
You make them all so wisely.
Look at the deep, wide sea;
the home of countless creatures large and small.

All of God's creations look to God for sustenance.
Some trust more than others.
God has breathed life into the world –
it is through the Spirit that we live.
Let the Lord's glory last forever!
Let the Lord rejoice in all He has made!
We will sing to the Lord as long as we live;
we will let our praise be pleasing to God.
We rejoice in the Lord!

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 #322**

Spirit of the Living God (twice)

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God,

Fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

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***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.

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)
Pam Clay (Cousin of Debbie Rendes & Diane Reinhart)
Dawn Wilson
Cameron Watkins
Family of Joe Koch
Family of Mary Alice Seaborn
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

**Summer Worship hours will resume next week
Sunday, May 26th. See you at 10am!**

Eastminster Presbytery will hold a Suicide Prevention Workshop at FPCMR on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 8:30am. This workshop will benefit anyone learning how to effectively minister to those affected by suicide. Workshop is free and lunch will be provided.

Please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/soul-shop-for-leaders-mineral-ridge-ohio-tickets-875353625257?aff=oddtcreator>

The Deacons are looking for help on June 8th for the Flag Day Festival Pancake breakfast. We need at least 12 people! If you can help, please let January Rendes or Pastor Kori know!



Birthday Wishes

Sue McCabe 05/24



Thank you for your generosity!

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

05/12/24 \$712

05/05/24 \$3,755

04/28/24 \$888.69

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

Responsibilities



Pastor- Dan Schomer

Liturgist- Melissa Keeley

Elder- Chuck Reinhart

Deacon- Marty O'Neill

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost)	9:15am 10:30am	Church School Worship/ Fellowship
Monday, May 20	6:30pm 7:00pm	Deacon's Meeting Al-Anon & Al-Ateen
Tuesday, May 21	8:30am 6:30pm	Suicide Prevention Presbytery Committee Night
Sunday, May 26	10:00am*	Worship/ Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

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General Office Hours

Tuesday/Thursday
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