Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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June 7, 2026

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

Confirmation Sunday

I welcome each of you to Ken Mawr! It's Confirmation Sunday 2026 and we come together today with the joy of the Lord! This is a day to celebrate our faith. We give thanks for the faith passed on to us through prophets and apostles, for the faith that is conveyed to each of us by Word and Spirit. And we joyfully celebrate the faith of our 7 Confirmation students who have studied the faith and who come before our congregation today to publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. One of our former U.S. presidents once quipped: "Status Quo, you know, is Latin for the mess we're in.'" Well, the mess the human race made not just of itself but also of nearly everything it touches leads at least some of us to ask where all this evil in the world came from. If you've ever wondered "What's wrong with us?" Genesis 3 has something to say to you. In Scripture, the closest we get to an explanation for the 'source of evil' is what might be called an approximate answer. So, let's explore that approximate answer together today. May you be blessed that you came! *-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
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Deacons of the Month	Claudia Tyler/Dona Adamski (8:30), Diane Haney (11:00)
Director of Music	Jayne McDonald
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Children's Church	Louise Schoppe
Nursery	Tammy Bischak
Counters	Bucky Savatt/Linda & Bill Kent
Greeters	Lari and Willy Skowron (8:30)/Kristen and Otto Brown (11:00)
Van Driver	Val Kamenar
Fower Delivery	Nick and Melody Coholic

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship "Keep the Feast"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise "Behold Our God"

Who has held the oceans in his hands?
Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at his voice.
All creation rises to rejoice.
Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our king, nothing can compare.
***Come, let us adore him*.**

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of his words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds?
Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our king, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore him.

Who has felt the nails upon his hands,
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave.
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!
Behold our God, seated on his throne.
Come, let us adore him.
Behold our king, nothing can compare.
Come, let us adore him.

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*Prayer of Confession

God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: We confess before you the evil within our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too often inclined toward impatience and anger, jealousy and revenge, ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between us and others. Too often we have both offended and grieved you, our long-suffering heavenly Father. Forgive us our sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who will be called the children of God. We pray 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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Confirmation and Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Please welcome our confirmation class at the end of the service in the front of the sanctuary.

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

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Genesis 3:1-10, 21-24

1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. 22 And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever." 23 So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life. (NIV)

Sermon "Knowing Good and Evil"

*Affirmation of Faith (2026 Confirmation Class)

I believe in God. He created heaven, earth and us. I believe he is the Father Almighty. God is watching over me and keeps me safe. I believe God will guide me throughout my life. He is always with me, always loves me, and always forgives me. I put my life inside his hands. He is the potter and I am the clay. He said that if you believe in him you shall have eternal life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son. I believe He came down from heaven to save us not just from our sins, but to help guide us in a right direction. He lived the same life as us. He felt how we feel, lived how we live, but still never sinned. I know Jesus loves me because he died for my sins. He is also like a friend that I can talk to at all times. He is always with me through my ups and downs. I believe he has changed and is still changing lives and hearts, even from Heaven. He knows I am not perfect, but he loves me anyway. I believe Jesus Christ will show me the right way and not let Satan tempt me to spreading sin.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the presence of God in the world and the believer. He has provided me with peace during hard times. He has helped me to recognize the importance of being kind to others. If I am struggling, I can ask the Holy Spirit for help and He will guide me. The Holy Spirit lives inside us, telling us right from wrong.

I am grateful to have God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit to love me and guide me each and every day.

*Hymn of Faith "O Spirit of the Living God"

O Spirit of the living God, thou Light and Fire Divine,
Descend upon Thy Church once more and make it truly Thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God, with wisdom blow until our minds are free
From mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to Thee.
Burn, winged fire, inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal
To preach to all Thy great good news, God's glorious common weal.

So shall we know the power of Christ, who came this world to save.
So shall we rise with Him to life which soars beyond the grave.
And earth shall win true holiness which makes Thy children whole
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach creation's glorious goal.

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GATHERING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

God's Invitation and Promises

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

*Prayer after Communion

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #145 "Glory Be to God, Creator"

*Benediction

"The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other."
Genesis 31:49 (NRSV)

**All are invited to stand*

Thank you for worshipping with us.

Genesis 31:49 is commonly called the Mizpah Benediction. In Hebrew, Mizpah translates to "watchtower" or "lookout". It originates from the Biblical story in Genesis 31 where Jacob and Laban used 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.*

"Great Stories from Genesis" Summer Sermon Series 2026

You are invited to join us in worship this summer as we take a fresh look into the great stories of individuals, families, tribes and nations. You will find that some of their experiences mirror your own, which will provide a way for each one of us to consider how God can lead us into new ways of knowing and serving him.

The **Sunday Sermon Chat** series begins May 31st from 9: 45–10:30 AM. Join Pastor Karl for this opportunity to delve deeper into the scripture and message for that Sunday.

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, the deacons will serve a continental breakfast in the Coffee/Welcome area for everyone. Please join us! First breakfast – June 14!

CONFIRMATION
OF BAPTIZED MEMBERS & BAPTISM

ELDER:

These people have been received by the Session of this church. They have studied God's word and have learned the belief and practice of his people. They are here to profess their faith, and to be joined with us in the service of Jesus Christ.

MINISTER:

Friends, Jesus Christ has chosen you, and in baptism, has joined you to himself. He has called you, along with us, into the church, which is his body. Now he has brought you to this time and place, so you may confess his name before God's people, and go out to serve him as faithful disciples.

QUESTIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS:

Do you profess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

Do you trust in him?

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word and show his love?

Do you promise to be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ the Lord?

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHARGE

All of you are disciples of Jesus Christ. He has commissioned you. Live in his love and serve him. Be filled with gratitude. Let the message of Christ dwell among you in all its richness. Whatever you are doing, whether you speak or act, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

2026 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Isabelle Baldauff
Mentor – Melissa McCormick

Alexis Lawrence
Mentor - Lari Skowron

Brinley Price
Mentor – Kristen Brown

Brooklyn Robinson
Mentor – Lynne Bryan

Piper Robinson
Mentor – Diane Felter

Kenzie Swain
Mentor – Audra Wilson

Nicholas Vadas
Mentor – Bucky Savatt

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." Proverbs 3: 5-6

TODAY AT KMUPC **June 7,2026**

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

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Finance Meeting	6:00
Tuesday	Coffee and Connections	10:00
Thursday	Staff Meeting	10:00
Friday	Bulletin information due for June 21	12:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Continental Breakfast in the Coffee/Welcome area	9:45
	Sermon Chat	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

June 16 – Coffee & Connections
June 16 – Christian Ed Meeting
June 16 – Session Meeting
June 18 – Helping Hands
June 21 – Father's Day; Worship Services; Sermon Chat
June 23 – Coffee & Connections
June 28 – Worship services; Sermon Chat
June 28 – Church Picnic 4:00
June 30 – Coffee & Connections

The flowers today are given in memory of my mother, Victoria Cersosimo, from Claudia Tyler.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: The Seed Company "accelerates the work of Bible translation by connecting local field partners around the world with investors, resources, and training. Through these global partnerships, God's people are being equipped to reach communities still waiting for Scripture in the languages they understand best."

June 14 – Medical Benevolence Foundation
June 21 – VBS Outreach
June 28 – Meals on Wheels

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
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
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Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
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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

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
Dorothy Triscila – Concordia of South Hills, 1300 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243 New!
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

KMUPC Elders and Deacons

Elders

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Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
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David Ewonce	Barb Jaros	Jim Heckethorn
Diane Felter	Melissa McCormick	Craig Hinden
Lari Skowron	Bob Ramsey	Barb Huchel
Jim Weikel	Audra Wilson	Bucky Savatt

Board of Deacons

Moderator – Barb Cannella

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