



First Presbyterian Church of Mineral Ridge

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Dedication Sunday

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. Today, we are worshiping you together; at your invitation, in your house, and as your family. You created this planet for us, and you have given us the air we need to breathe, the water for us to drink, the plants and animals and minerals for our food and clothing and shelter, and the ability to

gain knowledge and wisdom. We give thanks for your gifts to this world and gather today to offer our gifts in return. We pray for your presence with us, in this sanctuary and outside it's walls as we work to be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

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

All that we are is a gift from God.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

Leader: All that we have is a gift from God.

The world, and those who live in it;

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

For God has founded it on the seas,

Leader: Rejoice as we join together in praise for God's great gifts.

God established it on the rivers.

***HYMN #469** *Morning Has Broken*

*Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the word!*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.*

*Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!*

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. We acknowledge that we neglect and reject gifts that have been provided by God. But, we step towards wholeness and reconciliation with God when we make our confession, first in silent prayer.

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

God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. You provide us with opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.

KYRIE #572

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this Good news: God sees our sins and our cries and reaches out to forgive and restore us.

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.*

*God, one of the great gifts that you have shared with us is your word. Open our hearts and minds as the scriptures are read and the message is proclaimed. Help us to hear with anticipation what you have to say and give us a sense of urgency to share it with others.
Amen.*

FIRST READING*Psalm 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 for ever. 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*Acts 9: 36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So, Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room

upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

SERMON

Rev. Kori Robbins

We Respond to God's Love

***HYMN #339**

Be Thou My Vision

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still by my vision, O ruler of all.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God, Sustainer, Redeemer and Spirit, who gives us steadfast love, and shares with us our joy, and sustains us in our suffering. God's power is open to us; we trust in God.

We follow Jesus Christ. His death is our victory, his resurrection is our hope; in him the Word became flesh; in him we are offered forgiveness from sin, renewal from failure, reconciliation from brokenness, release from despair.

We are guided by the Holy Spirit, God's presence in the world. By the Spirit we are called into Christ's Church, to celebrate God's love, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, to share with in community with Christ.

Because we are his disciples, his pilgrim people, we joyfully covenant with each other to walk together in love, to pray for one another, to care for one another, to live in community, in life, in death, in life beyond death. God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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 in saying
the prayer of dedication.*

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who
live in it.

**You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent,
energy, money—and asked us to use them to build
your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond
to your call.**

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your
generosity, paying it forward.

**We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,
our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to
work for your world, to love and serve wherever
you call.**

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek
to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**Bless also these gifts, our investment in your
future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and
love. Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve God

***HYMN #522** *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

*Lord when I came into this life
You called me by my name;
Today I come commit myself,
Responding to Your claim.*

*Within the circle of the faith
As member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints
Of future present past.*

*In all the tensions of my life,
Between my faith and doubt,
Let Your great Spirit give me hope,
Sustain me lead me out.*

*So help me in my unbelief
And let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth,
My sights set high on You.*

***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

John Anderson & Family (Friends of Bill Reinhart)

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.*

We will be decorating for Christmas following worship.
Please join us!

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

Rusty Garland has a new address, 210 Prestwick Dr.
Youngstown, OH 44512. Please continue to send cards
of encouragement, he is very appreciative of them!

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. 14th, 2023, and Dec. 12th 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

Darren Garris 11/19

Paul Wasilewski 11/20

Jeff Kaschak 11/22

Mary Alice Seaborn 11/23



Anniversary Wishes

Linda & Butch Lukehart 11/19



Thank you for your Generosity

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

November 12th \$2,239.32

November 05th \$2,865

October 29th \$837



Responsibilities

Pastor Rev. Kori Robbins

Liturgist Jill Fabian

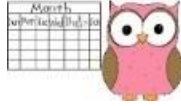
Elder Sue McCabe

Deacon Darlene Smith

Music Andrew Karkosiak

Story Circle Olivia Meyers

Media Alyssa Strange



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, November 19th 9:15am Church School
(Dedication Sunday) 10:30am Worship/Xmas
Decorating/
Fellowship

Monday, November 20th 6:30pm Deacon's
7:00pm Al-Anon/Ateen

Thursday, November 23rd



Happy
Thanksgiving!

Sunday, November 26th 9:15am Church School
(Christ the King Sunday) 10:30am Worship/
Congregational
Meeting

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Hours

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9am-3pm

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Tuesday/Thursday
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