Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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November 1, 2026

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

Welcome!

A very warm welcome as we gather this morning for worship at Ken Mawr! Neither the author nor the audience of the book of Hebrews is specifically named, but the book itself reveals its nature and purpose. Like the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, Hebrews 10 encourage us in this way: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."* Teachings like this show us how to *rediscover* that the church is where God has called us to gather, to grow, to serve and to love. One of the things that makes coming to worship so meaningful is the fact that we are *together.* We see. We hear. We feel. I am so thankful that we can watch a service on YouTube when we're bodily removed from this place. But when we gather for worship, God meets us here and surrounds us here. Attending worship does not make us a Christian. But attending worship demonstrates that the Spirit of Jesus is alive in us because we desire to be with Jesus' people. That's why I'm here.

-Pastor Karl

J.A.M. continues through Wednesday, November 18 for ages 4 – Grade 4. Come and join in the fun from 6:00 – 7:00!

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Commissioned Pastor	Louise Schoppe
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The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship "In Remembrance"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn 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

We come to you, God of all mercy, confessing the many sins that cast a shadow over our lives. We confess that we confuse outward religion with the new life you call us to live in Jesus Christ. Do not let our hearts become proud and forget the mighty acts that you have accomplished. Do not let us neglect the needs of those around us, focusing instead on things that don't really matter. Forgive us, we pray. Help us, as we continue to grow in faithfulness, compassion and integrity. We remember your mighty works as we pray through your Son, 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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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 John 4:19-26

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." 21 "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship

what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." 26 Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." (NIV)

Hebrews 10:19-27

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. (NIV)

Sermon "We Worship Together"

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Faith #120 "Sing Alleluia to the Lord"

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.

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

*Prayer after Communion

As we rise from this table, O God, may we grow to the stature of Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating your love in word and deed, toward all your children. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of eternity. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

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

*Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Healthy Start, Inc. supports families in Allegheny County by providing home visiting services to pregnant and parenting women. To help strengthen the family unit, we also provide services to the woman's husband, partner and/or child's father. Ensuring the health of child-bearing women and babies is a collective effort, so Healthy Start, Inc. is rooted in the community. The Healthy Start model encourages communities to build partnerships of commitment among families, volunteers, businesses, health care and social service providers.

November 8 – Presbyterian Federated Chaplaincies
November 15 – Camp Lambec
November 22 – Chosen People Ministries
November 29 – East Liberty Family Health Care Center

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK: NOVEMBER 16-23, 2026

Every year Samaritan's Purse collects shoeboxes filled with gifts of toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world.

Ken Mawr Woven Women's group, in conjunction with the youth of the church, will be collecting items for Girls and Boys ages 5-9. Monetary donations are welcome as well. You can donate by noting that the funds are going to the Operation Christmas Child Project (cash donations only). **All donations are due by Sunday, November 8. A donation box is located in the Welcome Center.** Our goal is to pack 50 shoeboxes on Monday, November 16 at 6:00pm in Friendship Hall if you are interested in helping.

Not able to donate? You can pray for the children that receive the boxes and the adults that deliver them and share the Gospel. The gift-filled shoeboxes are a great evangelism tool for Pastors around the world, and each child will hear the Gospel, maybe for the first time. "What goes into the box is Fun, what comes out is Eternal!"

DO NOT INCLUDE:

SOAP; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; chocolate or food; fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable or glass items; aerosol cans; alcohol wipes.

SWEATS FOR VETS – Due December 6

We would like to thank each of you for making the Sweats for Vets drive a success each year. For those of you not familiar with this drive, each year we collect "NEW" sweat suits for the men and women who are "in" patients at the Oakland Facility. Many of the patients do not have any family members and this may be the only gift they receive.

We are starting collection now through Sunday, December 6, with monetary donations requested by Nov 29. If you would like to participate by donating a 'new' sweat suit, please bring it to the church donation room downstairs, no later than December 13. No need for tissue paper or gift bags.

ONLY MEN'S Pants Medium and Large, and MEN's tops XLG and 2XL are requested. They do NOT have to match.

Monetary contributions are also welcome, and we will do the shopping for you!

SWEATS FOR VETS
Sweats4Vets.com

TODAY AT KMUPC **November 1, 2026**

Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Christmas Pageant Practice	10:45 – 11:30

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday	Election Day	All day
	Coffee & Connections	9:30 – 11:00
Wednesday	Lord's Lambs	1:00
	J.A.M.	6:00
	Choir Practice	7:00
Thursday	Food Pantry	9:00 – 11:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
Next Sunday	Worship Services	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	New Members Lunch and Seminar	12:00
	Middle School Youth Night	5:45 – 7:15
	High School Youth Night/Bible Study	6:00 – 8:00

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Dear children, teachers, friends and members,

You have been so very kind with your Pastor Appreciation gifts throughout the years, and this year is no different. I appreciate all of you. The treats and cards and gifts from you will lift my spirits and remind me of my dear friends at Ken Mawr.

The cards we received included thanks and greetings to Jayne and I'm glad that so many of you appreciate her as I do. Without her around on Sunday mornings we would have a much more difficult time doing as the psalm says: *"I will sing a new song to you, O God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you"* (Psalm 144:9). I don't own a ten-stringed lyre so I guess a six-string guitar will have to do. 😊

Thank you again for your kindness and the thoughtful gifts. Most of all thank you for all the ways you make Ken Mawr a special place to gather in Jesus' name to worship and serve him. Jesus loves you and so do I…

-Pastor Karl

A special heartfelt thanks to Ken Mawr friends and family for the thoughtful Pastor Appreciation gifts. The cards and treats were a reminder of the love and generosity Dave and I continually receive. We give thanks daily for being able to serve in the ministry of KMUPC. God's blessings to you all and again – THANK YOU!

-Pastor Louise

Please remember with cards and prayers…

AT HOME

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
Larry Dickson – 116 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Pippa Downs – 136 Marie Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Marian Graham – (Jayne's aunt) 17 Penn Avenue, Greenville, PA 16125
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
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
Binker Rauschart – 205 Sarah Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
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
Dorothy Triscila – 1301 Cambridge Drive, Presto, PA 15142
Carla Winter – c/o Bob and Stacey Viviano 7405 Portpatrick Court, Wake Forest, NC 27587

IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

Betty Borden –1000 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143
Illa Boggs – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 243, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Elaine Crist – 500 Providence Point Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15243
Joan Downs – 1201 Cumberland Rd, Rm 223, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
David Gadsby – Province of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086
Janet Gregory – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 222, 30 Heckel Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ann Joseck – 2107 Masonic Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143
Sue Joseck – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 203, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Loretta Osborne – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 210, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peggy Ponte – Caring Heights, Room 201, 234 Coraopolis Rd., Coraopolis, PA 15108
Helen Sharpe – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Rm 251, Moon Twp, PA 15108
Virginia Shaw – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 301, 32 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – Concordia at Kennedy, Rm 110, 30 Heckel Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

IN THE MILITARY

LCpl Andrew Gregory – 21 Atlas Court, East Meadow, NY 11554
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

Christmas Eve Poinsettia Order
In Honor or In Memory
$13 each
Orders due to the office by December 6.

Your Name_____

In honor of_____ number of poinsettias_____

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In memory of_____ number of poinsettias _____

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The Christian Education Team invites you to the

ADVENT DINNER

December 6, 2026

5:00 p.m. in Sharpe Hall

Name_____

Number attending the Advent Dinner_____

Please detach and place in the offering plate or return it to the church office by November 29.

Details:

The main dish will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

A Christmas Carol Sing with Readings
Led by the Choir and Youth will follow the dinner.