



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

**2nd Sunday in Lent
February 25, 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.*

God of the high and low, we come before you this day seeking your Holy presence. We come to sing praises, pray petitions, and listen to the Word at your holy mountain. We come to experience metamorphosis, to be changed into your people. Change us in this hour so we might speak your Spirit of hope and grace to the world. We pray this in the name of Christ, amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** – *Please stand and join me*

I will bless the Lord at all times

Praise shall continually be in my mouth

Let my soul make its boast in the Lord

Let the humble hear and be glad

Let us hear the good news, and be warmed by it

Let us taste and see that God is good together

Come, magnify the Lord with me, for God

***HYMN #379** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

*His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness, alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)*

CALL TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated.*

Let us confess ourselves to Jesus Christ, the one who is human with us and for us, and so he accepts us as we are. Let us confess our sins, first in silent prayer.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *Please join me*

God we confess that we are sometimes ashamed, we are afraid to come with our full selves. Afraid that we are incomplete, or not enough. We are afraid, and so we find it hard to serve. But you reassure us, that fear is part of the process, and that you will always answer and take care of us. Help us when we are afraid we pray. Amen.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this, God answers and delivers us, forgiving us so that we are radiant with the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SUNG RESPONSE #582 (GtG)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, who 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.*

Lord our God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Let us hear your promises in this Scripture, and let the world know your blessing in our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 34: 11-14

Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Which of you desires life,
and covets many days to enjoy good?
Keep your tongue from evil,
and your lips from speaking deceit.

Depart from evil, and do good;
seek peace, and pursue it.

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

SECOND READING*Mark 10:32-34, 46-52*

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

SERMON*Rev. Kori Robbins*

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #2223 (StF)** *They Will Know We Are Christians*

*We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored*

Chorus:

*And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love*

*We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land **(Chorus)***

*We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard human dignity
And save human pride **(Chorus)***

*All praise to the Father
From whom all things come*

*And all praise to
Christ Jesus God's only Son
And all praise to
The Spirit who makes us one (Chorus)*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. Our confidence and our hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievement of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

(from "A Declaration of Faith," 1977)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – *You may be seated.*

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

God who sees us as complete and calls us by name in the midst of our struggles, lead us towards a faith that helps us to serve in a way that is not about ability but about faith we pray. Amen.

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #77**

Forty Days and Forty Nights

*Forty days and forty nights
You were fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*Shall not we Your sorrow share
And from worldly joys abstain,
Fasting with unceasing prayer,
Strong with You to suffer pain?*

*Then if Satan on us press,
Flesh or spirit to assail,
Victor in the wilderness,
Grant that we not faint nor fail!*

*So shall we have peace divine:
Holier gladness ours shall be;
Round us, too, shall angels shine,
Such as served You faithfully.*

*Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
Ever constant by Your side;
That with You we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.*

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING RESPONSE** *Go On Your Way in Peace*

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Go on your way in peace, my friends.

Let your left foot say, "Glory"

And your right say, "Amen."



Prayer List

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER

Mary Alice Seaborn Marlyne Young
Helen Redmond Shirley Dull

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)
Graig Colantone (Nicole Pugh'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)
Corilee Farrimond (Lisa Sorg's mother-in-law)
Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)
Shirley Brodie
Mary Jane Hileman
Mason Blackburn (Mary J. Shaffer's friend)
Jim Meyers (Darryl's brother)
Terry Keeley Sr
Alan Bray (friend of Terry Keeley Sr.)
Joe Scafuri (Terry Godman's father-in-law)
Logan (Friend of Abbie Postlethwait)

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

Deacons will meet Monday February 26th, Session meets Tuesday February 27th. Both meetings will be held at 6:30pm.

The Christian Education committee has books on Easter available in Fellowship Hall for our kids. Please feel free to take one!

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Special Offering received during Lent. This offering is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. The three programs it supports are:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance -goes to communities after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters. *Presbyterian Hunger Program* -takes action to alleviate hunger. *Self-Development of People* -invests

in communities to teach people to help themselves.

Our GOAL this year is \$1,500!

Whoopie! We received another \$100 for our Souper Bowl of Caring that will go to our Back Pack Program. That means the total for our Back Pack Program is now \$965.65. That will help us to fill back packs for children in need at Seaborn Elementary School to take home over the weekends. Thanks again for all who have made this possible.

Birthday Wishes



Jennifer Sampson 02/25

Mary Jane Shaffer 02/27

Andrew Garris 02/28

Matthew Pugh 02/28

Responsibilities



Pastor- Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist- Bethany Glidewell

Elder- Andy Konsol

Deacon- Patty Postlethwait

Music- Anita Miller

Story Circle- Olivia Meyers

Media- Samara Fabian

Thank you for your generosity

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



02/18/24 \$1,779.84
02/11/24 \$1,343
02/04/24 \$2,909



This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 25 9:15am Church School
(2nd Sunday in Lent) 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

Monday, February 26 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting
 7:00pm Al-Anon & Al-Ateen

Tuesday, February 27 6:30pm Session Meeting

Sunday, March 03 9:15am Church School
(3rd Sunday in Lent) 9:30am Tiny Tots
 10:30am Worship/Fellowship

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
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Tuesday/Thursday
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