Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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November 8, 2026

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

Welcome!

We warmly welcome you to this time of worship at Ken Mawr! What gives any preacher the right to stand up at least once a week in the middle of a service of worship and claim to speak on behalf of God? We preachers do not draw our authority from superior knowledge, or political power, or rhetorical flourish. We are given authority from God alone to proclaim what God has already spoken through his Word. In 2nd Timothy 4:2 Paul told his young disciple Timothy, a pastor in Ephesus to *"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season."* In the end, preaching isn't just about transmitting information. If that was the only goal, then preaching would no longer be the most efficient means to do so. We could move on to videos, podcasts, or even just books, and cut out the time in worship altogether. Yet hearing a sermon isn't just about you and your personal walk with Jesus. It's also about shaping a heavenly culture and building a heavenly city here in our own church. It's about shaping our life together. We're so glad to have you share an hour with us here at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church! *-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 "By God's Hand"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #113 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

*Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our voices to you in praise, but we have still walked in the ways of evil. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, O Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word and Spirit, 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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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

*Hymn of Faith "Speak O Lord"

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.**

**Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.**

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GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture Acts 10:34-44

34 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 39 "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the

one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. (NIV)

Romans 1:8-17

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. 9 God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. 11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. 14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith. (NIV)

Sermon "Preaching and Teaching"

*The Second Helvetic Confession (1561)

We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men.

For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete exposition of all that pertains to a saving faith and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God; and in this respect it is expressly commanded by God that nothing be added to or taken from the same.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

*Sending Hymn #560 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us.

TODAY AT KMUPC **November 8, 2026**

Worship Services ..... 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:45
Christmas Program Practice ..... 10:45 – 11:30
Children's Church 11:00
New Member Lunch & Seminar 12:00
Middle School Youth Night ..... 5:45 – 7:15
High School Youth Night/Bible Study ..... 6:00 – 8:00

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Tuesday Coffee & Connections ..... 9:30 – 11:00
Esther Circle 6:30
Wednesday J.A.M. 6:00
Choir Practice 7:00
Thursday Staff Meeting 10:00
Next Sunday Worship Services ..... 8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School 9:45
Christmas Program Practice ..... 10:45 – 11:30
Children's Church 11:00
Deacons Meeting 12:00

Today's flowers are given in memory of Michael Moschak Jr. from Mike and Sandy Moschak.

TODAY'S BENEVOLENCE: Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies is the agency that endorses Federal Chaplains for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America, and the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad. We provide ecclesiastical endorsement for ministers who desire to serve in a Federal Chaplaincy position. Our agency works with individuals contemplating ministry to the military and veteran communities. We work with presbyteries to discern how federal ministry may be part of an applicant's calling.

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

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
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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
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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
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Julia Ramsey – 1113 Mohawk Rd., R.D. #2., McDonald, PA 15057-2553
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Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dorothy Triscila – 1301 Cambridge Drive, Presto, PA 15142
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IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

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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

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 it 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.

Questions? Call the church office. 412-331-2863

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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