

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

2nd Sunday of Christmastide – Communion & Baptism Sunday – January 4, 2009

**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

Min. Aaron Wheeler

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 100)

Miss Gretchen Hiller

L: *“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing.*

P: ***Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.***

L: *Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.*

All: ***For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.”***

***Hymn of Praise**

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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***Invocation**

Miss Hiller

From the beginning of time, Your loving kindness, O Lord, has been steadfast. You have never left us to ourselves, nor do You turn Your back on us like we turn ours on You. In the sacredness of this hour, let Your Spirit fall on us as we attempt to offer our thanks and our voices of praise to You. Speak to us in the voice we need to hear, and help us to do what Your Spirit says to Your church. This is our prayer offered in Your name for You are, ***“Our Father...”***

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Acts 2.38-39)

Elder Clyde Davis

In speaking to the first converts to Christianity, “*Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Him.’*” **In silence**, let us repent so that our sins may be forgiven also.

Kyrie “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” (v1) Page 326

Assurance of Pardon *Micah 7.18-19* Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (John 3.27) Elder Davis
In talking to his disciples, John reminds us that, “*No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven.*” Because all of us have received much from the Lord, let us return to God a portion of His financial blessings to us, so that we might bless others in His name!

Offertory “*Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring*” J.S. Back

**Doxology* “*Glory Be to the Father*” Page 578

**Prayer of Dedication* Miss Hiller

The Children’s Chat Pastor Carmen

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENTS...

*The Baptism of Desmond James Long
and
Holy Communion*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation “*Great is Thy Faithfulness*” Page 276
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hebrew Testament *Deuteronomy 8.1-6* Pastor Carmen

Sermon "Remember the Long Way" Pastor Carmen
A Moment for Reflection "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Min. Wheeler
Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

**Hymn of Departure* "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Page 281
 **Charge & Benediction* Pastor Carmen
 (Please do not leave the sanctuary until the officers and worship leaders have recessed!)
 **Postlude* "Auld Lang Syne" Min. 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, and **Worship kits** are available in the Kids’ Korner of the Narthex, and must be returned following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The “Young Children in Worship” story today is *Meeting the Christ Child* and will be led by Myrna Hiller, assisted by Allie Dick.

The Flowers that beautify our Sanctuary this morning are given by Rich Newby and Hilary Moyes in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary and by Trustee Roy and Bonnie Rodgers in honor of the baptism of their grandchild Desmond James Long.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of *Dottie Knight* who passed away on December 31st.

Thanks to the Tuesday's Together Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Worship and Music Ministry.

Birthday Wishes to Elder Alyce Duffus (1.5) and Denny Chisnell (1.7) as they celebrate this week!

Recycle your Christmas Tree! As you take down your Christmas trees and drag them to the curb, please think of **recycling** them by bringing them to Forbes Elementary School on Saltsburg Rd, now through Sunday January 11 at 11:00 AM. If you can't get it there, either bring them to the back of the church parking lot and leave it beside the ABITIBI Paper Recycling bin, or the parking lot area of the Crescent Hills Park, to help in this endeavor. Thank you.

The Church History Ministry needs your help! Anyone interested in helping to record God's activities here at Mt. Hope, please contact Rita in the office. We are pulling together a group of people to help compile history, photos, interviews, videotaping, etc. We really need your help, so please call today! Thank you!
-Pastor Carmen

Continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the church every 4th Sunday, so that we can help "*feed the hungry*" as Jesus commanded every day of the year!
-Pastor Carmen

Please pick up your Giving Envelopes in the narthex!

All Annual Reports MUST be in the office no later than Fri. January 9th!!

The Morning & Evening Word Studies are in recess until Wed. Jan. 14th at 10a and 6:30p respectively! Come and join us! -Pastor Carmen

The Tuesday's Together Ministry will resume THIS TUES., Jan. 6th at 5:30p. The theme will be "*Get on Board for 2009*". The Youth Word Study (7th -12th gr.) will resume Wed. Jan. 14th.

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 for 2009 is now in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. All Sundays in January are available! If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

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!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Penn Hills Service Association is in dire need of canned vegetables! -The Mission Ministry

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Shirley Kerchner, Hilda Kerr, Jack McGinn, Robert McKnight, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, *Melba Seaman

***Recently added**

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

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>after worship</u>		
Tue. Jan. 6 th	530p	Dismantling-of-the-Greens	Sanctuary
Wed. Jan 7 th	8p	Tuesday's Together	All Over!
Thu. Jan. 8 th	7p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Fri. Jan. 9 th	noon	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat. Jan. 10 th	2p	Y Seniors	JK Hall
		Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Jan. 12 th	630p	Worship & Music Ministry	Conference Rm.
Tue.	Jan. 13 th	530p	Tuesday's Together	All Over!
			Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Jan. 14 th	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
		630p	The Evening Word Study	MP Room
		7p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Jan. 15 th	7p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan. 17 th	9a	Officers Training	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Sun.	Jan. 18 th	<u>after worship</u>	<u>Cong. Mtg. to Nominate & Elect Officers</u>	
Mon.	Jan. 19 th	<u>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday!</u>		
Sun.	Jan. 25 th	11a	Officer Ordination & Installation	Sanctuary
		<u>after worship</u>	<u>Annual Meeting</u>	JK Hall
Mon.	Jan. 26 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room

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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