

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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March 16, 2025

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

Welcome to Worship!

Warmest greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! What was the driving mission of Jesus? And what does Jesus want our driving mission to be? The words of Jesus from Luke 19 come to mind: *“For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost”* (v. 10). Jesus died for sinners—as we clearly saw last Sunday. And even as he was dying, he was reaching out to people seen by others as lost causes. Today’s Scripture contains a case in point. There were two criminals crucified with Jesus. All four Gospels record this fact. But only Luke’s Gospel tells us what those two criminals said and how completely different their responses were. Even as he hung on a cross naked and dying, one man joined the jeering crowd. Whether from an emerging understanding of what Jesus was doing or from a sheer sense of desperation that prompted him to speak to Jesus, the other man turned to speak and said, *“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”* We can trust that Jesus remembers all of us. -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 is a speaker in this room to hear the service.
- **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

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #258

“At The Cross”

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!**

**Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!**

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!**

**Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for his own creatures' sin.**

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!**

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.**

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away,
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!**

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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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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 23:38-43

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." 6 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (NIV)

Sermon

"With Me in Paradise"

*The Confession of 1967 (9.15&19)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect Child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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.

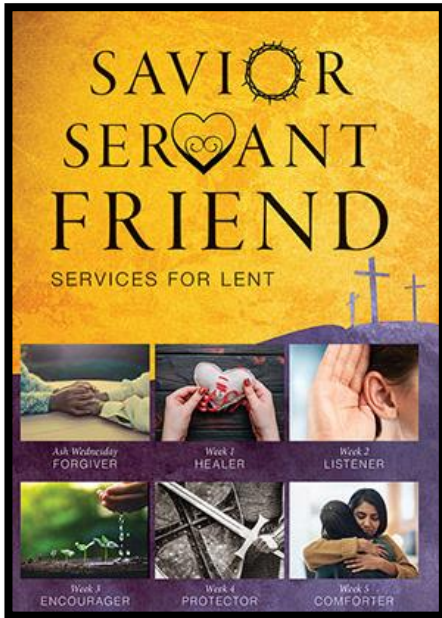
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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: World Mission Initiative. WMI exists to serve the church in the mission of God. Believing that God calls, equips, and sends God's people into God's world, we help individuals and congregations rediscover their purpose, calling, and missional identity. World Mission Initiative is dedicated to 1. Developing mission vision, 2. Nurturing missionary vocations, 3. Cultivating missional congregations.

Next week: Meals on Wheels



Dinner – 5:30

Worship – 6:30 (childcare provided in the nursery)

March 5 • Forgiver: Jesus forgives us again and again, even though we do not deserve it.

March 12 • Healer: Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.

March 19 • Listener: Jesus listens to us like no other and answers our questions and concerns.

March 26 • Encourager: Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our lives for him.

April 2 • Protector: Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in him.

April 9 • Comforter: Jesus comforts us in struggles and sorrows so that we might find rest in his promises.

Volunteers for MAGNIFIED! VBS at Ken Mawr Church

July 27-31, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of our children and youth? Would you like to ensure that they know the love of God and Bible truths for their lives?

Please consider becoming a volunteer for VBS this year.

Volunteer registration forms will be posted soon. PA clearances will be necessary for all volunteers 18 and older.

Student volunteers must have completed grade 9.

Please pray about how God can use you in this vital ministry to children and youth. Thanks!



CHURCH STAFF

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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
Diane Felter
Barb and Craig Cannella

~ THANK YOU ~

Nursery: Diane Kuffner (8:30); Rachel and Allie Ramsey (11:00)

Children's Church: Louise Schoppe

Ken Mawr Choir

Bass: Mitchell Fleischman

Counters: Barb Cario/Diane Kuffner

Van Driver: Tony Tresky

Flower Delivery: Cindy and Dan Koller



The flowers today are given by Dan and Cindy Koller in memory of Robert Betz and by Gwynn Lind in memory of her mother, Martha Lind.

TODAY AT KMUPC

March 16, 2025

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church.....	11:00
Confirmation Class	4:00 – 6:00
Deacons Meeting.....	12:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Youth 412	5:30
	Finance Meeting	6:00
	Al Anon	7:30
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Session.....	7:00
Wednesday	Jackie's Lunch Bunch.....	12:30
	Lenten Dinner.....	5:30
	JAM	6:00
	Lenten Worship – Savior, Servant, Friend.....	6:30
	Choir.....	7:00
	HS Girls Bible Study	7:15
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Helping Hands.....	10:00
	Quilters	10:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church.....	11:00
	Confirmation Class	4:00 – 6:00
	Middle School Youth Meeting.....	5:45 – 7:15

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 26 – Lenten Dinner/Worship

March 30 – Confirmation Class

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS for students age 4 – Grade 4 will be held on **GOOD FRIDAY**, from 10:00 – 11:30 – **April 18, 2025, (corrected date).**



The **Book Nook** is downstairs to the left of the steps and is open to purchase cards, books and other items for a small price or donation. Take a moment to see what's there!

ORDER FORM FOR

EASTER CHANCEL FLOWERS

DEADLINE: Sunday, April 6, 2025

Cost \$14.00

Lily, Hyacinth, Tulip

NAME _____

PHONE _____

_____ Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Payable to *Ken Mawr U.P. Church*. Note: *Flower Fund*

Flowers ordered and paid for may be picked up after the 7:00, 8:30 or 11:00 AM Easter Sunday morning worship services.

(You can detach this form and place it in the offering plate OR mail this form to the church, or call and place an order, as long as it's received before April 6.)

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 Chase– 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
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 – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108
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
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

Lenten Dinner #4 Reservation Form
March 26, 2025
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sharpe Hall

Covered Dish Dinner

An entrée will be provided each week.
Entrée for March 26 – Chicken Tenders
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*Children attending JAM (age 4 – grade 4) at **6:00 p.m.** will eat first.

Savior, Servant, Friend
6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

***Reservations are not needed for the 30 minute service.**

Childcare is available for children under age 4 in the church nursery.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Detach and return in the offering plate today or to the church office before **March 20.**