

Acting Lessons

From the Book of Acts



Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism". Acts 10:34

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*Declaring God's Grace & Demonstrating God's Love,
as Directed by God's Word*

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to the worship of God at Ken Mawr! We know that the church should be a place of unity and harmony, focused on worshipping and serving and honoring God. But all too often church groups fall into the “us/them” trap of discord and disunity. The early church, primarily made up of Jewish believers, had these struggles too. God wanted to expand the boundaries of God’s church to the Gentiles, yet they weren’t quite ready for that. Think about our own church for a moment. Is it a place of unity? God doesn’t expect us to never have a disagreement, for certain. But have we ever put ourselves in the place of outsiders, or first-time visitors, when they walk through the doors of our church? If not, it’s time that we should. Many blessings! *-Pastor Karl*

Today at KMUPC

- **Coffee and tea** are available on the lower level at the coffee counter next to the Welcome Room.
- **Restrooms** are on the Sanctuary level, through the front Sanctuary doors, turn right at the office door and follow signs toward the elevator. Additional restrooms are on the first floor at the bottom of the steps and in the lower hallway.
- **Nursery room** is open and available on the lower level, turn right at the bottom of the steps, turn left in the children’s department, the nursery room is the last door on the right. There are changing tables, rocking chairs and toys. There is a speaker in this room to hear the service. Please feel free to use this space for you and your child.
- **Children’s church** is offered for children Preschool age to Grade 4 after Time with the Children during the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a 3-4 year old room and 5 – grade 4 room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- **Elders/Deacons of the month** are available to help you with general questions and information. The Elder of the Month is usually in the church office throughout the morning.

Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship - Isaiah 55: 6-9

“Seek the Lord While He May Be Found”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise

“Come, People of the Risen King”

**Come, people of the Risen King who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him,
where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the night.
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease,
but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world, his people sing, shore to shore we hear them call,
the truth that cries through every age "Our God is all in all"
Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!
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One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! We joyfully sing! But as we praise you, we remember that when you have been faithful to us, we have sinned against you. Our worship fails to be what it could. We go through motions, pretending to honor you, but we are thinking about ourselves. We forget that you seek us, you choose us, you want to engage us deeply. Forgive and renew us according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response

**All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others take your part.
Sing his praises, Alleluia! Ye, who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness!
O praise him, Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Time with the Children (Kids spell love T-I-M-E)

*Children PreK – Grade 4 are invited to children's church.
They will rejoin their families during the last hymn.*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

...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.

Prayer Response #115

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

Praise the name of Jesus, praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock, he's my Fortress, he's my Deliverer, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus. (repeat)

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Acts 10:23-35

23 The next day Peter started out with them, and some of the believers from Joppa went along. 24 The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence. 26 But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." 27 While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. 29 So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" 30 Cornelius answered: "Three days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me 31 and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. 32 Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.' 33 So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us." 34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. (NIV)

Sermon

"Unity Among Believers"

*The Confession of '67

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate all people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to all people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of all people in every kind of need.

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on our inhumanity
and the awful consequences of our own complicity in injustice.
In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church
sees the promise of God's renewal of humanity and of God's victory
over all wrong.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #603

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Allegheny County Christian Literacy Associates, founded in 1975, is committed to reaching functionally illiterate adults and children by helping them develop the reading skills necessary to operate in our complex technological society. Christian Literacy Associates also wishes to expose students to the message of Scripture through the witness of a Christian tutor and basic Bible content reading material. For more information visit www.christianliteracy.com

August 4 – Medical Benevolence Foundation
August 11 - Theology Matters
August 18 - New Wilmington Missionary Conference
August 25 - Presbyterian World Mission



Creating Responsible Kids on Smartphones is coming to Ken Mawr Church on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. No registration is needed, and this event is FREE. It is designed for parents and professionals. Their mission is to help parents and professionals create responsible children online. Invite your adult family members and friends.

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~THANK YOU~

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and Tina Freyermuth

TODAY AT KMUPC

July 28, 2024

Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
Brunch.....	9:45
Sermon Chat (Sharpe Hall).....	9:45
Children's Church	11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Al Anon.....	7:30
Thursday	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
Sunday	Worship Services (Communion) ...	8:30 and 11:00
	Sermon Chat.....	9:45
	Children's Church.....	11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

August 6 - Shape the Sky – for Parents and Professionals

- August 8 – Food Pantry
- August 10 – Men's Breakfast
- August 13 – Christian Ed meeting
- August 18 – Deacons Brunch at 9:45 a.m.
- August 19 – Finance Meeting
- August 20 – Session Meeting
- August 21 – Capital Campaign Meeting
- August 22 – Food Pantry

**The flowers today are given in gratitude for all the
Breaker Rock Beach volunteers and leaders who worked
tirelessly and selflessly for the children.**

Thank you.

BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.

Romans 12:2