



Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Welcome to Worship!

We warmly welcome each of you to this time of worship at Ken Mawr! Do you wonder what heaven is going to be like? Most of us think there are very few descriptions of heaven in Scripture, so we wonder about these things. The amazing truth is that Jesus often revealed heaven to us in his teaching. Many times, when he tells a parable, he does so by setting up the story in this fashion: The Kingdom of heaven is like...like the woman who lost a silver coin, and when she found it, she threw a party. If you study the Scriptures, you will find lots of descriptions of heaven. When Jesus told the story that is our Scripture today, it's hard to know whether he's telling us about heaven or telling us about hell. But I suppose if you know about one, then you know about the other. In any event, this story obviously tells us that God cares about lost people, and so should we. Glad you're here!

—Pastor Karl

Please join us for our annual Maundy Thursday Communion on April 2, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. The choral music and dramatic readings will guide us through scripture and reflections as we remember and honor the sacrifice of our Lord.

Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor	Louise Schoppe
Administrative Assistant	Tiffany Kelly
Treasurer/Accountant.....	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer	Lori Ryan
Elder of the Month	Diane Felter
Deacons of the Month	Amy Schmidt/Val Kamenar
Clerk of Session	Diane Kuffner
Children's Church.....	Louise Schoppe
Musicians	Alex Weibel/Mitchell Fleischman
Counters	Barb Cario/Diane Kuffner
Van Driver	Tony Tresky
Flower Delivery.....	Debbie Bucek/Kathy Conrad

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #71

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Prayer of Confession

Forgive us, O God, if we pray only to ask, only to urge you to solve problems for us, or to rescue us from our troubles. Jesus told his disciples that he regarded them as friends. O God, throughout this season of Lent, let us walk with you as our friend until our companionship and conversation become as natural as breathing in and out. Lift us out of our self-centeredness by revealing your heart for this world. O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us, that we may believe and never pose an obstacle to the faith of others. We pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Congregational Response #479 (vss. 1 & 3)

**Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

**Near the cross, O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day, with its shadow o'er me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

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 #526

"How Blest Are They"

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 16:19-31

19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' 25 "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27 "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29 "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30 " 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' " (NIV)

Sermon

"Stories That Explain"

*The Nicene Creed (para. 3)

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn

"We Beseech Thee"

*Jesus, with Thy Church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee.*

*All her fettered powers release, bid our strife and envy cease,
Grant the heavenly gift of peace: We beseech Thee.*

*May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind:
We beseech Thee.*

*May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee.*

*May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of darkest night: We beseech Thee.*

*May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind:
We beseech Thee.*

*May her guides Thy people feed, shepherds of the flock indeed,
Ready, where Thou callest to lead: We beseech Thee.*

*May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in: We beseech Thee.*

*May she guide the poor and blind,
Seek the lost until she find,
And the broken-hearted bind:
We beseech Thee...*

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*Benediction

**All are invited to stand*

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Community Home Rehabilitation Crew

We organize volunteer workers that will provide home repair or minor constructions projects to members of our community that are in need.

Door Decorating Contest!

Take a walk around the building and check out all the Sunday School classroom doors!
Tickets can be purchased in the narthex or Welcome room. Tickets are \$1 for 20 tickets. All proceeds benefit the KMUPC Food Pantry. Voting ends today, so don't delay! Vote today!

TODAY AT KMUPC

March 15, 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

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday	Lifewise	9:00 – 3:30
	Christian Education Meeting	6:00
	Session Meeting.....	7:00
Wednesday	Jackie's Lunch Bunch	12:30
	Lenten Dinner.....	5:30
	J.A.M.....	6:00
	Worship.....	6:30 – 7:00
	Choir	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise	8:30 – 3:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church.....	11:00
	New Member Lunch and Seminar.....	12:00
	Confirmation Class.....	4:00 – 6:00
	Middle School Youth Night.....	5:45 – 7:15

LOOKING AHEAD:

March 22 – New Member Lunch & Seminar 12:00
March 22 - Confirmation Class 4:00 – 6:00
March 22 – Middle School Youth Night 5:45 – 7:15
March 23 – Finance Team 6:00
March 23 -- High School Youth Night 6:00 – 8:00
March 25 – Lenten Dinner, J.A.M. and Worship
March 26 – Food Pantry



*The flowers today are given in
memory of our father, Robert
Betz from Cindy & Dan Koller.*

Holy Week Services:

March 29 – **Palm Sunday**/Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
April 2 – **Maundy Thursday** Communion Service, 7:30 p.m.
April 3 – **Children's Program** from 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
April 3 – **Good Friday Service** and Communion, 12:00 Noon
April 5 – **EASTER SUNDAY** Services at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

FROM ONE OF OUR YOUTH: My name is Jacob Lemasters, and I am participating in Blood Cancer United's Student Visionaries of the Year campaign to raise money and awareness for blood cancer patients & their families.

I am participating in this campaign in memory of my dad, Don Lemasters. He had leukemia as a child and passed away in April 2022 due to complications he suffered as an adult that were caused by the treatment for his childhood leukemia. Your donation not only supports my fundraising, but the millions of patients and their families touched by blood cancer. My fundraising page link is: <https://pages.lds.org/svoy/wpa/svoypitt26/jlemasters>



Thank you so much for your support!
Jacob Lemasters

-NEW MEMBER LUNCH AND SEMINAR-

Join our church family!

March 22 at 12:00 noon

Come and have lunch with church members and others who are new to our church. Learn more about being a follower of Jesus Christ and about becoming a member of Ken Mawr Church. Call the church office at 412-331-2863 so we can prepare lunch for you. Childcare is also available upon request. See you at noon on March 22!

The **Kennedy Township Fire Department** Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2026. Please feel free to stop before or after church to support our fire department. Adults \$8 and \$5 for children.

LENTEN DINNER SIGN-UP

Detach and place in the offering plate or office.

5:30 p.m./J.A.M. at 6:00 and Worship at 6:30

March 25

Entrée – Chicken Tenders

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

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
Robert 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, 32 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