



Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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January 5, 2025

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

Welcome to Worship!

Happy New Year and warmest greetings in the name of the Lord of all our years! I'm glad you could join us for this Memorial Communion service in which we remember friends and loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year. The church is a place for all kinds of people. The church was born in Jerusalem, when thousands of Jews from around the world gathered for one of the major yearly festivals (called Pentecost). That was the occasion God chose to send his Holy Spirit to fill Jesus' first followers and enable them to speak to people from every corner of the earth in their own languages. When we prioritize the church's Messiah, the church's Mission will take priority too. Our church, like the early church, is to be "inwardly strong and outwardly focused." Like Phillip we are to begin with Scripture and tell others the good news about Jesus. May the peace that passes understanding sustain you throughout 2025.

-Pastor Karl

Today at KMUPC

- **Coffee, tea and hot chocolate** 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.

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“One Simple Prayer”

Welcome

Call to Worship

May the light of God's love push back the darkness.

**We come to the light from the four corners of the earth,
from the north, from the south, from the east, and from the west.**

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

We come from many nations and many cultures.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

We come seeking the light that guides us to life.

But we are all one in Jesus Christ.

Let us lift up our voices and praise the God of all people.

Let us worship God and let us pray...

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #198

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today.
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we have been so blind when truth has been so clear. When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind. When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part. When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way. Forgive our dim apprehension of wisdom's clear leading. Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see, through the light that lingers when all else fails, by the brightness of the Morning Star of our faith, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response #203

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.**

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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 #185

**Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Acts 8:26-35

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (NIV)

Sermon

"Explore"

*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

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

Holy God, we are hungry for more of you. We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us, to take us beyond the confines of familiar habits. Free us from the limitations and distortions of our attitudes, to expand our understanding of you so that we can love you wholeheartedly, so that we can represent you faithfully, and so that we can reflect your image to a world in need of you. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #409

"God of Our Life"

**God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you;
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your hand we view.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil, we own your mercies,
Lord which never fail.**

**God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hopes true Promised Land; be now our guide.
With you to bless, the darkness shines as light, and faith's fair vision
changes into sight.**

**God of the coming years, thro' paths unknown, we follow you;
when we are strong, Lord leave us not alone; our faith renew.
Be now for us in life our daily Bread, our hearts true home
when all our years have sped.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

Memorial Communion

*In remembrance of the following members and friends
who went home to be with the Lord.*

Juanita Davey – February 10, 2024
Jean Breedlove – February 11, 2024
James Orr – February 2, 2024
Karene Livingston – February 26, 2024
Frank Klatte – March 9, 2024
Florence Morris – April 3, 2024
Brook Lyn McCurdy – April 6, 2024
Audrey Arlet – May 22, 2024
James Blackhurst – May 26, 2024
Thomas Smith – July 20, 2024
Seth Mascellino – July 23, 2024
Jerry Haslett – July 24, 2024
Dennis Erdner – July 30, 2024
John Gehr – August 14, 2024
Ralph Sauers – September 16, 2024
Mary Kuffner – September 23, 2024
Myralin Miller – September 29, 2024
Jacqueline Summers – October 1, 2024
John and Audrey Boate (dates unavailable)
Rocco Mollica – October 10, 2024
Layla Dayton – October 17, 2024
Thomas James – November 6, 2024
William Lehrman – November 19, 2024
Tracie Haswell – November 24, 2024
Deloris Eileen Bryant – December 3, 2024
Janet Slaney – December 9, 2024
Alice Davis – December 13, 2024
Gloria Dazen – December 20, 2024

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: The Lazarus Fund's mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by providing financial assistance to families and individuals of Allegheny County for rent, mortgage payments, security deposits, and utilities, enabling them to overcome their economic difficulties through the grace and love of Jesus Christ as demonstrated through the giving of individuals and congregations of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. Here at Ken Mawr, we process about 6-8 applications each year.

January 10 – KMUPC Week of Hope (Workcamp)

January 17 – Presbyterians Protecting Life

January 24 – Deacon's Fund

Summer Save the Dates

June - Week of Hope

Middle School and High School Service Opportunity

June 16-20

July - Music Camp at Lambec (for students who have finished grade 3 - high school)

July 13-18

Vacation Bible School - Our all-church summer extravaganza for kids, youth and adults!

July 27-31

HELP OUR FOOD PANTRY!

The Ken Mawr food pantry is low on **cereal**. Donations would be much appreciated and can be placed in the food pantry by the elevator downstairs or given to the Deacon of the month on Sundays. Thank you!

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/Tom Solack
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
Nelson Keltzli
Tom McCullough/Michael Baldauff

~ THANK YOU ~

Pianist: Jim Heckethorn
Counters: Renee Trunick/Tim Chimera
Van Driver: Tony Tresky
Flower Delivery: Barb Cannella/Craig Cannella

Annual reports from committees and organizations are due to
Tiffany by January 20.

Bulletin and social media information should be submitted by Thursdays – a
week ahead of the date needed. Bulletins are printed Tuesday mornings of
each week. Thank you.

TODAY AT KMUPC

January 5, 2025

Worship Services/Communion	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Soccer Shots	5:00
	Youth412	6:00
	Girl Scouts	6:30
	Al Anon	7:30
Tuesday	Lord's Lambs	1:00
	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Christian Ed/Sunday School Teachers Meeting	7:00
Wednesday	JAM	6:00
	Choir	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters	10:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
Saturday	Men's Breakfast	9:00
Sunday	Worship Services/Ordination and Installation of Officers.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Week of Hope Meeting	12:00

LOOKING AHEAD

- January 14 – Esther Circle
- January 15 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch
- January 16 – Helping Hands (Kitchen)
- January 16 – Food Pantry
- January 19 – Deacons Meeting
- January 20 – Finance Meeting
- January 21 – Session meeting



The flowers today are given by Helen Sharpe in memory of "Rev" on our wedding anniversary.

If you would like to donate chancel flowers for 2025, please contact Tiffany in the church office 412-331-2863 or email at kenmawrsecretary@comcast.net. The flower calendar does **not** automatically renew. Cost \$25.

KMUPC ELDERS AND DEACONS

Ordination and Installation of new officers is January 12.

Thank you to each person who serves this congregation so faithfully.

The Elders

Clerk of Session: Diane Kuffner

Class of 2024 – Thank you

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 – Thank you

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



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
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