

Welcome to Mt. Hope Community Church!

Celebrating our life together in Christ

2nd Sunday of Resurrection/Holy Communion-- April 6, 2008

***Those who are able are welcome to stand.**

THE PEOPLE GATHER

*If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.
Also, please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.*

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Elder Doris Kuhn

Prelude

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Min. Aaron Wheeler

Silent Meditation

"Cast you net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some [fish]" (Jh21.6a)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 145.8-9, 13b-14-17-18)

Miss Angel Johns

L: *"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.*

P: ***The Lord is faithful in all His words, and gracious in all His deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.***

All: ***The Lord is just in all His ways, and kind in all His doings. The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth." With joyful hearts, let us worship the Lord our God!***

***Hymn of Praise**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 464

***Invocation**

Miss Johns

Spirit of the Living God, You have gifted us with the joy of coming to worship You in spirit and in truth. As the deer pants for flowing streams, so our souls thirst for You, the Living God. So fall afresh on us and give us Your spirit that encourages us,

forgives us, and makes us one with Christ, who makes us one with each other. For it is because of his sacrifice that we can stand before You and pray, “**Our Father...**”

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession

Elder Kuhn

The Lord has said, “*I Myself will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will be MY favor..*” **In silence**, let us confess...

Kyrie

“*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

No. 326 (Verse 1)

Assurance of Pardon (Isaiah 44.21-22)

Elder Kuhn

God assures us of His love for us when He said, “*I formed you, you are My servant...you will not be forgotten by Me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to Me, for I have redeemed you*” Thanks be to the Lord our God, for He has again forgiven us of our sin and redeemed us to His service! This is the good news thought Jesus the Christ! Amen!

Children’s Chat

Elder Millie Bicschel

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children’s Worship)If this is your child’s first time, please accompany them.

Hymn of Preparation

“*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*”

No. 462

New Testament

1Peter2.4-12 (Page 857)

Min. Jay Mitlo

Sermon

“**You Are Not From Here**”

Min. Jay Mitlo

(You may be seated)

Hymn of Invitation

“*Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak*”

No. 426

Prayers of the People

Min. Jay Mitlo

(You may be seated)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Rev. John C. Welch, Celebrant

*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 The Table

The Words of the Institution

Consecration of the Elements

Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offering Call

Elder Kuhn

The Lord tells us that we are to “open [our] hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.” Let us prepare to give liberally and ungrudging to the work of the Lord!!

Offertory

“Blest Are They”

David Haas

***Doxology**

“Glory Be to the Father”

No. 579

***Prayer of Dedication**

Miss Johns

***Hymn of Departure**

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

No. 155

***Charge**

Min. Jay Mitlo

***Benediction**

Rev. Welch

***Benediction Response**

“Go with Us, Lord”

No. 535

***Postlude**

Min. Wheeler

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in His world.

The “**Young Children in Worship**” story today is *Jesus is Risen*, led by Nicole Geibel and assisted by Gretchen Hiller and Christopher Dick.

Liturgists: Elder Doris Kuhn and Angel Johns

Flowers: Are given by Barbara Warren in Loving Memory of family members

Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope! We provide a nursery for infants and toddlers up to age 4. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery. Also a cry room is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience.

Worship kits are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.



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Announcements

The Health Ministries Team is hosting a community-wide program on fire safety next Sunday, April 13th at Mt. Hope. Lt. Brian Spiller will lead the Penn Hills Fire Department team, and bring Fire Trucks from Engine Company #7. Bring your friends, neighbors and family to this program for all ages. Come and have a cup of coffee/tea and a cookie and learn together about what YOU can do to prevent disaster.

The **2008 Mt. Hope Desert Classic** (a fundraiser for our youth programs) is **Monday, June 16, 2008**, at the River Forest Country Club. Tournament fees are \$85 per person or \$340 per foursome. A sit down Steak Dinner will follow the tournament for \$25. We are putting together approximately 10 themed gift baskets to use as prizes for the event and we would like your help by donating a few items to a basket or putting together a complete basket. If you have any ideas for other baskets, we would love to hear your suggestions.

Race for the Cure Basket	Men's Golf Basket
Night at the Movies Basket	Wine & Cheese Basket
"Picnic" Basket	Games Basket
Pamper Yourself Basket	Chocolate Basket
Car Care Basket	Tool Box Basket
Gourmet Foods Basket	

Please contact Megan Ochendowski with your ideas and donations: 412-374-8724 or email: **Megan@mrboots.com**

The annual **Mt. Hope Pirates Game is Thurs., 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.

Confirmation Class: Parents, has your child(ren) gone through Confirmation Class at Mt. Hope? If not, please call the office and let us know. The Session will offer a Confirmation Class for those who are interested! Thank you.

New Members Class: Are you interested in joining Mt. Hope Church, or would you just like to know what a Presbyterian really is (what do we believe, how do we govern ourselves)? Then please call the office and let us know! The Session will offer a New Members Class for those who are interested! Thank you.

Thanks to the **Personnel Ministry** for providing the beverage and snacks for fellowship time today! Beverage and snacks for fellowship next Sunday will be provided by the **Christian Nurture Ministry**.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex.

The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may either buy one or two arrangements, or two can share the flower arrangements.

Have you registered for summer camp yet? The snow has melted, the sun is shining and the birds are singing. Spring has officially arrived! You may be daydreaming about summer, but now is the time to pick your dates and register for summer camp. We can't wait to see you this summer! The summer camp calendar is online. The brochure is out (if you haven't received one, let us know) and registration is available by mail, telephone online at <http://www.crestfield.net>

RECORDINGS: Did you know that all the services are being recorded and are available from the Mt Hope Web Site? Simply go to the Mt Hope Web Site (<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>) and click on *RECORDINGS*. This displays a screen of all the available recordings. To play a service, simply click on the desired date. To download a service, place your cursor on the desired date, right click and select "save target as". At this point, a screen is displayed that will allow you to download the service to your PC. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Schramm at schrammes@comcast.net.

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

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

Announcements: Please call the office with any announcements that you would like placed in the following week(s) bulletins or email **mthope@mthope-church.org**. All bulletin information **must** be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

An **“In”** Box has been placed outside the church secretary’s office door to place any material/information during off hours.

Adjusted Office Hours: There has been a change in the office hours. The new hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We want to hear from you!

Your thoughts, concerns, suggestions and comments are very important to us. Please let us know how you feel and what we can do to better serve you and make the office run more efficiently and how the church can support you. A suggestion box will be in the Narthex, along with comment forms. Please fill them out and place in the box. Your voice counts!

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.

John Dick

Pearl Frazier

Dorothy Knight

Manor care Nursing Home, Monroeville, PA Room 237B

Recuperating at home: 132 Harvard Drive, Pgh, PA 15235

Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville Room 3008 Bed 1

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Tuesday	April 8	5:00 p.m.	Logos - Logos Room
		5:30 p.m.	Christian Nurture Mtg - Logos Room
Wednesday	April 9	7:00 p.m.	Joint Mtg of the Boards- MP Room
		8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous Mtg.- JKH
Thursday	April 10	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	April 11	11:00 a.m.	Y-Sr's Meeting - MP Room
		6:30 p.m.	Game Night - MP Room
		7:00 p.m.	Cathy's Retirement Party - JKH
Saturday	April 12	2:00 p.m.	Gambler's Anonymous- JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday	April 13	3:00 p.m.	Fire Safety- MP Room & Parking Lot
Monday	April 14	7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting - Conference Room
Wednesday	April 16	8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous- JKH
Thursday	April 17	1:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting - Pgh Seminary
		7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	April 19	2:00 p.m.	Gambler's Anonymous- JKH
Sunday	April 20	After Worship	Blood Pressure Check