



## *Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church*

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### **March 22, 2026**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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

# Welcome to Worship!

Good morning! Wherever we look in the gospels, it appears that Jesus was aware of a great battle in which he was already involved and would, before too long, reach some kind of climax. His confrontations with demon-possessed people provide settings where this battle is clearly evident. The healing of this man who was both blind and mute because of demon possession offers a vivid illustration of the nature of Satan’s work that limited this man by blindness and bound him with the inability to speak. The story recorded by Matthew tells us in one sentence that Jesus healed him. Matthew doesn’t give any detail of the actual miracle. He focuses instead on the comments of people as to whether Jesus might be the “*Son of David!*” You see, faith has begun to dawn. Even though Jesus didn’t fit their image of the “*Son of David,*” they were astonished by his deeds that were of such a powerful nature that all the people had stirrings of renewed hope. We welcome you to Ken Mawr! -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

- Pastor ..... The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
- Commissioned Pastor ..... Louise Schoppe
- Administrative Assistant ..... Tiffany Kelly
- Treasurer/Accountant..... Nancy Gilkey
- Assistant Treasurer ..... Lori Ryan
- Clerk of Session ..... Diane Kuffner
- Elder of the Month ..... Diane Felter
- Deacons of the Month ..... Amy Schmidt/Val Kamenar
- Children’s Church..... Louise Schoppe
- Musicians ..... Alex Weibel/Mitchell Fleischman
- Counters ..... Tim Chiimera/Craig Hinden
- Van Driver ..... Tom McCullough
- Flower Delivery..... Kathy Strand

# The Service of Worship

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

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Preparing for Worship

“Lead Me to Calvary”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

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

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\*Hymn of Praise #129

“Be Still for the Spirit of the Lord”

\*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 #370

"Healing Grace"

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

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Scripture

Matthew 12:22-32

*22 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. 23 All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons." 25 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand? 27 And if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your people drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 "Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house. 30 "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. 31 And so I tell you, every kind of sin and slander can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. (NIV)*

Sermon

"Battling Beelzebub"

\*A Lenten Prayer

**God of all seasons, in your pattern of things  
there is a time for keeping and a time for losing,  
a time for building up and a time for pulling down.  
In this season of Lent as we journey to the cross,  
help us to discern in our lives what we must  
lay down and what we must take up,  
what we must end and what we must begin.  
Give us grace to lead a life as kingdom people,  
in glad faithfulness and with the joy that comes  
from a closer walk with Christ. Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\*Sending Hymn

"Christus Victor"

**O Most High, King of the ages, great I AM, God of wonders;  
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters.  
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation: Now to the Lamb upon the throne.  
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!  
With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels  
in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**O Most High, dwelling among us; Son of man, sent for sinners.  
By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior  
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious: Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor glory power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!  
With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels  
in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**O Most High, King of the nations; robed in praise, crowned with splendor.  
On that day who will not tremble? When You stand, Christ the Victor  
Who was, and is, and is forever: Now to the Lamb upon the throne  
Be blessing honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah!  
With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels  
In the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen.**

**Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.**  
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\*Benediction

*\*All are invited to stand*

*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

**TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE** - Sto-Ken-Rox Meals on Wheels began over 40 years ago with the help and prayers of members of our own congregation. Meals on Wheels never turns anyone down when they, or a family member, need hot meals. Meals on Wheels always appreciates the financial support from KMUPC, and there is an ongoing need for volunteers.

# Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 29, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows 8:30 /11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 2, Worship and Communion at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Kids Program – April 3, 9:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Good Friday Worship and Communion – April 3 at 12:00 Noon

Easter Sunday – April 5 Worship Times: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

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GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3, 2026

9:30 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

FOLLOWING JESUS

For ages 4 - grade 4, students will follow Jesus' journey through Holy Week. Register at [www.kenmawrchurch.org](http://www.kenmawrchurch.org)



Good Friday –  
Child Registration

Good Friday –  
Volunteer  
Registration



VBS – Child &  
Volunteer  
Registration

## **TODAY AT KMUPC**

**March 22, 2026**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT KMUPC**

Monday	High School Youth Night/Bible Study.....	6:00 – 8:00
	Finance Meeting .....	6:00
Tuesday	Lifewise.....	9:00 – 3:30
Wednesday	Lenten Dinner.....	5:30
	J.A.M. ....	6:00
	Worship .....	6:30 – 7:00
	Choir.....	7:00
Thursday	Lifewise.....	8:30 – 3:00
	Food Pantry .....	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting .....	10:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services/Palm Sunday/Renewal of Baptismal Vows .....	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School .....	9:45
	*No Children's Church	
	Confirmation Class .....	4:00 – 6:00

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

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  
April 2 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30 p.m.  
April 3 – Kids Program (sign up online) 9:30 – 11:45  
April 3 – Communion Service 12:00 p.m.  
April 5 – Easter Sunday Services at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
April 6 – High School Youth Night & Bible Study  
April 7 – Lord's Lambs  
April 7 – Sunday School Teachers Meeting  
April 11 – Men's Breakfast  
April 12 – Confirmation Class  
April 14 – Esther Circle  
April 15 – Jackies Lunch Bunch  
April 16 – Helping Hands  
April 19 – Deacons Meeting  
April 19 – Confirmation Class  
April 19 – Middle School Youth Night  
April 20 – High School Youth Night & Bible Study  
April 20 – Finance Meeting  
April 21 – Session Meeting



*The flowers today are given in  
memory of my great guy,  
Jim Weber, from Diane Weber*

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