



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 16, 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.*

At the end of one long week

**and the beginning of another**

we come to hear the good news:

**that we are loved just the way we are**

by a God who delighted in creating us.

**Let us love the one who loves us with songs of praise!**

**\*HYMN #702 (GtG)**      *Christ Beside Me*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to part.*

*Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising light of my life.*

*Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to part.*

**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.*

**Creator God, we confess to a dire lack of love for our neighbor, our enemy, and even, especially, ourselves. And we confess that by not loving as you have loved we fail to love you. Give us eyes that see your image in each of your children, and hearts that love others not as we wish they were but as you have made them to be. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

**KYRIE #572**

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

*O God of wisdom, you delight in deep truth. Let these words of scripture teach our hearts, that we may hear your joy and gladness, for the sake of Christ, your wisdom for us. 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***Psalm 139: 1-18*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

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

**SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

## ***We Respond to God's Love***

**\*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*

### **\*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.*

**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 301 (GtG)**      *All Are Welcome (v. 1, 3, 5)*

*Let us build a house  
Where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where  
Saints and children tell  
How hearts learn to forgive.*

*Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

**Refrain:**      *All are welcome; all are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.*

*Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine, and wheat;  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet.*

*Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
Is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain***

*Let us build a house  
Where all are named,  
Their songs and visions  
Heard and loved  
And treasured, taught and claimed  
As words within the Word.*

*Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **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."*

*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.*

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)

Jim Harper (Jessica Painter's grandpa)

Penny Delleiso (Patty Postlethwait's Mother)

Pam Kuzawa (Patty Postlethwait's Aunt)

## **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**

Pastor Kori is inviting you to a summer barbecue on June 21st at 6pm! Feel free to bring a dish to share. Pastor Kori will be providing food options as well. If you can make it, let her know by emailing her at [pastor@fpcmr.org](mailto:pastor@fpcmr.org) or calling/texting her cell phone!

Come join us for a Luau Potluck to kick off the summer on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

Sue & Ken McCabe 06/21



## **Birthday Wishes**

Pastor Kori Robbins 06/18

Natalie Marsteller 06/20



## **Responsibilities**

*Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins*

*Liturgist- Brooke Kaschak*

*Elder- Jane Meyers*

*Deacon- Darlene Smith*

*Music- Anita Miller*

*Story Circle- Olivia Meyers*

*Media- Mason Meyers*



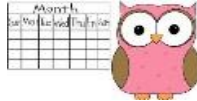
**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

June 09<sup>th</sup> \$1,319

June 02<sup>nd</sup> \$2,040.22

May 31<sup>st</sup> \$952



**This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

Sunday, June 16                      10:00am                      Worship/ Fellowship



Monday, June 17                      7:00pm                      Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Sunday, June 23                      10:00am                      Worship/ Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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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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