



# **First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost  
November 12, 2023**

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**

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***We Gather as God's People***

**OPENING PRAYER – *let us pray.***

We thank you, O God for your love for us. Love that reaches out to accept us, wherever we are, whoever we are. Love that demands a lot, but at the same time, somehow, amazingly, enables us to meet those demands. Love that reassures, affirms, prompts,

challenges, and overwhelms us with the completeness of its response. Help us, your people, held within the security of your love, to risk showing that same love to others. May our love, too, be known for its abundance, its readiness to speak out and its healing power. Amen.

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

*(Adapted from Psalms 134)*

Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks.

**Thank you God for your love to me**

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God

**Thank you God for your love in this place**

Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

**Thank you God for your love to others**

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

**Thank you God for your love that we can share**

Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

**Thank you God for your love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN #293** *This is My Father's World*

*This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;*

*His hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.*

*This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
And Earth and Heaven be one.*

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

*It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.*

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

**O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not always claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents, that you so freely give, to open them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world. We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused, both individually and when we are together as your people, and that this confusion has often blinded us to your interest in our lives. Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God! Our prayer is that you will claim**

**us again and silence within us our desire to always have words for every occasion, that we might hear the whisper of the wings of your Spirit. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, 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 the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

**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.*

*Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**FIRST READING**

*Psalms 112*

Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
who greatly delight in his commandments.  
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.  
Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.  
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;  
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.  
It is well with those who deal generously and lend,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
For the righteous will never be moved;  
they will be remembered forever.  
They are not afraid of evil tidings;  
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.  
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.  
They have distributed freely, they have given to the  
poor; their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn is exalted in honor.  
The wicked see it and are angry;  
they gnash their teeth and melt away;  
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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

## **SECOND READING**

*1 Peter 4:8-11*

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Kori Robbins*

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

**\*HYMN #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

*Called as partners in Christ's service,  
Called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
Fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
Side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
To fulfil God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,*

*Reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer poorer,  
All God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
Gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
In a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
Breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
Words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
Make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
With a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
Our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
Hope and confidence and peace.*

### **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.*

**Each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of God's creative hands, and amazing grace. We are each unique, unrepeatable gifts to the world. We are proof of God's love. And so, we who are the gifts of creation now give gifts to our Creator. Gifts brought in love. Amen**

**EUCCHARIST** – see insert



## **We Go Out to Serve God**

**\*HYMN #513** *Let us Break Bread Together*

*Let us break bread together  
on our knees; (on our knees;)*

*Let us break bread together  
on our knees; (on our knees.)*

### **Refrain:**

*When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me; (on me.)*

*Let us drink wine together  
on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us drink wine together  
on our knees; (on our knees.)* **Refrain**

*Let us praise God together  
on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us praise God together  
on our knees; (on our knees.)* **Refrain**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING RESPONSE #743** *Step by Step*

O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
O God, You are my God and I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

# ***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 noted.*

Megan Taylor (Carole's cousin)

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)

Dareen Craver-Angeloff (Rodney's mother)

Cheryl Fisher (Bev Meyers' Daughter)

Ella McBride (friend of Sherri Craver)

Bonnie Jorza (Linda Frayer's Sister-in-Law)

Cheryl Beanblossom (Valerie Copanic's sister)

Alan & Patty Bray (friend of Keeley Family)

Joan Williams

Rusty Garland

Kathy Garland

Cindi Farina (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Vince Fazio (Marty O'Neill's friend)

Rich Pilla (Lisa Sorg's step-dad)

Jodi Jorgensen (Lisa Sorg's friend)

Shirley Brodie

Mary Jane Hileman

## **PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

Eastminster Presbytery and staff  
Our Mineral Ridge Church Family  
Niles Community Services  
Warren & Youngstown Rescue Missions  
Refugees throughout the world  
Rev. Kade Mastra (Indonesian Partner)  
Peace and healing for our country  
Casa de Buen Trato  
Ukraine  
World Leaders  
Jed and Jenny Koball (Peru)  
Our PC(USA) coworkers  
Revs. Scott & Elmarie Parker  
Victims of natural disasters  
Citizens of Israel/Palestine

## **Announcements**

*Information sent after Thursday at 9 am may not make it into  
the bulletin.*

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Today is our Chicken & Biscuit Dinner from 12pm-2pm. It will include chicken, biscuit, mashed potatoes, green beans, & dessert. (Adults \$11/Children \$5.)

We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after worship.

The Congregational Meeting for the purposes of electing officers and the 2024 Nominating Committee will be held immediately following worship on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

We now have a total of 22 families and 38 students in our backpack program! We are in need of fruit cups, boxes of macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and snacks (snack bars, packs of crackers or cookies, etc) for this program. The number normally rises during the school year so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Our community food pantry needs Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, fruit cups, pancake mix, maple syrup, desserts/muffin & gravy packets. If you are able to donate, we greatly appreciate it. Our next food distributions will be Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 2023, for our Holiday Distributions.

For the month of November the Deacons will be collecting items to donate. The items we will be collecting will be New or gently used items: Warm coats (sizes Adult Large – 4X), Dry Boots (Sizes Men 9-13), sleeping bags, winter gloves, winter hats, blankets, tarps, and NEW socks. We will also accept monetary donations as well.



## **Birthday Wishes**

Andrew Cupan 11/14

Mary Rose Rebraca 11/14

Molly Cravalko 11/18



## **Thank you for your Generosity!**

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

November 05<sup>th</sup> \$2,865

October 29<sup>th</sup> \$837

October 22<sup>nd</sup> \$1,130



## **Responsibilities**

**Pastor** Rev. Kori Robbins

**Liturgist** Andy Konsol

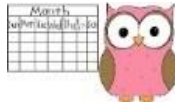
**Elder** Ted Smith

**Deacon** Darlene Smith

**Music** Anita Miller

**Story Circle** Olivia Meyers

**Media** Alyssa Strange



## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Church School  
**(Communion)** 10:30am Worship  
12p-2p Chicken &  
Biscuit Dinner

Monday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Al-Anon/Ateen

Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 10a-12p Community  
Pantry  
Distribution

Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Church School  
10:30am Worship/  
Fellowship

## **Staff**

### **Pastor**

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### **Custodian**

Patty Postlethwait

### **Story Circle Attendant**

Olivia Meyers

### **Media**

Alyssa Strange

## **Hours**

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

Monday-Thursday  
9am-3pm

### **General Office Hours**

Tuesday/Thursday  
9am-1pm

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