

# Welcome to Mt. Hope Community Church! Celebrating our life together in Christ

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THE LORD'S DAY — February 3, 2008

\*Those who are able are welcome to stand.

## THE PEOPLE GATHER

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

*Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events*

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

*Remarks*

Aaron Wheeler

*Prelude*

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

Aaron Wheeler, Organist

*Silent Meditation*

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin."

Matthew 26:28

\**Call to Worship* (Psalm 138:1-2,7-8)

Mr. Stephen Rogers

L: "[We] give You thanks, O Lord, with [our] whole heart; before the gods [we] sing Your praise;

P: [We] bow down to Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness; for You have exalted Your name and Your word above everything.

L: Though [we] walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve [us] against the wrath of [our] enemies; You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers [us].

All: **The Lord will fulfill His purpose for [us]; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands." Let us worship the Lord and sing His praises! Amen!**

\**Hymn of Praise*

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

No. 452

**\*Invocation**

Mr. Rogers

Faithful Lord, You have created us a little lower than angels and crowned us with Your glory. For this and all Your blessings, we come with grateful hearts. As we attempt to worship You, let Your Holy Spirit fall on us as we pray, confess, sing, hear Your Word, and eat from Your table. Help, O Lord, that we would look more like the Christ as You draw us closer to Him and to each other. For Christ's sake we pray. Amen!

*(You may be seated.)*

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN**

**Call to Confession** (Nehemiah 1:5-7)

Elder Bill Tis

The prophet Nehemiah prays for the people of God and said, "O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant[s] that [we] now pray before You day and night. . .confessing the sins of [Your] people. . .which we have sinned against You. Both [we] and [our families] have sinned." Let us confess our sin **in silence**. . .

"For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon [our] guilt, for it is great," but You are "**Our Father**. . ." (Psalm 25:11)

Elder Tis

**Silent Prayer of Personal Confession**

**Hymn of Mercy**

"I Love the Lord, Who heard My Cry"

No. 362

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 31:3-5**

Pastor Carmen

**Children's Chat**

Pastor Carmen

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children's Worship.)

*If this is your child's first time, please accompany him or her.*

**TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Hymn of Preparation**

"Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

No. 493

<i>New Testament</i>	<u><i>Luke 9:23-27</i></u> (Page 733)	<i>Pastor Carmen</i>
<i>Sermon</i>	<u><i>"For Christ's Sake!"</i></u>	<i>Pastor Carmen</i>
<i>*Hymn of Invitation</i>	<i>"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"</i> <u><i>(You may be Seated.)</i></u>	<i>See insert</i>
<i>Prayers of the People</i>		<i>Pastor Carmen</i>

**TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*The Presbyterian Church enthusiastically practices **Open Communion**.  
We invite all Christians – who are baptized and confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord  
and Savior – to celebrate the Lord's Supper.*

***Welcome and Invitation to The Table***

***The Words of the Institution***

***Consecration of the Elements***

***Distribution of the Elements***

***Post Communion Prayer***

<b><i>Offering Call</i></b> ( <i>Philippians 4:19</i> )	<i>Mr. Rogers</i>
<i>In Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, he reminds the church that "God will fully satisfy every need of [ours] according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Because God has already satisfied our needs, in thankfulness, let us return a portion of God's financial riches for the continuation of His kingdom on earth.</i>	

<b><i>Offertory</i></b>	<i>"You are Mine"</i>	<i>Davis Haas</i>
	Chancel Choir	

<b><i>*Doxology</i></b>	<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	<i>Logos Children</i>
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<b><i>*Prayer of Dedication</i></b>		<i>Elder Tis</i>
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2.03.08

Thanks to the Men's Softball Team for providing the beverage and snacks for fellowship time today.

Beverage and snacks for fellowship time in the Narthex will be provided by the Deacons on Sunday, February 10.

Can't get to the "Morning Word" on Wednesday mornings because of work or other commitments? Come join us on Sunday mornings for the adult Bible Study. We start at 10:00 a.m. and are presently studying "Gods' Call to the Christian Community." The Bible text is from the gospel of Luke.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may have the following options: buy one or two arrangements or two can share the flower arrangements. Please note that February 17 is an open date.

Join us on Ash Wednesday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. for chicken noodle soup (by Emmett), beverage, and dessert, hosted by the Worship & Music Committee. Donation is \$3.00 for adults; children 10 & under eat for free. Please fill out a reservation card and place it in the offering plate. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. The theme of this year's study will be "*The Difference between Good and Evil.*" Plan to join us for the next six weeks for a great time of food, fellowship, and study!

The Health Ministries Team is spending a special time with Logos on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, at their regular evening of programming during *Family Time* together at dinner. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to come at 6:45 p.m. for the half hour time together with our children. Support our children and let them know you care about heart health! Our own Melissa Kauffman will be talking to our kids about healthy hearts, by using materials from the American Heart Association.

Calling all Daddy's Girls. . . The Snow Ball Father/Daughter Dinner Dance, February 23, 2008, is a wonderful time to spend together. Dinner, dancing, conversation, and

chocolate are all part of the package. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple, \$10.00 a person, or \$150.00 per table of 8 and can be purchased after church or by calling the church office. Advance reservations are required. This event is for all ages, because you never outgrow being "Daddy's Girl."

**Did you take down your Christmas lights?** We're looking for outdoor icicle lights to BORROW for the Snow Ball. If you care to contribute, please mark them with your name and bring them in or call Amy Williams at 412.798.4355.

**Plans are being made to hold a Flea Market in late March.** Please bring your items to the church, as we have an area set aside for this purpose. If you need to have your items picked up, please call Doris Kuhn at 412.795.2149.

**The date of the 2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic is Monday, June 16.** Once again we will be playing at Alcoma Golf Club on Saltsburg Road in Penn Hills. Mark your calendar and look forward to more information coming soon. Our goal this year is to have 80 golfers participating in this event to support Mt. Hope and the youth.

**The annual Mt. Hope Pirates Game will be Thursday, August 14.** This is sky-blast night! We have purchased 60 tickets in Section 331 for this event. The ticket cost is \$9.00/each. A tailgate will be planned; details and cost will be given later. If you are interested, see Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets with payment.

**All bulletin information** must be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

**We are now recording the church service to CD.** If you want a copy of the service, please contact the office. The cost is \$1.50.

**If you know of any persons who are in the hospital, a nursing home, or shut-in,** kindly call the church office and let us know.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.) for the **Men and Women Shelters.**

We continue to collect food for the **Penn Hills Service Association**. They need **hardy meals**. Please bring pasta, cereals, pb&j, and canned meats or fish. Thank you very much, the Mission Team.

In order to keep disturbances at a minimum during the worship service, **if you must leave**, please use the rear door exit.

**Liturgists**: If you have not been contacted about being a liturgist and are interested in **participating in the worship service**, please contact the church office. This is not just for children. Anyone interested (children, young adults, adults) is welcome to serve in this ministry.

In your box of envelopes is one marked **Per Capita**. The Per Capita this year is **\$21.44**. If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone paid his/her own and round it off to \$25.00 to help defray the past due amount owed to Presbytery. Thank you.

**CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER** – Don't throw away that old cell phone. There's a box in the Narthex where you may place that old phone. When the box is full, we will send them in for cash that will be used to help the **Youth Programs**.

**Copies of the Christian Nurture 2007 Annual Report** are in the **Narthex** for pickup.

## HOSPITAL

Doris Milligan.....recuperating at home: 804 Forest Ridge Dr., Pgh. 15221

### THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>Today</u>	-	6:00 p.m.....	Youth Group – Youth Room
<u>Tues., Feb. 5</u>	-	5:00 p.m.....	Logos
		7:00 p.m.....	Youth Leadership Mtg. – Youth Room
		7:00 p.m.....	Golf Meeting – Conf. Room
<u>Wed., Feb. 6</u>	-	11:00 a.m.....	Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room
		6:30 p.m.....	Ash Wed. Dinner & Service
		8:00 p.m.....	Narcotics Anonymous - JKH
<u>Thurs., Feb. 7</u>	-	7:00 p.m.....	Chancel Choir
<u>Sat. &amp; Sun., Feb. 9 &amp; 10</u>	-	9:00 a.m.....	30-hour Famine
<u>Sat., Feb. 9</u>	-	2:00 p.m.....	Gamblers’ Anonymous – JKH

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, February 11	-	7:00 p.m.	-	Trustee’s Meeting
Tuesday, February 12	-	5:00 p.m.	-	Logos
		7:00 p.m.	-	Youth Leadership Meeting
Wednesday, February 13:				
		11:00 a.m.	-	Stroke Survivor Group
		6:30 p.m.	-	Lenten Dinner & Study
		8:00 p.m.	-	Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, February 14		7:00 p.m.	-	Chancel Choir
Saturday, February 16		2:00 p.m.	-	Gamblers Anonymous
Saturday, February 23		6:30 p.m.	-	Father/Daughter Dinner Dance

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