



Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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December 8, 2024

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

Welcome to Worship!

Scripture says, “*And all people will see God’s salvation.*” Picture it. A mass of humanity that suffers through periods of quiet desperation interspersed with inevitable shocks is stretched out along the hillsides overlooking a wonderful wide highway. As far as the eye can see they are spread out. Men and women, boys and girls. Rich and poor, young and old, slave and free. Every nation, tongue, and tribe. Red and yellow, black and white. All are anxiously gathered to watch for the arrival of the King of all kings who is the embodiment of God’s salvation, God’s healing, God’s wholeness, God’s shalom. All people (even you and me) will see God’s salvation! This is a promise from on high. We will see Jesus. And it will be the best shock of all.

-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. Please see the information for registration for nursery care during the services.
- **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

Welcome

Advent Candle Lighting

Preparing for Worship

“Waiting, Watching, Wondering”

Responsive Call to Worship

In anticipation we gather.

With expectation we wait.

We gather to watch for the coming of the good news
into our world and into our lives.

We wait to see the fullness of God's vision.

O God, open the doors to our hearts, that this year
we may have room for the birth of Jesus.

**O God, as we marvel over all that you are doing, overwhelm us
with so much wonder that words of praise spring forth from our lips!**

In this time of waiting, let true worship begin in our hearts.

Let our praises rise up to the heavens!

Let our celebrations spread new hope over a tired world!

Let us all gather our dreams and lives to worship God!

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #176

“Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates”

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates:
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Saviour of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart:
make it a temple set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!
Let me your inner presence feel:
your grace and love in me reveal.**

**So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.**
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*Prayer of Confession

God of love, all year long we pursue power and recognition, yet you come to us in weakness. All season long we covet possessions and material gifts, when you alone offer what is everlasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, correct us, forgive us, and heal us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, so that we may tell of your transforming love. Through Christ our Lord, we sincerely 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.

Congregational Prayer Response #180

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.” (NIV)

Sermon

“Bored or Shocked”

* An Advent Prayer

O King of nations, your reign spreads through all the lands. You defend the cause of the poor and plead for the wretched of the earth. Fashion us into an obedient people, that we may spread the good news of your reign of perfect peace and justice, until all creation will finally rejoice in your perfect will, until all bend the knee to the King of kings and Lord of lords, in whose name we pray, even Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #180

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love,
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.**

**How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR
COMMISSIONED PASTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT
ASSISTANT TREASURER
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN
AUDIO/PERCUSSION
J.A.M. DIRECTOR
YOUTH 412 DIRECTOR
CUSTODIAN

Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Louise Schoppe
Tiffany Kelly
Kelly McCurdy
Lori Ryan
Cameron Brown
Adam Kantz
Chrissy Pelzer
Katie Herman
P.J. O'Reilly

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

CLERK OF SESSION
MODERATOR OF DEACONS
MUSIC DIRECTOR
NURSERY COORDINATOR
ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
(Sub)
Dan Koller/Val Kamenar/Tony Tresky

~ THANK YOU ~

Children's Church: Louise Schoppe
Advent Readers: Jacob and Aubrey Lemasters
Pianist: Jim Heckethorn
Counters: Diane Kuffner and Craig Hinden
Van Driver: Tony Tresky
Flower Delivery: Tony Tresky/Tina Ernst

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Living Waters for the World (LWW), a mission resource of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (USA), trains and equips mission teams to share the gift of clean, sustainable water with communities in need. LWW water treatment systems and related educational programs fill a critical niche in the world water crisis - communities with available but contaminated water. We welcome churches of all denominations and civic organizations to participate with us in this life-changing work.

TODAY AT KMUPC

December 8, 2024

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School Christmas Program.....	9:45
Children’s Church.....	11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Soccer Shots.....	5:00
	Youth412.....	6:00
	Al Anon.....	7:30
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
Wednesday	JAM.....	6:00
	Choir.....	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters.....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
	Helping Hands Meeting.....	6:00
Saturday	Men’s Breakfast.....	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Children’s Church.....	11:00
	Deacons Meeting.....	12:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 16 – Finance Meeting
- December 17 – Session
- December 18 – Jackie’s Lunch Bunch Christmas Luncheon
- December 19 – Food Pantry
- December 21 – Fruit Bags Packed and Delivered
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Services
- December 29 – Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00/No Sunday School or Children’s Church
- December 24-27 – Office Closed



The flowers today are given in honor and memory of my father, Robert Matthew Sehn, on his birthday from Sherri Sehn.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Name: _____

Quantity: _____ Cost: \$12

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

*Please complete and detach this page and place in the offering plate
OR return it to the church office **today.***

*Make checks payable to:
Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church and note "Flower Fund".*



Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday Dec 24

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services
4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 PM**



**First Sunday After
Christmas ~ Dec 29
8:30 & 11:00 AM Services
No Sunday School**

Mitten Tree

The Sunday School classes will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves and socks on the tree in the Welcome Room during the month of December.

Thank you for your help!



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
Alice Davis – (Amy Savatt's mother) – 29 Enlow Road, Imperial, PA 15126
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
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
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
David Gadsby – The Waters 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

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

2025 Dates to Remember at KMUPC (January - July)

January

- 1/1 - Office Closed
- 1/11 - Deacons take down decorations
- 1/12 - Ordination and Installation of Officers

February

- *Congregational Meeting to receive annual reports
- 2/15 - Love is in the Air Event

March

- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/5 - 4/9 - Wednesdays throughout Lent
 - Lenten Dinner @5:30 p.m.
 - Worship @6:30 p.m.

April

- 4/13 - Palm Sunday with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- 4/13 - 4/18 - Prayer Walk
- 4/17 - Maundy Thursday Service with Communion 7:00 p.m.
- 4/18 - Good Friday Service 12Noon
- 4/20 - Easter Day Services

May

- 5/11 - Mother's Day
- 5/18 - Last Day of Sunday School

June

- 6/8 - Pentecost
- 6/15 - Father's Day
- 6/15 - 20 - Youth Week of Hope

July

- 7/4 - Office Closed
- 7/13-18 - Music Camp @ Camp Lambec
- 7/27 - 7/31 - KMUPC Vacation Bible School

KMUPC ELDERS AND DEACONS

The Elders

Clerk of Session: Diane Kuffner

Class of 2024

Ken Barth
Lynne Bryan
Kevin Halaja
Melissa McCormick
Bob Ramsey

Class of 2025

Kristen Brown
Jimmy Heckethorn
Nelson Kletzli
Bucky Savatt
Renee Trunick

Class of 2026

Diane Felter
Dave Ewonce
Jessica Robinson
Lari Skowron
Jim Weikel

KMUPC Session Ministry Teams

Christian Education

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

Class of 2024

Donna Adamski
Julia Baxter
Tina Ernst
Tina Freyermuth
Diane Haney
Anita Huchel
Dan Koller
Tony Tresky

Class of 2025

Michael Baldauff
Tony Cario
Cindy Koller
Tom McCullough
Chrissy Pelzer
Lauri Picard
Cheryl Simchak
Claudia Tyler

Class of 2026

Michelle Altenhoff
Eric Boerstler
Barb Cannella
Craig Cannella
Melody Coholic
Nick Coholic
Val Kamenar
Kathy Strand

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

