Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Ken Mawr Church! The people in the biblical story of the flood have gotten to the point where *"The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time"* (v. 5). There is nothing to redeem these wretched human beings. The Noah story of popular culture isn't the real story. The real story is an Apocalypse—a catastrophic event. The real story has the Lord wiping from the face of the earth the human race he created. The real story has a drunken Noah, which I intentionally left out of today's reading, because it's not a fitting story for children, unless you want to give them nightmares. Last week, when we considered Cain and his situation, we were reminded that God loved Cain, and that love really messes with justice. So even though Cain deserved death, God preserved his life. Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann suggests that this tension between judgment and mercy in the heart of God is also the "key" to understanding the Apocalyptic story of the flood. Glad you could join us today! *-Pastor Karl*

Have you registered for VBS?

Register at www.kenmawrchurch.org – the link is on the front page.

Volunteers are needed – thank you for supporting this ministry!

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor	Louise Schoppe
Office/Administrative Assistant	Lindsey McCue
Treasurer/Accountant	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer	Lori Ryan
Clerk of Session	Diane Kuffner
Elder of the Month	Bart Huchel
Deacons of the Month	Claudia Tyler/Dona Adamski
Director of Music	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists	Mitchell Fleischman
Children's Church	Louise Schoppe
Nursery	Tammy Bischak
Counters	Barb Cario/Tim Chimera
Greeters	Dan and Diane Felter (8:30)/Dina and Lorenzo Roberts (11:00)
Van Driver	Tony Cario
Flower Delivery	Dona Adamski/Mike Baldauff

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #21 "This Is My Father's World"

*Prayer of Confession

O God of truth and love, in our pride and in our fear, we have built up walls between ourselves and our neighbors. Behind our walls, we hear neither their laughter nor their cries. Above all, those walls separate us from your love and your Word. We are lonely and silent. Break down those walls. Help us to hear and understand our neighbors. Give us speech to share your Word with them. Bless them and us, so that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, we pray through the Spirit of Jesus the 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

Children PreK–Grade 4 are invited to children's church and 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 "Every Promise"

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of your word.
Words of power strong to save that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of your word.
For your covenant is sure, and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise from your word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your word.
You are faithful to forgive, that in freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of your word.
Guilt to innocence restored; you remember sins no more;
so I'll stand on every promise of your word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of your word.
Through this dark and troubled land, you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on every promise of your word.
And you've promised to complete every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on every promise of your word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of your word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your word.

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GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Genesis 6:5-8; 8:15-22

5 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all

the time. 6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

15 Then God said to Noah, 16 "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. 17 Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it." 18 So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. 19 All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. 20 Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. 21 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. 22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (NIV)

Sermon "Apocalypse"

*Affirmation of Faith in Action—from Hebrews 11:1-7

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: "He could not be found, because God had taken him away." For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending #72 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*Benediction

"The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."
-Genesis 31:49

Thank you for worshipping with us.

The Mizpah Benediction

Genesis 31:49 is commonly called the Mizpah Benediction. In Hebrew, Mizpah translates to "watchtower" or "lookout". It originates from the Biblical story from Genesis 31 where Jacob and Laban use a pile of stones to mark an agreement. Laban declares: *"The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."* Because of this, it is commonly used today as a token of deep emotional bond, protection, and remembrance between loved ones separated by distance.

Welcome, Lindsey McCue!

We are very happy to welcome Lindsey McCue to the ministry team here at Ken Mawr as our Administrative Assistant. Lindsey brings a bright smile and a wealth of experience to our staff.

Lindsey lives in North Fayette and she and her husband Bo have two daughters, Ruby and Olivia. The girls will be entering 7th grade in the fall in the West Allegheny School District.

Please stop by and introduce yourself to Lindsey when you're in the neighborhood! We look forward to working with her and sharing the mission and ministry of Ken Mawr Church! Her office hours are 8:30am-4:00pm, Tuesday-Friday

TODAY AT KMUPC **June 21,2026**

Worship Services..... 8:30 and 11:00
Sermon Chat 9:45
Children's Church 11:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday	Coffee and Connections	10:00
Thursday	Staff Meeting	10:00
Saturday	Workday at Church – Outside	8:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Sermon Chat	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Church Picnic	4:00

LOOKING AHEAD

June 29 – VBS Recording in the sanctuary, 7:30
June 30 – Coffee & Connections
June 30 – VBS Training
July 3 – Office Closed
July 7 – Coffee & Connections
July 9 – Food Pantry
July 12 – 17 – Music Camp at Camp Lambec *The concert is Friday night at 7:00 p.m. at the camp.
July 14 – Coffee & Connections
July 16 – Helping Hands
July 21 – Coffee & Connections
July 23 – Food Pantry
July 26 – 30 – Illumination Station VBS!

The flowers today are given in honor of Dee Young's 95th Birthday (June 23) with love from the Cannella Family.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: VBS at Ken Mawr Church is our church's largest community outreach program. It's our week-long Vacation Bible School held every year at the end of July. Over the last 20 years we have welcomed around 200 children every night of VBS. For many of these children, it will be the only chance they have to explore God's word and to experience the love of Jesus Christ. The stories, songs, snacks, crafts and games revolve around a simple Bible point that reflects the theme of the week. This model of VBS has worked for us and our prayer is that God uses our church to change the world for the better. Thank you for your gifts!

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 47th 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
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Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017
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Dorothy Triscila – 1301 Cambridge Drive, Presto, PA 15142
Carla Winter – c/o Bob and Stacey Viviano 7405 Portpatrick Court, Wake Forest, NC 27587

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
Jackson Dorsey - U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 16 Mohegan Ave., Chase Hall, New London, CT 06320