



Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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

Welcome to Worship!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am so grateful that you are here to reaffirm your baptismal vows in worship as we begin Holy Week. “*It is finished*” shouted Jesus from the Cross. All of it – all the cruelty and all the suffering and all the pain and all the betrayal – is over. Finished on a Friday afternoon on a hillside outside of the gates of the city of Jerusalem. Paul the Apostle summarizes the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and the meaning of the Cross in this way. He says, “*It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*” (Romans 1:16). Yes, it is. It is power. And, it is finished.

- *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.
- **The nursery (ages infant–4)** is open and staffed 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 are also coloring and activity books for children to use during the service at the main door of the church.
- **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

Preparing for Worship

“Let the Rocks Cry Out”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #264

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

**In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that thro' all time abide.**

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*Prayer of Confession

Merciful Father, our sin has brought you sorrow. It has harmed those who share our life and has been hurtful to our own selves. We confess that we have sinned and that we are sinners. We confess our offenses against you and against others, through thoughts, words, and actions. We dare not say we have only sinned lightly, because Christ has taken upon himself the burden of all our sinfulness. We humbly come to you seeking forgiveness through the cross of Jesus. Hear our prayers of confession, and free us from the penalty and power of our sin. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Time of Silence

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response #64

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

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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.

Congregational Prayer Response #350

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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Announcements

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

John 19: 30-37

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. 31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. 32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. 33 But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. 34 Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. 35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells

the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. 36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," 37 and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced." (NIV)

Sermon

"It Is Finished"

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

I. Sentences from Scripture Mark 8:34—1 Corinthians 12:12-14—1 Peter 1:3

II. Call to Discipleship

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering, and a responsibility. It is marked by change, growth, and deepened commitment. It is lived out of a continuously renewed sense of God's call and God's claim upon us made in our baptism.

III. Call to Renewal

By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in faith and to commit our lives to Christ. I invite you now to claim that grace given to you in baptism. On this occasion we celebrate the depth of God's love in Jesus Christ and join together to reaffirm our baptismal vows.

IV. Profession of Faith

As God embraces you in the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized:

Do you renounce all evil and powers of the world which defy God's righteousness and love? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and trust in him as Savior and Lord? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, to your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

V. Thanksgiving over Water

VI. Prayer

VII. Blessing and Anointing

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn

"Christus Victor"

**O Most High, King of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders;
by the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.**

our strength, our song, our sure salvation:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne.

**Be blessing, honor, glory, power
for the battle You have won.**

Hallelujah!

**With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.**

Hallelujah! Amen.

**O Most High, dwelling among us; Son of man, sent for sinners.
By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
who lived, who died, who rose victorious:**

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

**Be blessing honor glory power
for the battle You have won**

Hallelujah!

**With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.**

Hallelujah! Amen.

**O Most High, King of the nations; robed in praise, crowned with splendor.
On that day who will not tremble? When You stand, Christ the Victor**

who was, and is, and is forever:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne

**Be blessing honor glory power
for the battle You have won**

Hallelujah!

**With every tribe and every tongue,
we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son.**

Hallelujah! Amen.

Amen, a--men.

Amen, amen, amen.

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: One Great Hour of Sharing

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.



HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SERVICES

APRIL 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30 COMMUNION SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY
12NOON COMMUNION SERVICE

APRIL 18

APRIL 20 EASTER SUNDAY
7:00 SUNRISE SERVICE
8:30 WORSHIP
11:00 WORSHIP

The poster features a central wooden cross with a red book and a white cloth draped over it. The background is decorated with green leaves and a red thorny branch. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts, with dates in white text on dark green circular backgrounds.



Holy Week is an opportunity to connect with Jesus, tracing his steps during the last week of his earthly life. You are invited to experience the journey in Sharpe Hall starting on Palm Sunday. The self-guided tour allows for prayer and meditation at each station and gives fresh insights into the wonder of Jesus' redemptive work. Please come and experience the WALK!

HOURS:

April 13 (Palm Sunday) 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

April 14 (Monday) 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

April 15 (Tuesday) 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

April 16 (Wednesday) 9:00 am – 8:00 pm

April 17 (Thursday) 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

April 18 – Open for Children's Program

CHURCH STAFF

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ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
Dave Ewonce
Kathy Boots/Chrissy Pelzer

~ THANK YOU ~

***Nursery:** Lari and Willy Skowron (8:30); Bob and Ruth Ramsey (11:00)

Ken Mawr Choir

Bass: Mitchell Fleischman

Counters: Diane Kuffner/Barb Cario

Van Driver: Tom McCullough

Flower Delivery: Anne Chimera/Judy Carney

*Children's Church will not meet today and on April 20 to allow families to worship together. The nursery will not be staffed on Easter, but it will be open for families to use.

THANK YOU to Melissa McCormick, Kristen Brown, Tiffany Kelly and the elders and deacons who provided organization, ordering, set up, serving and clean-up for each of the six wonderful Lenten dinners. It was a meaningful time of fellowship and worship. Thank you also to Izzy Baldauff, Brinley Price, and Tony Cario for music accompaniment in worship. And thank you to all who were able to join us.

TODAY AT KMUPC

April 13, 2025

Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
A Walk Through Holy Week	8:00 – 1:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	A Walk Through Holy Week	4:00 – 8:00
	Finance Team	6:00
	Youth412	6:00
Tuesday	Lifewise	9:00 – 3:30
	A Walk Through Holy Week	9:00 – 8:00
	Session	7:00
Wednesday	A Walk Through Holy Week	9:00 – 8:00
	Jackie’s Lunch Bunch.....	12:30
	JAM	6:00
	Choir.....	7:00
	HS Girls Bible Study.....	7:15
Thursday	Lifewise	8:30 – 3:00
	A Walk Through Holy Week	9:00 – 4:00
	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
	Maundy Thursday Communion Service	7:30
Friday	Journey to the Cross Children’s Program.....	10:00 – 11:30
	Communion Service.....	12:00
Sunday	Easter Sunday Worship Services.....	7:00, 8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45

LOOKING AHEAD:

- April 26 – Camp Lambec Work Day
- April 27 – Middle School Youth Night
- April 28 – Youth 412



The flowers on April 6 were also given in memory of in memory of Mary Moschak from Mike and Sandy Moschak.

Today’s flowers are given in honor of Charles & Karen Tyler's 50th Wedding Anniversary from their family and in honor of Marlene & Otto Sommerhalter on their 50th Wedding Anniversary and Nick & Melody Coholic on their 26th Wedding Anniversary from the Sommerhalter's.

AT HOME

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Lovell 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
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, 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 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
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
Evelyn Lieberman – 1306 Brookline Blvd., Apt. 706, Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Alex Lugin – 34 MacArthur Way, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
George McCurdy – (Russ' father) 1820 German Settlement Road, Ridgway, PA 15853
Robertta Meixell – 32 Eichelberger Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108
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
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 – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108
David Gadsby – Province of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086
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
Helen Sharpe – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 251, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, 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
Carla Winter – Concordia Bridgeville, Room 118, 3580 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

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. Coast Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320

KMUPC ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Elders

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Teaching ministries

Evangelism

Outreach ministries

Finance

Budget and giving ministries

Maintenance

Building and property needs

Mission

Local and Global ministry support

Worship

Lord's Day and special services

The Deacons

Moderator: Cheryl Simchak

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Melody Coholic
Nick Coholic
Val Kamenar
Kathy Strand

Class of 2027

Dona Adamski
Kathy Boots
Debbie Bucek
Judy Carney
Anne Chimera
Tina Freyermuth
Dan Koller
Amy Schmidt

KMUPC Deacons Ministry Teams

Care and Compassion

Funeral Luncheons
Card Ministries
Food Pantry
Book Nook

Lord's Day Ministries

Greeters/Greeter Book
Prepare sanctuary for worship
Van Transportation to Worship
Welcome guests/visitors

Special Events

Church Picnic
Blood Donor Drive
Other all-church events/outings
Helps with Lenten Dinners

