



BEHOLD OUR GOD

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Welcome to Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church! You would have to thumb through a lot of children's Bible story books before you come across a retelling of Judges chapter 4. It's a story that resists the simplifying or moralizing that children's books sometimes do. In fact, adult readers may have to dig deeply to find much of anything edifying in this Scriptural story. But I would contend that Judges 4 shows God's gracious intervention in the lives of his people and that he accomplishes his work through unlikely people. Admittedly, the identity of those through whom God works can sometimes startle us. But in Scripture we find that our Sovereign God is amazingly flexible about whom he uses to accomplish his purposes. Thank you for joining us in worship today!

-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 of the Sanctuary doors, 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 care** is staffed 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.

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship – Ken Mawr Choir

“Joyful Thanksgiving”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #2

"O Worship the King"

*Prayer of Confession

Our Father in heaven, we thank you for leading us into the light. We thank you for sending the Savior to call us from death to life. We confess that we were dead in sin before we heard his call, but we received his gift of grace. There are old habits that we cannot throw off, old customs that are so much a part of our lives that we are helpless to live the new life that Christ calls us to live. Give us strength, Father, to break the bonds; give us courage to live a new life in you; give us faith to believe that with your help we will be transformed. All this we ask in the name of the Savior who brought us redemption. 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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Reception of New Members (11:00)

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 #359

“Give Thanks”

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Judges 4:1-15

1 Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. 2 So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. 3 Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help. 4 Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. 5 She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. 6 She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. 7 I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’ ” 8 Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.” 9 “Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him. 11 Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab,

Moses' brother-in-law, and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaanannim near Kedesh. 12 When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, 13 Sisera summoned from Harosheth Haggoyim to the Kishon River all his men and his nine hundred chariots fitted with iron. 14 Then Deborah said to Barak, "Go! This is the day the LORD has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the LORD gone ahead of you?" So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. 15 At Barak's advance, the LORD routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot. (NIV)

Sermon

"A Violent Story in a Violent World"

*A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, in Jesus the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ

in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we

watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come,

Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in

death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our

Lord. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn

"Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in His hands?

Who has numbered every grain of sand?

Kings and nations tremble at His voice.

All creation rises to rejoice.

Refrain:

Behold our God seated on His throne.

Come let us adore Him.

Behold our King nothing can compare.

Come let us adore Him!

***Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His Words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?
Refrain***

***Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!
Refrain (2 times)***

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE - Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize, disciple, and serve Jewish people everywhere and to help fellow believers do the same. Founded in Brooklyn, New York in 1894 by Rabbi Leopold Cohn, a Hungarian Jewish immigrant with a zeal to share the knowledge of Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah with God's chosen people. With our help, Chosen People Ministries will continue proclaiming the Good News through Jesus the Messiah to Jewish people around the world.

NEXT WEEK - The Deacons Fund

Welcome New Members

David M Perry – 412-458-0003
135 Roosevelt Ave.
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Birthday: February 20
Anniversary: March 17, 2017

Jean M McCarthy - 412-773-9916
Birthday: January 26

Sheila Konn – 304-417-9188
2010 Cutter Dr.
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Birthday: November 28
Anniversary: June 5, 2010
(Peter Konn*)
Child – Ruby Alexa – December 10

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR	Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
COMMISSIONED PASTOR	Louise Schoppe
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Tiffany Kelly
TREASURER	Saundra Kent
ASSISTANT TREASURER	Lori Ryan
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN	Cameron Brown
AUDIO/PERCUSSION	Adam Kantz
J.A.M. DIRECTOR	Chrissy Cannella
CUSTODIAN	P.J. O'Reilly

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

MUSIC DIRECTOR	Jayne McDonald
NURSERY COORDINATOR	Tina Ernst
CLERK OF SESSION	Diane Kuffner
MODERATOR OF DEACONS	Susan Marcinko
ELDER OF THE MONTH	Jason Kent
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Tony Cario/Kathy Strand

Ken Mawr Choir

Children's Church: Louise Schoppe

Counters: Tom & Cheryl Simchak and Tracy Hobbs

Van Driver: Tony Tresky

Flower Delivery: Anita Huchel & Mike Baldauff

Today's Nursery Care Schedule:

8:30 - Diane Kuffner

9:45 - Marlene Chioda

11:00 - Rachel & Allie Ramsey

TODAY AT KMUPC **November 19, 2023**

November 19 – Worship services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Reception of New Members	11:00
Children's Choir	12:00
Deacons Meeting.....	12:00
Pack Thanksgiving Boxes	5:00

WEEKLY EVENTS

November 20 – Thanksgiving Bags pick ups	Morning
Soccer Shots	5:00
Finance Meeting	6:00
Al Anon	7:30
November 21 – Thanksgiving Bags pick ups	Morning
LifeWise.....	9:00
Session.....	7:00
November 22 - JAM.....	6:00
Choir practice	7:00
November 23 – Office Closed	All day
November 24 – Office Closed	All day
November 26– Worship services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Children's Choir	12:00

LOOKING AHEAD

December 3 – Congregational Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
December 10 – Advent Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Sweats for Vets due
December 17 – Mitten Tree donations due
December 17 – Sunday School Lessons & Carols 9:45 a.m.
December 24 – One Worship Service at 10 a.m.
December 24 – Candlelight Servies at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
December 31 – One Worship Service at 10 a.m.
January 7 – Memorial Communion
January 14 – Ordination & Installation of Deacons and Elders

The flowers today are given in honor of Wendy Carney on her birthday, from Gary, Joyce, and Tess; in honor of Diane and Dan Felter's 48th Wedding Anniversary; and in honor of Ruth and Bob Ramsey's 48th Wedding Anniversary.



IN THE MILITARY

LCpl Andrew Gregory,	731 College Avenue, Old Town, ME 04468
Sgt. Paul McCurdy,	7436 McAuliffe Loop, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223
Jackson Dorsey,	U.S. Coastal Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320



AT HOME

Betty Borden – 2133 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143
Lovell and Eileen Bryant – 108 Homer Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dorothy Burgunder – 3927 Windgap Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204
Sandra Camarota – 2314 Forest Grove Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Ralph Chasey– Coraopolis Towers, #818, 951 1st Ave, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Bill Conrad – 115 Phillips Lane, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Alice Davis – (Amy Savatt's mother) – 29 Enlow Road, Imperial, PA 15126
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Evelyn Dithrich – 1103 Broadway Ave. #4, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Betty Dorsey – 115 Starling Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Joan Downs – 906 Canterbury Drive, Moon Twp., PA 15108
Pippa Downs – 136 Marie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
John Gehr – 129 Mallard Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Rose Ann Grannis - (Angela Schoppe's mom) 3121 47th Street, New Brighton, PA 15066
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Corinne Irwin – 20 Kenridge Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ann Joseck – 2107 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143
Carol Kaczmarek – 664 Magnus Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Mary Kuffner – 220 Coraopolis Road, Apt 4, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Lee Leck – 22 Rossi Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Karene Livingston – 10 Schoen St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
George McCurdy – (Russ' father) 1820 German Settlement Road, Ridgway, PA 15853
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Mercedes Niehoff – 226 North Vireo Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Marty Novoselski – 970 Glenhayes Drive, Crescent, PA 15046
Jim Orr – 612 Magnus Lane, Coraopolis, PA 15108
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Helen Sharpe – 56 S. Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ray Walter – 1042 Fiddleback Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – 400 Adams Drive, Apt 106, McKees Rocks, PA 15136



IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Cliff Brown- The Grove of New Castle, 715 Harbor Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Elaine Crist – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 236, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Gloria Dazen – Fair Oaks of Pittsburgh, 2200 W. Liberty Ave, Apt. 314, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Myralin Miller – 880 S. Main Street, Washington, PA 15301
Addie Mitchell – Evergreen Personal Care, 25 Glade Ave., Waynesburg, PA 15370
Loretta Osborne – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 210, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peggy Ponte – Caring Heights, Room 201, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108
Virginia Shaw – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 301, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Clare Webb – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 321, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, PA 15108