



# *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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## November 10, 2024

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

# *Welcome to Worship!*

Warmest greetings to our friends and members! Church activities are not the main thing; not the thing we need the most. It is access to our creating, loving, and saving God in Jesus Christ is that we need the very most. A religion that is full of activity but lacks an authentic personal encounter with God is probably not a religion worth keeping. Whenever and wherever a Christian community gathers for worship, God's people are to follow Jesus our great high priest: *"Through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), [as] he entered once for all into the Holy Place"* (9:11&12). The astonishing good news is that with Jesus we can enter into a sanctuary that will never decay, to join a fellowship that will not perish, to sing hymns of praise that will never cease—to a God whose mercy is everlasting. You and I both know that what people really want isn't religion. People want God!

*-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**

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Preparing for Worship (choir)

“Lord, We Thank You”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

## **GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD**

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\*Hymn of #342

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the judge shall come  
To gather all his saints to their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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\*Prayer of Confession

**Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our voices to you in praise, but we have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, O Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your powerful Word and Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 #726

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before you we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.**

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## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

### Offertory

### **GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED**

Scripture

Hebrews 9:1-14

*1 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. 2 For a tent was constructed, the first one, in which were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the Presence; this is called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the second curtain was a tent called the Holy of Holies. 4 In it stood the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which there were a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot speak now in detail. 6 Such preparations having been made, the priests go continually into the first tent to carry out their ritual duties; 7 but only the high priest goes into the second, and he but once a year, and not without taking the blood that he offers for himself and for the sins committed unintentionally by the people. 8 By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the sanctuary has not yet been disclosed as long as the first tent is still standing. 9 This is a symbol of the present time, during which gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, 10 but deal only with food and drink and various baptisms, regulations for the body imposed until the time comes to set things right. 11 But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), 12 he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! (NIV)*

Sermon

"People Want God"

\*The Heidleberg Catechism - Q & A 12-15

Q. According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both in this world and forever after: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**A. God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore the claims of his justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or another.**

Q. Can we pay this debt ourselves?

**A. Certainly not. Actually, we increase our guilt every day.**

Q. Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

**A. No. To begin with, God will not punish another creature for what a human is guilty of. Besides, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal anger against sin and release others from it.**

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**A. One who is truly human and truly righteous, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

## **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\*Sending Hymn #731

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!**

**My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.**

**Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song:  
let mortal tongues awake, let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.**

**Our father's God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing:  
long may our land be bright with freedoms holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God our king!**

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\*Benediction

*Thank you for worshiping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel focuses on the care of chaplains and military personnel. The PCCMP works with individuals contemplating ministry to the military and veteran communities. We work with all presbyteries to discern how federal ministry may be a part of the applicant's calling to ministry.

Next week: Gideon's International

## KMUPC Thanksgiving Food Drive

Each year the Deacons collect items for Thanksgiving bags to be distributed Tuesday before Thanksgiving. **Please bring any donations to the church by November 15.**

The items to be collected include:

Canned cranberry sauce	Instant mashed potatoes
Canned gravy	Cream of mushroom soup
Corn bread mix	Stuffing mix
Canned corn	Chicken broth
Canned green beans	Canned yams

\*Pumpkin pies will be ordered from Costco and provided for each bag.

\*\*A gift card for a turkey will be included.



Ken Mawr Woven Women's group, in conjunction with the youth of the church, will be collecting items for **Girls and Boys ages 5-9**. Monetary donations are welcome as well. You can donate by noting that the funds are going to the Operation Christmas Child Project (cash donations only). **All donations are due by November 15.** A donation box is located in the Welcome Center. Our goal is to pack 50 shoeboxes on November 17 at 6:00pm in Sharpe Hall if you are interested in helping.

Not able to donate? You can pray for the children that receive the boxes and the adults that deliver them and share the Gospel. The gift-filled shoeboxes are a great evangelism tool for Pastors around the world. And each child will hear the Gospel, maybe for the first time. "What goes into the box is Fun, what comes out is Eternal!"

Thank you for helping make this project a success!

# Church Nursery

Infant Care Available-Please  
text or email us to register  
your child for nursery service.

*Volunteers are also needed.*

Age 0 - 3 years old

Join us for church services and Sunday School classes!

**Tina Ernst**

[tinaernst1968@gmail.com](mailto:tinaernst1968@gmail.com)

(412) 596-0580



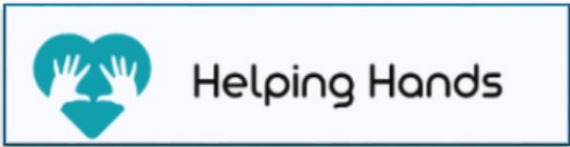
## Sweats for Vets

We would like to thank each of you for making the Sweats for Vets drive a success for many years. For those of you not familiar with this drive, each year we collect NEW sweat suits for the veterans who are in-patients at the Oakland Facility. Many of the patients do not have any family members and this may be the only gift they receive.

We are starting collection **NOW through Sunday, Dec 8**. If you would like to participate by making a donation of a **new** sweat suit, please bring it to the church donation center opposite the Book Nook. No need for tissue paper or gift bags.

ITEMS MOST IN NEED: **Men's Tops: XLG and 2XL, Men's Bottoms: Medium and Large** They do NOT need to match. Monetary contributions are also welcome. Please submit the monetary contributions no later than December 1 so we have time to do the shopping for you!





Have you ever wondered who does all the jobs around the church? Maybe you've wondered why something hasn't been done. Our church staff works extremely hard, but all the jobs that need to be done are not for them to do. After all, this is OUR church and we, the members, make up the body of the church.

Through this new group, Helping Hands, we want to help do the things around the church that often fall by the wayside. Can you help out? You may want to be on the planning team or a "call me and let me know" team member.

We all know many hands make light work. Our church could use your hands. Please call Diane Haney at 412-354-9824 or Lari Skowron at 412-719-0850 to add your help hands.

Ephesians 4:16

"From him the whole body, join and help together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

## **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

### **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 Altenhof  
Eric Boerstler  
Barb Cannella  
Craig Cannella  
Melody Coholic  
Nick Coholic  
Val Kamenar  
Kathy Strand

## CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR  
COMMISSIONED PASTOR  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT  
ASSISTANT TREASURER  
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN  
AUDIO/PERCUSSION  
J.A.M. DIRECTOR  
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM 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  
Dave Ewonce  
Tony Cario and Kathy Strand

### ~ THANK YOU ~

**Children's Church:** Louise Schoppe  
**Bass:** Mitchell Fleischmann  
**Counters:** Bucky Savatt/Bill and Linda Kent  
**Van Driver:** TonyTresky  
**Flower Deliver:** Tony Tresky/Mike Baldauff

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*The flowers today are given by Claudia Tyler  
in loving memory of Victoria Cersosimo and in honor of all veterans.*



## TODAY AT KMUPC

November 10, 2024

Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School.....	9:45
Children's Church .....	11:00
Middle School Event .....	5:45 – 7:15

## THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	<i>Thank you Veterans!</i> .....	<i>Veteran's Day</i>
	Soccer Shots .....	5:00
	Youth412 .....	6:00
	Girl Scouts .....	6:30
	Al Anon .....	7:30
Tuesday	Garden Club.....	10:30
	Christian Education/Sunday School Teachers meeting .....	7:00
	Esther Circle .....	7:00
Wednesday	JAM .....	6:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters .....	10:00
	Staff Meeting.....	11:00
Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School.....	9:45
	Children's Church .....	11:00
	Deacons Meeting.....	12:00
	OCC Box Packing in Sharpe Hall .....	6:00

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 18 – Finance Meeting

November 19 – Session Meeting

November 20 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch (see announcement below)

November 21 – Food Pantry

November 24 – Middle School Thanksgiving Bags Project 5:45 – 7:15

November 26 – Food Pantry distribution of Thanksgiving Bags

**\*SAVE THE DATES – Children's Christmas Program, Sunday, December 8 at 9:45 a.m.  
and the church family Advent Dinner, Sunday evening, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.**

At our last gathering, the group decided that in memory of our long time coordinator, Jackie Summers, Lunch Bunch will now be called – "Jackie's Lunch Bunch". We will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy the fellowship of good friends each month. Please join us Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 12:30 PM.

## **AT HOME**

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, 15143  
Jean Bryan – c/o Manges, 9742 Valley View Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
Lovell and Eileen 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  
Evelyn Dithrich – 1103 Broadway Ave. #4, 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 47<sup>th</sup> 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  
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  
Helen Sharpe – 56 S. Vireo 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  
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  
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