

# Peter's Way of Life

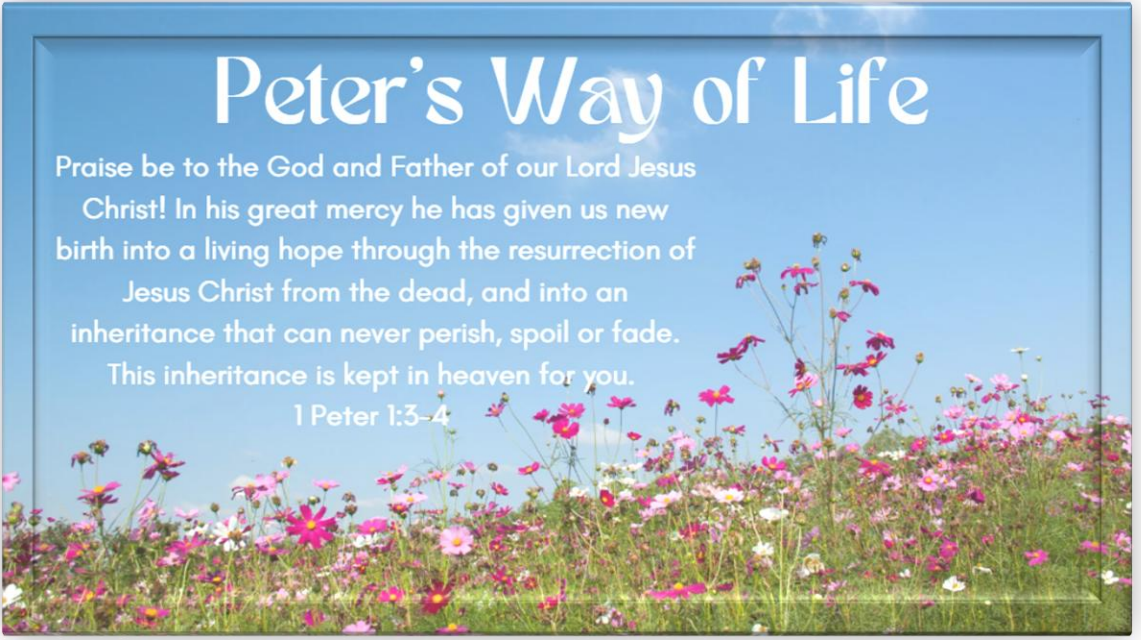
Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

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



## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### April 19, 2026

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

# Welcome to Worship!

I warmly welcome you to Ken Mawr! When the apostles preached and then wrote the Gospels they were doing more than merely telling a story or bearing witness to things they had seen. They were also declaring that in Jesus Christ everything God promised was carried out. God's Word accomplished the purpose for which it had been sent. Redemption was signed and sealed in the blood of Jesus. Nothing happened by chance. This was all done so that we creatures and our Creator could be reconciled. As verse 17 says, this reconciliation marks us as those who are to, *"live out [our] time as foreigners here in reverent fear"* which moves us toward God's promised inheritance by faith. God's *Holy Hope* and *"the living and enduring word of God"* will guarantee our inheritance which compels us to evaluate all things according to their "eternal" value. Jesus Christ the Son of God came to us lowly and without pedigree or prestige. He offers all of humanity the one intangible we could not acquire on our own—Hope. Today will you grasp his hand and receive *Holy Hope* from him? We know that the apostle Peter would say that *Holy Hope* is the only thing worth holding on to. -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
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Nursery .....	Tammy Bischak
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# The Service of Worship

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

Preparing for Worship

“Christ our Hope in Life and Death”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

\*Hymns of Praise #87

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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,**

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 #419

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

Scripture

1 Peter 1:13-25

*13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 17 Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. 18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. 22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, 25 but the word of the Lord endures forever. "And this is the word that was preached to you. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Holy Hope"

\*A Profession of Faith

**Jesus Christ is the hope of God's world.  
In his death, the justice of God is established  
and forgiveness of sin is proclaimed.  
On the day of his resurrection,  
the tomb was empty; his disciples saw him;  
death was defeated; new life had come.  
God's purpose for the world was sealed.  
By his resurrection Jesus has overcome death.  
By his power we too are already resurrected to a new life. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Sending Hymn

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

**What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Chorus***

***O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

**Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Chorus***

**This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Chorus***

**Glory! Glory! this I sing—Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
All my life, my cry shall be—Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

***Chorus***

***O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

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\*Benediction

*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE:** The Pittsburgh Project is a Christian nonprofit community development organization with a 33-year track record of developing servant leaders and upholding the dignity of vulnerable homeowners. Our year-round staff of 31 (15 full-time; 16 part-time), along with our summer staff of more than 70 operates a progressive series of after-school and summer programs for more than 250 urban young people and deploys over 1,500 people annually to perform free home repairs for more than 130 of Pittsburgh's elderly homeowners.

## TODAY AT KMUPC

**April 19, 2026**

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

## THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	HSYN.....	6:00
	Finance.....	6:00
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
	Christian Ed Team.....	6:00
	Session Meeting.....	7:00
Wednesday	Choir.....	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:30
	Food Pantry.....	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting .....	10:00
	AHN Hospice Service .....	6:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services .....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School .....	9:45
	Children's Church .....	11:00

## LOOKING AHEAD

April 28 – Confirmation Class meets with the Session

May 2 – Pirates Faith Night

May 3 – Worship/Communion

May 3 – Middle School Youth Night

May 4 – High School Youth Night

May 5 – Lord's Lambs



*The flowers today are given by Marlene and Otto Sommerhalter in thanks for their wedding anniversary and in honor of Nick and Melody Coholic on their wedding anniversary.*

*The rosebud today celebrates the birth of Albert Brooks Fisher to parents, Austin and Ashley (McCurdy) Fisher and proud grandparents, Russ and Kelly McCurdy.*



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.

Our thanks to Tiffany Kelly for serving as our Admin Assistant at KMUPC over the last three years. We appreciate the work that Tiffany did to advance our mission and ministry. Her last day of work will be May 15, 2026. Interested applicants for the position of Admin Assistant may call Pastor Karl at 412-331-2863 or send an email to him at [pastor@kenmawrchurch.org](mailto:pastor@kenmawrchurch.org).

The nursery is open for the 8:30 worship service, the Sunday School hour, and the 11:00 worship service. Our nursery caregiver is Tammy Bischak, and she is ready to welcome our youngest learners to the nursery. Please stop by and welcome her to this ministry.

There are workdays at Camp Lambec that help the staff get ready to open camp for the summer season. The next workday is May 2 with another workday on May 30. If you are interested in helping to sweep cabins, organize buildings or work outside, please register at [www.lambec.org](http://www.lambec.org). Thank you!

Our church website has a monthly calendar, weekly reminders and photos of recent events. Check it out and if something is missing, please contact Pastor Karl at [pastor@kenmawrchurch.org](mailto:pastor@kenmawrchurch.org).



## **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  
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 15108  
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205  
Julia Ramsey – 1113 Mohawk Rd., R.D. #2., McDonald, PA 15057-2553  
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136  
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

### **IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

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  
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  
Dee Young – Heritage Valley Senior Living, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

### **IN THE MILITARY**

LCpl Andrew Gregory - 731 College Avenue, Old Town, ME 04468  
Sgt. Paul McCurdy - 7436 McAuliffe Loop, Ft. Campbell, KY 42223  
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