

Every GOOD  
and PERFECT gift  
is from above.  
JAMES 1:17

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

# *Welcome to Worship!*

We're so pleased to welcome each and every one of you on this Lord's Day. Were you to ask Americans in the 21st century, "What is God like?" you might get as many as 15-20 different answers. Some answers would reflect long-standing religious tradition. Others might reflect a kind of "do-it-yourself" theology. And some answers might reflect atheism or agnosticism. Few believers would turn quickly to the book of James for answers to the question of God's identity and character, because many of God's people largely think of James as a book of ethics. In James we read that God is good! And if we should ever ask, "From Where Do Good and Perfect Gifts Come?" James quickly answers, "*From above...from the Father of the heavenly lights.*" That's where.

*-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

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Preparing for Worship (choir)

"In Remembrance"

In remembrance of the body and the blood that was shed for sinners such as we.

In remembrance, in remembrance, we shall live with you eternally.

Your will be done, when we've begun to do the work you've set us to;

our hearts to love, our minds to know that you are with us everywhere we go.

Come to the table, all weak and able, strangers and sinners, be welcome this day.

One in the spirit of service and action, one in the folds of God's love we shall stay.

Your will be done, when we've begun to do the work you've set us to;

our hearts to love our minds to know that you are with us everywhere we go.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

## GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

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\*Hymn of Praise #40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

***For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

*For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

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\*Prayer of Confession

**God of love and mercy, be with us this day. We have faltered in our service to you. We create divisions between various people; we judge before we listen; we condemn before we make any attempt to understand. Our lives are in turmoil and we confess that we have turned away from you. It is fear and anger that too often surrounds us and our actions become based on those fears and anger. Slow us down, Lord. Give us hearts overflowing with grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus who loved and healed others who were rejected by “polite” society. Remind us that we are called to be strong voices of hope for those who feel alienated and lost; we are called to be a home to strangers; to quench thirst and to give nourishment; to welcome and bring words of hope. Forgive us when we have forgotten these things. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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

**Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
Still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease;**

**Repeat**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

## **GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

James 1: 17-27

*<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. <sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a*

mirror<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.<sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.<sup>26</sup> Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV)

Sermon

“Where Do Good and Perfect Gifts Come From?”

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.**

**The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

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God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

\*Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Sending Hymn #145

“Glory Be to God, Creator”

**Glory be to God, Creator, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, known as Three, yet God the One.**

**As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be  
in a world without an ending, glory through eternity.**

**Holy, holy God Almighty, holy, holy Prince of Peace,  
Holy, holy Wind of Presence, holy, holy, holy.**

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\*Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** Pittsburgh Theological Seminary funds both full-time and part-time students through the generosity of past and present donors. In addition, they endeavor to keep tuition and fee rates low in order to keep their programs more accessible. Assistance includes both need-based aid and merit scholarships.

Past support from donors has helped their aid program in the following ways:

- Only 18 percent of the 2021-2022 graduating class took out an educational loan at PTS.
- At the master's level, 75 percent of students received financial aid.
- 50 percent of master's students receive a living stipend from the seminary.
- At the doctor of ministry level, 60 percent of students received financial aid.
- Eligible doctor of ministry students also received funds to assist with travel and lodging expenses.

September 8 - Chosen International Medical Assistance

September 15 - Off the Floor Pittsburgh

September 22 - Emerging Mission Needs

September 29 - The Gideons International



9:45 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

**Pre-K through Grade 1** – Teachers Renee Trunick and Susan Chimera provide a loving environment for children to meet God as they begin a new series of lessons from The Gospel Project. On the lower level – right at the bottom of the steps.

**Grades 2 – 4** – The team of teachers for grades 2-4 will be helping these students to grow in their walk of faith through new lessons from The Gospel Project and applying the lessons through a variety of activities. On lower level – left at the bottom of the steps.

**Grades 5 – 8** – Josh Bryan and Jayne McDonald will be leading a group of middle school learners in Bible study that explores Knowing Jesus through the Gospels and Hebrews from Rooted Ministries. In addition to Sunday mornings, monthly special events will provide students with an opportunity to serve, have some extra time for fun, and grow deeper in faith. Second room on left across from Friendship Lounge.

**Grades 9 – 12** – With leadership from Chrissy Cannella and Jim Weikel, the high school students will study Bible lessons and current issues – Thinking Biblically) through study and discussion. First room on left across from Friendship Lounge.

**Sunday School Meet & Greet with registration for both children and adult classes will be September 8 at 9:45 a.m. in Sharpe Hall. Refreshments will be served!**



Use the QR code to register for Sunday School.



## SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

*Most people agree that it is important to teach our children about the Bible and to help them grow in their faith. But, it is just as important for adults. Learning doesn't stop just because you turn 18. Ken Mawr Presbyterian Church offers several Sunday morning adult groups where you will be welcomed and made to feel a part of the community of faith. Check out the current list of groups that will begin meeting this fall.*

**KOINONIA CLASS** - Led by Bucky Savatt & Diane Haney.

The Koinonia class meets down the hall to the left of the church office and will be studying Resolving Everday Conflict from Peacemaker's Ministires.

**WOVEN WOMEN** - Led by Rachel Ramsey.

The class meets on the lower level of the church in the Memorial Lounge and will be studying "Surrendered - Letting Go and Living Like Jesus."

**SCRIPTURE JOURNALING** - facilitated by Sue Marcinko.

Bring your favorite Bible, a pen, a journal, an open mind and heart. Meeting in the library on the lower level to the right at the bottom of the steps.

**NEW VISION**

This class meets in Friendship Lounge downstairs and will be studying the Gospel of John. Lovingly begun by Kathy Gadsby, this class seeks to study scripture by helping God's word to be available for all learners.

### Other Small groups

**Lord's Lambs** - Meets on the lower level in Friendship Lounge, the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**Esther Circle** - Meets on the lower level in Memorial Lounge the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Men's Breakfast** - Meets in Sharpe Hall on the upper level, the second Saturday morning of each month at 9:00 a.m.

**Lunch Bunch** - Meets in Friendship Lounge the third Wednesday of each month at Noon. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Are you interested in singing in the adult choir? See Jayne McDonald at either worship service. All are welcome!

## CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR  
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## VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

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ELDER OF THE MONTH  
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner  
Cheryl Simchak  
Jayne McDonald  
Tina Ernst  
Bob Ramsey  
Tina Freyermuth/Diane Haney

**THANK YOU ~**

**Ken Mawr Choir**

**Children's Church:** Louise Schoppe

**Counters:** Craig Hinden/Diane Kuffner

**Van Driver:** Tony Tresky

**Flower Delivery:** Nick and Melody Coholic

National Back to Church Sunday!

September 15, 2024

Bring a friend!

**TODAY AT KMUPC**

**September 1, 2024**

Worship Services/Communion .....	8:30 and 11:00
Choir Practice.....	7:55 and 10:35
Children’s Church.....	11:00

**THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	Al Anon .....	7:30
Tuesday	Lords Lambs.....	1:00
	Christian Ed Meeting .....	7:00
Wednesday	Choir Practice.....	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry.....	9:00 – 11:00
	Quilters .....	10:00
	Staff Meeting .....	11:00
Sunday	Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School Meet and Greet/Registration .....	9:45
	Children’s Church.....	11:00
	Middle School Youth Welcome Event.....	6:00

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- September 9 – Youth 412 (grades 9-12)
- September 10 – Esther Circle 7:00 p.m.
- September 14 – Men’s Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
- September 15 – First day of Sunday School classes 9:45 a.m.
- September 15 – Deacons Meeting 12 Noon
- September 16 – Youth 412
- September 16 – Finance Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- September 17 – Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- September 18 – Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m.
- September 19 – Food Pantry
- September 19 – Presbytery Event
- September 23 – Youth 412
- September 30 – Youth 412

*The flowers today are given by Sandra Camarota in memory of Gene Camarota on their 58th wedding anniversary.*



## **AT HOME**

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143  
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
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  
Rose Ann Grannis - (Angela Schoppe's mom) 3121 47<sup>th</sup> Street, New Brighton, PA 15066  
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Bob Hieber – 3104 Landing Lane, Moon Township PA 15108  
Patricia Hildebrand – 2027 McKees Rocks Rd., 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  
Lee Leck – 22 Rossi Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
George McCurdy – (Russ' father) 1820 German Settlement Road, Ridgway, PA 15853  
Roberta Meixell – 32 Eichelberger Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15136  
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Mercedes Niehoff – 226 North Vireo Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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  
Mary Kuffner – Concordia at Wexford, 125 Brown Rd., Wexford, PA 15090  
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

## **IN THE MILITARY**

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Sgt. Paul McCurdy - 7436 McAuliffe Loop, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223  
Jackson Dorsey - U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320