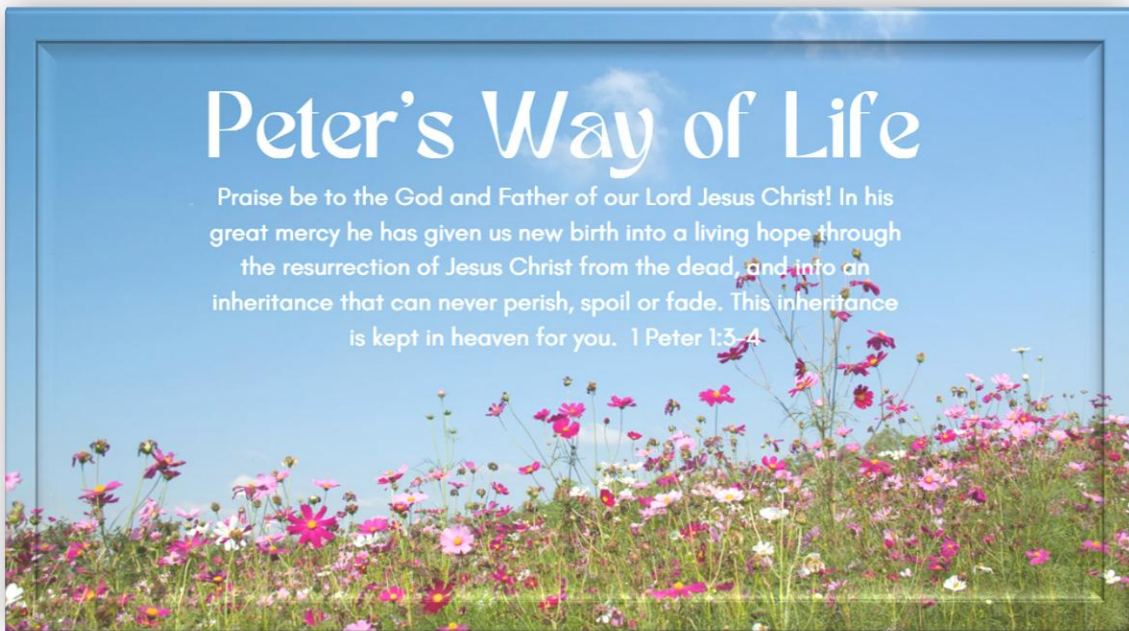


# Peter's Way of Life

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you. 1 Peter 1:3-4



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### April 12, 2026

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

# Welcome to Worship!

In my first year of seminary Jayne and I were invited to have lunch with folks at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverton, New Jersey. Out of courtesy or custom most of the time they invited the new seminarian in their home to pray before lunch. One Sunday, I remember that after I gave thanks for the food and the family that hosted us we also sang the Doxology. Led by the seminarian's wife, we joined our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving as Peter does here: *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!"* But keep in mind that the circumstances of the lives of most of Peter's readers weren't conducive to spontaneous praise. Peter's brothers and sisters in Christ knew just how quickly the reasons we have for praising God can vanish, as we do. The apostle declares in verse 3, that in God's great mercy, God has given us *"new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade."* God promises a completely secure and reliable inheritance because of a HOPE THAT LIVES. And this HOPE is ours because of Jesus' RESURRECTION. I warmly welcome you to Ken Mawr! -Pastor Karl



You are invited to a fun-filled, family movie night for ALL ages. Come and enjoy the great movie, DAVID, along with some yummy snacks. We're calling it DAVID and Doritos, and you are all welcome to join us on Sunday evening, **May 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

Pastor .....	The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor .....	Louise Schoppe
Administrative Assistant .....	Tiffany Kelly
Treasurer/Accountant .....	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer .....	Lori Ryan
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Elder of the Month .....	Dave Ewonce
Deacons of the Month .....	Kathy Boots/Tony Tresky
Director of Music .....	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists .....	Alex Weibel/Mitchell Fleischman/Ross Antonich
Children's Church .....	Louise Schoppe
Nursery .....	Tammy Bischak
Counters .....	Tim Chimera/Joe McCormick
Fower Delivery .....	Debbie Bucek/Dina Roberts

# The Service of Worship

## **GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

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Preparing for Worship

“God of Grace”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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\*Hymns of Praise #2

“O Worship the King”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion and grace, we confess that we have praised you with our lips but have not glorified you with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power, that we may live for justice and peace, and tell of your loving-kindness by our acts as well as by our words, 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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Reception of New Members (11:00)

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.***

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Faith

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast;  
*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.***

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.  
*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.***

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.  
'Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last!  
*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast.***

***For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast. (repeat last two lines)***

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

Scripture

1 Peter 1:3-9

*3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice,*

*though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (NIV)*

Sermon

“Hope That Lives”

\*Hope in the Lord Jesus Christ

**Jesus Christ came to us as one of us, sharing our joy and sorrow. He proclaimed God’s love, healed the sick, and was a friend of sinners. He continues to reveal God’s gracious love, he is among us now to make us whole, and he is still the friend of sinners.**

**Jesus Christ was and is one with us in life; Jesus Christ was and is one with us in suffering and death. The Lord and Savior is Christ crucified, in whom God’s weakness is stronger than human strength and God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom.**

**For the sake of the world, the Word became flesh. For the sake of the world Jesus Christ lived among us, was crucified and raised from the dead. For the sake of the world Christ ascended to heaven and for the sake of the world Christ will come again. Amen.**

## **GO IN GOD’S NAME**

\*Sending Hymn #335

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

\*Benediction

*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

**TODAY’S BENEVOLENCE:** Since 1987, Open Door has been a centerpiece of Crafton Heights, a small community located in the West End. Though our programs and staff have changed over the years, our purpose remains constant: to provide a safe place where people can come and have fun surrounded by the family of God. We are linked closely with First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights and are dedicated to demonstrating the love of Jesus to those we encounter.

# *Welcome New Members*

*We warmly welcome you to our church family. You are not here by accident— and we're blessed to have you with us. We look forward to growing in faith together. Welcome.*

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**TODAY AT KMUPC**

**April 12, 2026**

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

**THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	Girl Scouts .....	6:30
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Esther Circle .....	6:30
Wednesday	Choir .....	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:30
	Staff Meeting .....	10:00
	Helping Hands .....	10:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School .....	9:45
	Children’s Church .....	11:00
	Deacons Meeting.....	12:00
	Confirmation Class .....	4:00 – 6:00
	MSYN .....	5:45 – 7:15

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- April 20 – High School Youth Night & Bible Study
- April 20 – Finance Meeting
- April 21 – Christian Ed Meeting
- April 21 – Session Meeting
- April 23 – Food Pantry
- April 28 – Confirmation Class meets with the Session



*The flowers today are given in memory of our sisters Elizabeth Henry & Donna Patterson from Bill & Linda Hieber and in memory of Mary Moschak from Mike and Sandy Moschak.*



The Pirates Faith-night will be held, Saturday, May 2 at 4:05 p.m. as the Pirates take on the Cincinnati Reds. Tickets are available in the office – cost \$40.

## **Please remember with cards and prayers...**

### **AT HOME**

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143  
Jean Bryan – c/o Sarah 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  
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park 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  
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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  
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Donna Sheets – 1500 Letort Street, Apt. 910, Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017  
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Carla Winter – c/o Stacey Viviano, 113 Amy Jo Lane, Coraopolis PA 15108

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Elaine Crist – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108  
David Gadsby – Province of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086  
Janet Gregory – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 222, 30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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  
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Helen Sharpe – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 251, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, PA 15108  
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Dee Young – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

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