



Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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May 31, 2026

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

Welcome to Worship!

Christian greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus our Lord! Verse 5 of Genesis 1 says, “*God called the light day, and the darkness he called night. And there was evening and there was morning—the first day.*” This is the very first measure of time in all of creation. Think about it! God speaks, divides, names, and then marks the rhythm: evening and morning, one day complete. There is no hurry in God’s work. There is sequence and there is purpose. There is a kind of order that turns chaos into something steady and good. “*In the beginning God created...*” (1:1). That’s the emphasis in the first chapter of Genesis, and throughout the Bible. *God created.* The story of creation is not first of all about HOW, but about WHO. Just count how many times God is mentioned. God created...God said...God called...God saw. The point is that it all came from God. The world did not create itself! The world did not create you and me! God created the world and God created you and me. I warmly welcome you to Ken Mawr!
-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
Treasurer/Accountant	Nancy Gilkey
Assistant Treasurer	Lori Ryan
Clerk of Session	Diane Kuffner
Elder of the Month	Lynne Bryan
Deacons of the Month	Kathy Conrad/Dina Roberts
Director of Music.....	Jayne McDonald
Instrumentalists	Mitchell Fleischman/Alex Weibel/Ross Antonich
Children’s Church.....	Louise Schoppe
Nursery	Tammy Bischak
Counters	Diane Kuffner/Renee Trunick
Van Driver.....	Tom McCullough
Fower Delivery	Kathleen Strand/Kathy Conrad

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“Promises”

Welcome/Graduate Recognition

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymns of Praise #40

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come to you in hope and love, confessing our need for mercy. We have not loved and honored you with our lives; you are not always first in our hearts. Our loyalty is pulled in many directions; we live the days and hours unaware of your teaching presence. Yet your love is steadfast and true, even when ours is not. You do not forsake us in our weakness and sin. Holy God, grant us mercy. Renew our hearts and minds with the joy of being your graced and forgiven people. In union with Christ, may we live in the freedom of your love, for we ask this in the name of our heavenly Father, Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit. 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!**

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 #146

"Glorify Thy Name"

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-5; 1:31-2:4

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. 1 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. 2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. 4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. (NIV)

Sermon

"When Time Began"

*The Heidelberg Catechism (Q & A 26)

Pastor: What do you believe when you say: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth"?

People: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth with all that is in them, who also upholds and governs them by his eternal counsel and providence, is for the sake of Christ his Son my God and my Father. I trust in him so completely that I have no doubt that he will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul. Moreover, whatever evil he sends upon me in this troubled life he will turn to my good, for he is able to do it, being almighty God, and is determined to do it, being a faithful Father.

Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day, till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe;
He charts the eagle's flight, commands the newborn baby's cry.

Refrain

*Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing, "Hallelujah!"
Fill the earth with songs of worship; tell the wonders of creation's King.*

Creation gazed upon His face; the ageless One in time's embrace,
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, whose blameless life would break the curse;
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. *Refrain*

Creation longs for His return, when Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, all heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King! *Refrain 2X*

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*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.

"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.

TODAY AT KMUPC

May 31, 2026

Worship Services/Graduate Recognition	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	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting.....	10:00
Friday	Bulletin information due for June 14	12:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services/Confirmation	8:30 and 11:00
	Sermon Chat	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00

LOOKING AHEAD

June 9 – Coffee & Connections
June 14 – Worship Services; Sermon Chat
June 15 – Finance Meeting
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

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: At Foster Love Project we seek to provide love in action to foster children as well as support to the foster families who are providing care for them. We operate a donation center for kids in foster care to come shop for free. We have also provided thousands of placement bags to kids moving into foster care to ensure that they have a bag of belongings to get them started. We also provide beds, baby gear, camp scholarships, sports equipment and much more. We are committed to love and dignity for all kids in foster care.

June 7 – The Seed Company
June 14 – Medical Benevolence Foundation
June 21 – VBS Outreach
June 28 – Meals on Wheels

CONGRATULATIONS!

2026 GRADUATES

Ciara Ernst

Montour High School

Nicky Lugin

Montour High School

Allie Ramsey

Montour High School

Maya Rippole

Pine Richland High School

Haley Bischak

Robert Morris University

Thomas Hieber

Notre Dame University

Amanda Schoppe

Florida Gulf Coast University



*Sign up to be a greeter! Use the QR code or
see Dina Roberts.*



Tuesday morning – 10:00-11:30 AM

Beginning June 2, 2026

“BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS”

Reading scripture with new eyes

All are welcome!

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
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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

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