

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Communion Sunday – March 1, 2009 – 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 "Rhosymedre" Min. Jennifer Geibel

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen

**Call to Worship (Psalm 145.1-4,6,8-9) Miss Sydney Nury*

L: *“[We] will extol You, [our] God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever. Everyday [we] will bless You, and praise Your name forever and ever.*

P: *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

L: *The might of Your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and [we] will declare Your greatness.*

All: *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.” Amen!*

**Hymn of Praise “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” Page 84*

**Invocation Miss Nury*

God, thank You for giving us this time to worship You and eat at Your table. Thank You for hearing our confession of sin and for Your forgiveness. Thank You for Your Word proclaimed and the fellowship that we enjoy in Christ. Open us to hear and respond to You and to each other, because You are **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Psalm 141.1,3-4)

Elder Nan Currington

[We] call upon You, O Lord; come quickly to [us] give ear to [our] voice when I call to You. Let [our] prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of [our] hands as an evening sacrifice. Set a guard over [our] mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door to [our] lips. Do not turn [our] heart to any evil, to busy [ourselves] with wicked deeds in company with those who work iniquity' do not let us eat of their delicacies." In the sacredness of this moment, here, O Lord, our **silent** confessions of sin...

Kyrie

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v1)

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Assurance of Pardon

Luke 23.34a

Pastor Carmen

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (1 Timothy 6.17-18)

Miss Nury

The Bible says, "As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." In obedience, let us be generous in our sharing as we present our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

The Choir

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Currington

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Pastor Carmen

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

*The Welcome to the Table
The Words of the Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of the Elements
Post-Communion Prayer*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation ***“I Must Tell Jesus”*** See Insert
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

New Testament ***Luke 22.1-6*** Pastor Carmen

The Sermon ***“When All of Hell Breaks Loose...”*** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection ***“I Want Jesus to Go with Me”*** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND GO FORTH IN PEACE!

****Hymn of Departure*** ***“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”*** See Insert

****Charge & Benediction*** Pastor Carmen
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)

****Postlude*** ***"Hyfrodol"*** Min. Geibel

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 "*Feeding the 5,000*" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Maureen Rogers and Jordan Williams.

Thanks to the Softball Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the *Trustees*.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jack McGinn who passed away last week. Jack was a long time member of our congregation and will be greatly missed.

Birthday Wishes to Sam Columbus (3.1), Sydney Nury (3.5) and Tim Dawson (3.7)

TODAY! "The Readers" will rehearse in the Conference Room immediately after worship. Thank you! –Doris Milligan

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tuesday at 530p. This week's theme is "Spring Has Sprung." Wear flip-flops & Capri's or any warm weather clothing! Our own Joe Racchini will be on hand to amaze us with his scientific demonstrations!

Reservations for the Lenten Dinners can be made by filling out a reservation card found in the pew or by calling the church office. Dinner is at 6:30p and the Lenten Study at 7:15p.

The Youth Prayer Breakfast is back!! Every Wednesday at 6:15a at Eat-n-Park! If there is a school delay or cancellation, breakfast will be also! -Hilary Moyes

The Annual Snow Ball Father-Daughter Dinner Dance will be held Sat., March 7th beginning at 6:30 p. This semi-formal event is open to the community and all ages are welcome. Advance reservations are required, and tickets are \$10 per person or \$75 for a table of 8. Contact the church office for tickets at 412-793-0227.

The Snow Ball crew is looking for interested volunteers to help with clean up/dishwashing the night of the dance (March 7th). Not a glamorous job but an important and much appreciated role. Rubber gloves provided!

The Snow Ball crew will also be decorating for the dance on Friday, March 6th beginning at 6:30p. Extra hands needed, creativity not required. Come help transform John Knox Hall into a Winter Wonderland. **Call Amy Williams** for details on both of these requests **at 412-798-4355.**

The Eastern Area Youth Chorale will hold a spaghetti dinner on March 20th in JK Hall from 5-8p. All are welcome. For more information contact Hilary Moyes at 412.793.4161.

The Pittsburgh Presbytery invites you to join us for a private viewing of the exhibit: **Slavery in Pgh in the 18th-19th Centuries** at the **Heinz History Center** on **Thu. Mar. 19th at 5p.** If you are interested in coming, please contact Rita so that we can carpool. Cost is free!

Women's Retreat! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a Women's Retreat led by Pastor Carmen & the Rev. DeNeice Welch at Camp Crestfield on **Fri. Apr. 17th-Sat. Apr. 18th.** The theme will be: **Take A Deep Breath (and breath in the presence of God).** More info will be forthcoming.

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

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. **Dates available are March ,8,15 and 22nd.** If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn at 412.795.2149.

Our worship services are recorded and are available on our web site: **<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>**. Click on **recordings**. Thank you!
Elder Eric Schramm (**schrammes@comcast.net**).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY The Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM)-Pgh Chapter is holding a special afternoon concert by **Afro Blue, a capella** jazz ensemble from Howard University, on **Sun. Mar. 1st at 3p at The Presbyterian Church, Sewickley** (414 Grant St.). Please call 412-741-4550 for more information.

World Day of Prayer is being hosted this year by *St. Bartholomew Parish-111 Erhardt Dr. (off Frankstown Rd.), on Fri. Mar. 6th*. We will begin with a breakfast fellowship at 10a, followed by the *service at 11a. **If you would to carpool, please call the office!*** Please plan to attend to pray for self, others, and God’s world!

Job Opportunities for those 17+, college students, teachers, etc! *The Day Camp at Plum Creek* is offering paid positions with a 2-week training session beginning June 15th. In addition to information available in the narthex, more information is available by calling the *Plum Creek Church at 412-793-4525.*

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!

Many of you have asked me, “*What does **The Penn Hills Assoc.** need, and should we only bring food on the 4th Sunday?*” They can always use canned vegetables, fruit and soups, cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti and pasta. Please bring the food any day and any time. We will dedicate it on the 4th Sunday. The Assoc. is very thankful for our consistent giving throughout the year. –Millie Bichsel

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Mar. 2 nd	6:30p	Worship & Music	MP Rm
Tue.	Mar. 3 rd	630p	Trustee Ministry Meeting	MP Rm
		5:30	Tues. Together	All Over!
Wed.	Mar. 4 th	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		630p	Lenten Dinner	JK Hall
		715p	Weekly Lenten Study	JK Hall
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Mar. 5 th	7:30p	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Mar. 6 th	11a	World Day of Prayer-St. Bart’s Catholic Church	
Sat.	Mar. 7 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
		630p	Snowball Dinner Dance	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Mon.	Mar. 16 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Thu.	Mar. 19 th	5p	Presby. Night	Heinz History Center
Fri..	Mar. 20 th	5p	Eastern Area Youth Chorale	Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Mar. 22 nd	11a	Feed the Hungry Sun.	bring food items!
Thu.	Mar. 26 th	5p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 5 th	11a	Palm Sunday Celebration	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 9 th	7p	Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 10 th	7p	Good Friday Service	Sanctuary
Sun.	Apr. 12 th	630a	Resurrection Sunrise Service	Sanctuary - ?
		11a	Resurrection Sunday Service	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 17 th	5p	Women's Retreat – Pastor Carmen	Crestfield

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, May Bourne, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Doris Philippi, Lou Sanabor, Annabelle Scott, Melba Seaman

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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