

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

It is our mission to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ! (Matt.28-19-20)

Sunday -- November 16, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad!

If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle!

Silent Preparation for Worship

“O for A Closer Walk with God”

Bringing in the Light of Christ

Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Elder Bill Tis

***Call to Worship** (1 Chronicles 29.10b-13)

Mr. Jordan Chisnell

L: “David said, ‘Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

P: Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all.

L: Riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

All: And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise Your glorious name.” Amen!

**Hymn of Praise*

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

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**Invocation*

Rev. John C. Welch

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Matthew 6.12,15)

Mr. Chisnell

Jesus taught us to ask for God's forgiveness when He said that we must ask God to "forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...for if [we] forgive others their trespasses, [our] heavenly Father will also forgive [us]; but if [we] do not forgive others, neither will [our] Father forgive [our] trespasses." Because we are in desperate need of God's forgiveness, let us, **in silence**, confess our debts to God and others, in anticipation that God will forgive us again.

Kyrie

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Welch

The Children's Chat

Mr. Hamner Williams

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

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call Proverbs 3.9-10)

Elder Tis

The Psalmist tells us to "Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." Let us prepare to honor our Lord with the financial substance the Lord has given us!

Offertory

"What If What They Say Is True?"

Praise Team

**Doxology*

"Thank You, Lord"

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**Prayer of Dedication*

Mr. Chisnell

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“O for a Closer Walk with God”** Page 396
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

New Testament **2 Thessalonians 3.6-13** Rev. Welch

Sermon **“What Is Your Occupation?”** Rev. Welch

A Moment for Reflection

Prayers of the People Rev. Welch

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

Closing Hymn* **“I Will Trust in the Lord” See Insert

**Taking the Light of Christ into the World* Acolytes

**Charge & Benediction* Rev. Welch
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

**Benediction Response* Min. Aaron Wheeler

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! If you do not have a church home, we invite to come and worship with us as often as you can, and join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church and the hearts of His people are always open to you!

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:

pink- pre-school & kindergarten; *blue*-grades 1-3; *white*-grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but return them to the Narthex following worship.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

A warm welcome back as our guest preacher to the **Rev. John C. Welch**, Assoc. Dean of Students at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary!

The **“Young Children in Worship”** story today is *“Manna and Water”*, led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Allie Dick.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Lou and Agnes Sanabor in memory of loved ones.

Thanks to the Stewardship & Finance Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship Time for next Sunday will be provided by the Men’s Softball Ministry.

TODAY is Blood Pressure Sunday! Following worship, simply stop and register at the desk across from the Office. Just think: no appointment necessary! Join with others who choose to meet privately with our nurses.

A very special THANK YOU to all of those who helped and sacrificed to make this year’s Harvest Days a great success!

Also, a **special thank you to the Garcea Family** who *donated a piano in loving memory of Judy’s mothers, Priscilla Flick*. Her memory will remain alive at Mt. Hope each time the piano is played! Thank you!

Thanksgiving Morning Service: Join us from 9-10a as we offer thanks to God for the bounty He provides every day of the year!

Our Tuesdays Together Ministry is for children kindergarten thru 6th grade.

There is also a youth (grades 7-12) Word Study Group at 6:30p in the Youth Room with Pastor Carmen. Please join us on 11/18 for BirthDay Night.

Please Watch!!! Archaeologist Prof. Dr. Ron. E Tappy is one of a team of scholars and researchers who studied biblical stories, examined artifacts, and deciphered ancient manuscripts to trace how the concept of one God emerged in the history of the ancient Israelite religion. See the results of their work on the upcoming **NOVA Documentary “The Bible’s Buried Secrets,” a 2-hour program that airs Tue. Nov. 18^h at 8p on WQED.**

The Mission Ministry is asking each member to bring a food item to be given to the Penn Hills service Association for **Christmas baskets**. The in-gathering of food will be displayed around the Communion table on **Nov. 23**. Thank you!

Our annual Hanging-of-the-Greens will take place on **Sun. Nov 23^d immediately following worship**, with a light lunch provided! We need your help! Please plan to stay and help decorate God’s church. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Eric Schramm.

The Self-Development of People (SDOP) Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery is seeking new members to assist in carrying out their commitment to work toward the self-development of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people. The ministry meets the first Sat. of every other month from 9:30-11:30a. The next meeting is Sat. Dec. 6^h at the East Liberty Presby. Church. Thank you!

Luggage Collection: the East Suburban Young Marines will hold a pancake breakfast/bake sale to collect luggage for a holiday service project to provide area homeless people with essential items, on **Sat. Nov. 29^h from 7a-12n** at the American Legion Post 820-4339 Old Wm. Penn Hwy. Cost: \$5-adults; \$3-children.

The Messiah's Story told thru the captivating lens of "signs:" **Sun. Dec. 7th-7p-**
Penn Hills Baptist Church-323 Hulton Rd. Admission is free and refreshments
will follow the concert!

A Candlelight Carol Service at **Beulah Utd. Presby. Church** – **Sun. Dec. 7th-5p.**
We look forward to seeing members of your church join us for this very
special event!

"A Holiday Tea" will be held on **Sat. 12/13 from 1-3p.** Please put the date on
your calendar and invite your friends and neighbors to come.

Time to Think Spring! Our annual **Pirate Skyblast Game** will be held on **Sat.**
May 30th. We have reserved 80 tickets (\$8; tailgate \$5-adults, \$3-children 10 &
under), and we have a tailgate at the PNC parking lot. To reserve your tickets,
please **contact Elder Eric Schramm.**

The Flower Chart Notebook is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2
arrangements - \$30.00. Two arrangements are needed for November 30th.

Calendars for 2009 are available in the Narthex for pickup.

All of our services are recorded and are available on our web site:
<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on **recordings**. Thank you!
Elder Eric Schramm.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items for the **Men's and**
Women's Shelter! Thank you for your continued support!

Penn Hills Service Association continues to need our support! -The Mission
Ministry

If you know of persons who are ***sick, hospitalized, in a nursing home, or shut-in***, please call the church office and let us know!

Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick/shut-in members

Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl & Jack Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Dottie Knight, Jack McGinn, Robert McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

For additional member information such as phone numbers, e-mail or addresses please contact the church office.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Nov. 17 th	6:30p	Session Mtg.	MP Room
Tue.	Nov. 18 th	5:30p	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed.	Nov. 19 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
		630p	The Evening Word Study	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Nov. 20 th	630p	Finance Ministry Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri-Sat	Nov. 21-22		Sr. High Retreat!	Laurelville
Sat	Nov. 22 nd		Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Nov. 23 rd	after worship	Hanging-of-the-Greens	All Over!
Thu.	Nov. 27 th	9a	Thanksgiving Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Nov. 28 th		<i><u>Office Closed!!</u></i>	
Sun.	Nov. 30 th		<i><u>First Sunday of Advent!</u></i>	

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LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sat.	Dec. 13 th	1p	Holiday Tea	JK Hall
Sun.	Dec. 14 th	after worship	4Q Family Dinner	JK Hall
Mon.	Dec. 15 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Wed.	Dec. 24 th	7p	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

Our vision for fulfilling Christ's Great Commission is that, by *praying without ceasing*, God will enable us to: *develop* relevant studies of God's Word; *go out & reach out* to our neighbors in the spirit of service & Christ-like hospitality; *model* the blessings that come when we cheerfully give our tithes & offerings; *celebrate* often our life together in Christ, and; *worship & give thanks* to God as we witness our children & their families loving & serving God & His people!

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