

Acting Lessons

From the Book of Acts



We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that
we are saved, just as they are." (NIV)

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

Welcome to Worship!

Greetings friends! In most areas of life, I'd say I'm a realist. When it comes to conflict among believers, however, I tend to be an idealist. I believe that unity is something God requires of us. Fellow believers should be able to talk, pray, and work through conflict—just the way it was worked through by the church in Jerusalem. Nonetheless, after 40 plus years of Christian ministry, I'm becoming more realistic about this. Why? Because I have seen over and over again the consequences of our human nature, and that includes my own human nature. Traditions of faith bring stability to our life as a community. But they can also work against needed change. What would you say is the most important ingredient for resolving conflict in the church? For bringing about reconciliation? The same undeserved gift that saves us. Grace. It is God's amazing Grace.

-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

“At the Table of the Lord”

At the table of the Lord, there is hope.
At the table of the Lord, there is joy.
Come and take your place at the banquet of grace.
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord, there is peace.
At the table of the Lord, there is love.
And though many have come, there is still room for one.
There is room at the table for you.

At the table of the Lord, there is rest for the weary.
At the table of the Lord there is strength for the soul.
At the table of the Lord, there is comfort and mercy,
and the lives that are broken can all be made whole.

At the table of the Lord there is life.
At the table of the Lord, there is grace.
The meal is prepared. No cost has been spared.
There is room at the table for you.

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At the table of the Lord, there is joy, there is love.

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Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise

"God of Grace"

**God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, as my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; awesome cost to make me whole**

**God of grace, who loved and knew me long before the world began;
sent my Savior down from heaven: perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day His grace sustains me, as I lean on Him alone.**

**God of grace, I stand astounded, cleansed, forgiven, and secure.
All my fears are now confounded, and my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You in Your everlasting grace.**

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*Prayer of Confession

God of redemption, we come to you because of our deepest need, for there is no other place where we can safely set aside our pretensions and honestly view our lives. Apart from you we have no forgiveness, we find no peace, and we receive no heavenly wisdom. In this hour of worship renew us in the ways of Christ our Savior, that we may receive his mercy, healing, and peace. In your blessed 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;
Enfold me, Lord, in your peace.**

Repeat

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Acts 15:1-11

1 Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the believers: “Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and elders about this question. 3 The church sent them on their way, and as they traveled through Phoenicia and Samaria, they told how the Gentiles had been converted. This news made all the believers very glad. 4 When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and elders, to whom they reported everything God had done through them. 5 Then some of the believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees stood up and said, “The Gentiles must be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses.” 6 The apostles and elders met to consider this question. 7 After much discussion, Peter got up and addressed them: “Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8 God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to

us. 9 He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. 10 Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? 11 No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are.” (NIV)

Sermon

“Through Grace”

*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 rose 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

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 Cup

*Prayer after Communion

God of grace, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth. Strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we continue Christ’s work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom, through the same Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

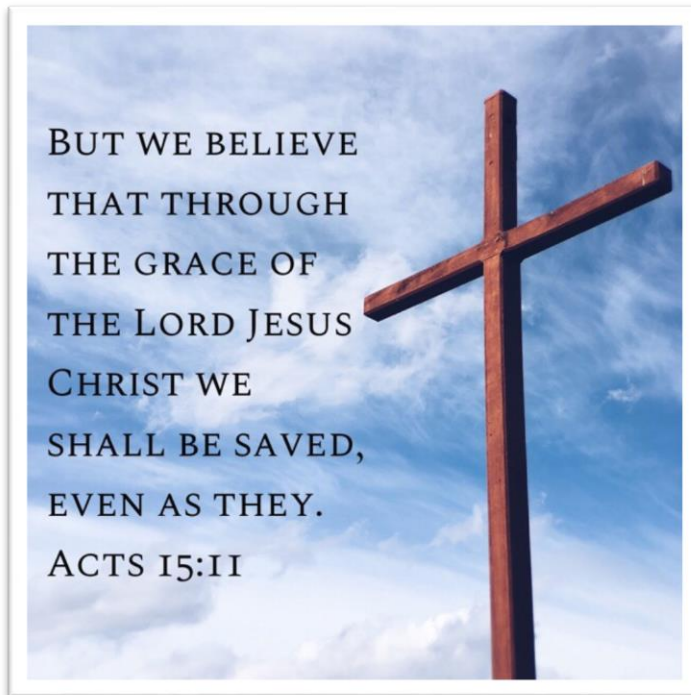
**As it was in the beginning, it is now and so shall be
in a world without an ending, glory through eternity.**

**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: MBF (www.mbfoundation.org) is different than other charities in this way: God, of course, is the ultimate reason why our medical partnerships have developed and flourished and we thank him for this gift. Over the last 50 years we have learned, gained experience and developed a unique model that is critical to the longevity of medical ministries. Our approach is premised on strengthening the church in the developing countries so they can help their neighbors. This model stems from our belief in the scriptural truth that God uses the church to change the world. We take that very seriously.

August 11 - Theology Matters

August 18 - New Wilmington Missionary Conference

August 25 - Presbyterian World Mission



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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.



Thank you so much for the generous donations given to send students to Camp Lambec's Music Camp. Ken Mawr Church has always paid ½ of Christian camp fees for our students, but the additional Gottschalk Music Camp Scholarship fund provided funds for an additional 35 campers this year! A matching fund grant totaling \$15,000 and loving gifts from this church and friends of music camp made these scholarships possible. Thank you!

The matching fund donor has renewed the grant for \$15,000 for 2025. Our dream is to provide half scholarships for all students whose church home does not help with the camp fee.

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THANK YOU ~

Ken Mawr Choir

Children's Church: Rachel Ramsey

Counters: Joe McCormick/Bill and Linda Kent

Van Driver: Tom McCullough

Flower Delivery: Dan and Cindy Koller

Prayer for students leaving for college and young adults entering new jobs.

Lord, thank you for the opportunities our young people have to study and to serve. Be with them as they begin new adventures. Help them to seek you and to stand firm in their faith. We pray that you will keep them safe and strong. Amen.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

TODAY AT KMUPC

August 4, 2024

Worship Services/Communion.....	8:30 and 11:00
Choir Practice	7:55 and 10:35
Sermon Chat in the Welcome Room.....	9:31
Children's Church	11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Al Anon	7:30
Tuesday	Shape the Sky for Parents/Professionals	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
Saturday	Men's Breakfast.....	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Choir Practice	7:55 and 10:35
	Sermon Chat.....	9:31
	Children's Church	11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- 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 Ken Mawr Church Podcast is available on Apple Music and on Spotify. Each week's audio recording features the welcome, scripture and sermon. It's a great way to review or catch up in addition to the live stream recording. There is a link to the podcast on the home page of the church website near the bottom of the page.

The flowers today are given in memory of Amy Ross by Renee Trunick.



AT HOME

Betty Borden – 3801 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143
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Lovell and Eileen Bryant – 108 Homer Circle, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dorothy Burgunder – 3927 Windgap Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204
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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
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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

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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
John Gehr – The Pines of Mount Lebanon Senior Living Rm #204, 1537 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Mary Kuffner – Concordia at Wexford, 125 Brown Rd., Wexford, PA 15090
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Addie Mitchell – Evergreen Personal Care, 25 Glade Ave., Waynesburg, PA 15370
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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

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