

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

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February 23, 2025

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

Welcome to Worship!

What a privilege it is to welcome you to Ken Mawr today! We might argue that listening is something we do well. But in Luke 6 Jesus is asking for engagement, for what some call “active listening.” Some of the things he asks of us are hard to hear. We might say we don’t have enemies, but we live in an oppositional world. There are always folks on the other side, those with whom we disagree. The Lord Jesus challenges us on how we treat them, how we speak to them, and even, how we speak of them. “*Love your enemies*” isn’t something that sits easily in our ears. This entire passage is an example of Jesus’ rhetorical style of repeating, “*even sinners.*” If “*even sinners*” manage to love those who love them back, shouldn’t we go the extra mile to love the unlovable, to lend to the unreliable? So, how do we make space for active listening today? Maybe it begins with a commitment to love as Jesus loves, because we need to hear it over and over again—perhaps even from our own lips.

-Pastor Karl

Today at KMUPC

- **Coffee, tea and hot chocolate** are available on the lower level at the coffee counter next to the Welcome Room.
- **Restrooms** are on the Sanctuary level, through the front Sanctuary doors, turn right at the office door and follow signs toward the elevator. Additional restrooms are on the first floor at the bottom of the steps and in the lower hallway.
- **Nursery room** is open and available on the lower level, turn right at the bottom of the steps, turn left in the children’s department, the nursery room is the last door on the right. There are changing tables, rocking chairs and toys. There is a speaker in this room to hear the service. Please feel free to use this space for you and your child. **Volunteers are needed as the nursery rooms re-open with staff on March 2. Please contact Tina Ernst if you can help.**
- **Children’s church** is offered for children Preschool age to Grade 4 after Time with the Children during the 11:00 a.m. service. There is a 3-4 year old room and 5 – grade 4 room. The children will return to the sanctuary during the last hymn.
- **Elders/Deacons of the month** are available to help you with general questions and information. The Elder of the Month is usually in the church office throughout the morning.

The Service of Worship

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparing for Worship

“What Does It Cost to Follow Jesus”

Welcome

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

*Hymn of Praise #64

“O God Beyond All Praising”

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

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Prayer of Confession

O God, our sins are too close to us and our pride blinds us to the wrongs we have done. Centered on ourselves, our world is too small. We run even from your grace, fearing you know us too well. We have strayed from the path you would have us follow, and we're too afraid to ask for help. Hear our prayer, O God. Grant us the promise that you will indeed remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. You alone can free us from our fear and sinfulness. Grant us your mercy, we pray, in Jesus' name, 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 (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.

Congregational Prayer Response #559

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. 31 Do to others as you would have them do to you. 32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. 37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. 38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV)

Sermon

"Even Sinners"

*A Prayer for Direction, Patience, Power, and Love

**God of wonder and wandering, God of refuge and rescue,
hear us this day as we ask you to remove our fear of circumstances.**

**In times of danger and anxiety we forget what you have done for us.
You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied.
You trust us to care for others, yet we often abuse that trust.
You show us the way we are to go, yet we often continue
on a path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness.**

**Grant us faith in the midst of every circumstance of life.
We humbly pray for your direction, patience, power, and love,
in the name of Jesus Christ, who was faithful to the end.
Amen.**

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

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*Benediction

Thank you for worshiping with us.

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February 23 – KMUPC Workcamp



Growing Spiritually **Developing deep roots with God and others**

Adult Ministries and Small Groups at Ken Mawr Church

You are cordially invited and welcome to participate in any of the following groups:

Sunday morning:

- Koinonia Class (upstairs past the office) 9:45
- New Vision (Friendship Lounge downstairs) 9:45
- Spiritual Journaling (Library downstairs) 9:45
- Woven Women (Memorial Lounge downstairs) 9:45

Wednesday evenings:

- Ken Mawr Choir (Koinonia room upstairs) Singing and fellowship 7:00

Thursday morning:

- Quilters (Friendship Lounge) – 10:00

First Tuesday afternoon of each month:

- Lord's Lambs Bible Study (Friendship Lounge) for men and women 1:00

Second Tuesday evening of each month:

- Esther Circle (Friendship Lounge) – Fellowship and study for women 7:00

Second Saturday morning of each month:

- Men's Breakfast and Bible study (Friendship Lounge) 9:00

Third Wednesday afternoon of each month:

- Jackie's Lunch Bunch (Friendship Lounge) – Bring a bag lunch. Men and Women 12:30

Third Thursday of each month:

- Helping Hands (projects around the church building) – come for any part of the day 10-3

Children and Youth Ministries at Ken Mawr Church

Sunday morning classes: (Breakfast snacks and hot chocolate are available)

- Youngest learners meet downstairs to the right of the steps 9:45
- Elementary learners in grades 2-4 meet to the left of the steps, on the right 9:45
- Middle school students meet in the middle youth room on the left 9:45
- High school students meet in the first youth room on the left 9:45
- Children's Church for PreK – Grade 4 during the worship service at 11:00

Sunday evenings as scheduled:

- Middle school events are scheduled throughout the month for fellowship and further learning beyond the morning class 5:45 – 7:15

Monday evening:

- Youth412 meets Monday evenings for dinner, fellowship and devotions in the youth wing.
- Additional events are scheduled by the director. 6:00 – 7:30

Wednesday evening:

- J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 – 7:00 for activities, lessons, games and snacks for students in K-4.
- High School Girls Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in the library.

LENT: SAVIOR, SERVANT, FRIEND!

It may surprise you to hear this, but Lent isn't for God. God doesn't need our prayers, our fasting, or even our acts of sacrifice. God is complete in himself – unfathomable, unchanging, holy and sovereign.

So why does the Lenten season matter? Because we need it! Lent is a gift to us – a sacred invitation to slow down, look inward, and allow God to awaken our hearts to his presence, power, and purpose.

Lent provides us with a perfect chance to explore the extraordinary attributes of Jesus our Savior, Servant and Friend. Each service in this 6-week series dwells on a different aspect of our Lord and what each characteristic means to us as his followers and friends.

Dinners - 5:30 – 6:30. Entrees will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you are able.

The first reservation form will be in next week's bulletin. Reservations for the first dinner are due by Thursday, February 27.

Worship - 6:30 – 7:00 **Join us just for worship if that is best for your schedule.** Childcare will be available.

March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2 and 9. Bring a friend!

Church Nursery



Infant Care Available-Please text or email us to register your child for nursery service.


Volunteers are also needed.

Age 0 - 3 years old
Join us for church services and Sunday School classes!

Tina Ernst
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SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

SERVICES FOR LENT



Week 1 ASK FORGIVER	Week 2 HEALER	Week 2 LISTENER
Week 3 ENCOURAGER	Week 4 PROTECTOR	Week 5 COMFORTER

CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR
COMMISSIONED PASTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
TREASURER/ACCOUNTANT
ASSISTANT TREASURER
LIVE STREAM TECHNICIAN
AUDIO/PERCUSSION
J.A.M. DIRECTOR
YOUTH 412 DIRECTOR
CUSTODIAN

Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald
Louise Schoppe
Tiffany Kelly
Tom Solack
Lori Ryan
Cameron Brown
Adam Kantz
Chrissy Pelzer
Katie Herman
P.J. O'Reilly

VOLUNTEERS IN MINISTRY

CLERK OF SESSION
MODERATOR OF DEACONS
MUSIC DIRECTOR
NURSERY COORDINATOR
ELDER OF THE MONTH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Diane Kuffner
Cheryl Simchak
Jayne McDonald
Tina Ernst
Melissa McCormick
Amy Schmidt/Val Kamenar

~ THANK YOU ~

Children's Church: Anne Chimera

Ken Mawr Choir

Bass: Mitchell Fleischman

Counters: Bill and Linda Kent/Craig Hinden

Van Driver: Tom McCullough

Flower Delivery: Tina Freyermuth/Michelle Altenhof

You are invited to the **Messiah University Choir Concert** at
Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Rd., Cranberry Township

March 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Free

Our Messiah Alumni – Pastor Karl and Jayne McDonald, Sierra Trunick,
Lindsay Bosco and Anne Chimera

TODAY AT KMUPC

February 23, 2025

Worship Services.....	8:30 and 11:00
Sunday School	9:45
Children's Church	11:00
Middle School Youth.....	5:45-7:15

THIS WEEK AT KMUPC

Monday	Youth 412	6:00
	Girl Scouts	6:30
	Al Anon	7:30
Tuesday	Lifewise	9:00 – 3:30
Wednesday	JAM	6:00
	Choir	7:00
	HS Girls Bible Study	7:15
Thursday	Lifewise	8:30 – 3:00
	Quilters	10:00
	Staff Meeting	10:00
Saturday	Soccer Shots	9:00
	Officer Training for Deacons	10:30
	Elder/Deacon Lunch	12:00
	Officer Training for Elders	1:00
Sunday	Worship Services/Communion	8:30 and 11:00
	Sunday School	9:45
	Children's Church	11:00
	Confirmation Class	4:00 – 6:00

LOOKING AHEAD:

- March 4 – Lord's Lambs 1:00 p.m.
- March 4 – Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- March 4 - Sunday School Teachers meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 8 – Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m. (Friendship)
- March 9 – Middle School Youth meeting at the church 5:45 – 7: 15 p.m.
- March 10 – VBS Planning team meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 11 – Esther Circle 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 – Messiah University Choral Concert 7:00 p.m.
- March 15 – Casket Empty Program, CCUPC, 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.
- March 16 – Deacons Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- March 17 – Finance Team meeting 6:00 p.m.
- March 18 – Session meeting 7:00 p.m.
- March 19 – Jackie's Lunch Bunch 12:30 p.m.
- March 20 – Helping Hands 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- March 23 – Middle School Youth meeting at the church 5:45 – 7: 15 p.m.

Confirmation Classes:

March 2, 9, 16, 23 30 and April 6 and 13. (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.)

Wednesday Lent Schedule:

March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6: 30 p.m. Worship
*Childcare provided

Food Pantry:

March 6 and 20

AT HOME

Betty Borden – 3501 Masonic Drive Sewickley, PA 15143
Jean Bryan – c/o 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
Betty Dorsey – 115 Starling 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
Janet Gregory – 190 North Vireo Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Peg Harcha – 189 Williams Street, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Bob Hieber – 3104 Landing Lane, Moon Township PA 15108
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
Roberta Meixell – 32 Eichelberger Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15136
Suzanne Murr – 1780 Pine Hollow Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Mercedes Niehoff – 226 North Vireo Dr, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ken Parme – 31 Hodgson Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Jeff Sammel – 145 Connie Park Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dave Smith – 1464 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville PA 15017
Ellen Tresky – 84 Thorncrest Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Ray Walter – 1042 Fiddleback Drive, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
Dee Young – 400 Adams Drive, Apt 106, McKees Rocks, PA 15136

IN CARE AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Cliff Brown- The Grove of New Castle, 715 Harbor Street, New Castle, PA 16101
Elaine Crist – 125 Apple Blossom Way, Room 332, Moon Township, PA 15108
David Gadsby – The Waters of Wexford, 210 Fowler Road, Room 1030, Warrendale, PA 15086
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
Clare Webb – Apple Blossom Senior Care, Rm 321, 125 Apple Blossom Way, Moon Twp, PA 15108
Carla Winter – Concordia Bridgeville, Room 118, 3580 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017

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

Lenten Dinner #1 Reservation Form

March 5, 2025

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sharpe Hall

Covered Dish Dinner

An entrée will be provided each week.

Entrée for March 5 - Chicken

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

*Children attending JAM (age 4 – grade 4) at 6:00 p.m. will eat first.

Savior, Servant, Friend

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

***Reservations are not needed for the 30 minute service.**

Childcare is available for children under age 4 in the church nursery.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Detach and return in the offering plate today or to the church office before **February 27**.