

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

Communion & Palm Sunday – April 5, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

THE PEOPLE GATHER...

Please be respectful of those worshiping around you!

If you must talk, please exit to the narthex!

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!

Bringing in the Light of Christ

The Acolytes

Processional

“Riding On a Donkey”

Chris Dick, piano

Pastor, Elders, The Children’s & Chancel Choirs

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen

Moment-for-Mission

Deacon Melissa Kauffman

(Please stand)

****Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 10.12-15,21)***

Elder Debbie Dillman

L: “...What does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God...for your own well-being.

P: Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord [our] God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set His heart in love on [our] ancestors alone and chose [us], their descendants after them, out of all the peoples...

All: He is [our] praise, He is [our] God, who has done for [us] these great and awesome things that [our] own eyes have seen.” And we will worship the Lord our God! Amen!

****Song of Praise***

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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****Invocation***

Elder Dillman

In the name of our King, Jesus the Christ, we invoke Your presence Holy Spirit. Settle us as we prepare to worship You and remember the great sacrifice You made on our behalf. As we wave our palm branches, remind us that, in less than a week, we

too will cry out for your death. Transform us, by Your power, to receive what You have for us this day. We love You and we seek to worship You as **“Our Father...”**
(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (1 John 1.9-10) Elder Dillman
1 John reminds us of what God has said, *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.”* We all have sinned. Now let us all confess our sins to God in silence...

Kyrie **“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”** (v1) Page 362

Assurance of Pardon **Job 33.27b-30** Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

Special Music **“Blessed is He Who Comes”**
The Children’s and Chancel Choirs

TO PRESENT OUR OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Matthew 2.11) Elder Dillman
Just as the people of Jerusalem offered their palm branches as a way to honor Jesus as He rode by, we remember how, *“On entering the house [where Jesus was born, the wise men] saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* As we honor Jesus today, let us open our financial treasure chests and offer God our best!

Offertory **“Jerusalem, My Destiny”** The Choir
Jack McGuirk, soloist & trumpeter

(Please stand)

***Doxology** **“Glory Be to the Father”** Page 577

***Prayer of Dedication** Elder Dillman
(You may be seated)

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

TO HEAR THE WORD...

Hymn of Preparation **“There is Power in the Blood”** See Insert
(please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

The Journey to Jerusalem The Readers Reunion
Erica Brandon – Chris Dick – Shannon Dillman – Gretchen Hiller – Tyler little –
Helene Mauser – Jason Millward – Alaina Napolitano – Colin Newby – Alexandra Newby –
Kelsie Nury – Alexis Papalia – Eric Valero

New Testament *Luke 19.29-31* Pastor Carmen

The Sermon **“For That Reason Alone!”** Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection **“There’s Something About that Name”** Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Pastor Carmen

AND TO TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

Hymn of Departure* **“Ye, Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” Page 451

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

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

Postlude* **“Rock It” Benjamin Brandon

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 at Mt. Hope 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. 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. Please return them following worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greeters this morning are Bruce, Suzanne, Sam and Natalie Columbus.

Today's "Young Children in Worship" story is "Feast/Jesus' Last Passover", led by Helene Mauser, assisted by Maureen Rogers and Chris Dick.

Who are the Readers? You know them well. They are the former members of the Logos Readers Theatre. They present the Scripture as their Lenten gift to God and to you! -Doris Milligan

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

Happy Birthday to Jordan Chisnell who will celebrate on 4.12.

Sue & Jim Duff / Bridgett & Melvyn & William Nair. If you would like to send cards to this family in their terrible time of heartache, their addresses are: Nair's** –; Duff's ** Keep praying!

Our annual personal Per Capita Tax of \$24 is now due. It is each member's responsibility to pay their per capita, and it would be very much appreciated if you would! Envelopes can be found in your giving envelope box. Thank you!
– Elder Clyde Davis, Clerk of Session

Volunteer Work! So many of our members do some type of volunteer work. It would be wonderful if you would share the good news of how many lives are changed by what you do for others. Please see Elder Betty Noah in the narthex following worship to sign a list of Mt. Hope Volunteers, or give her a call. Thank you!

30 Hour Famine: noon on Apr. 10th thru 6p on Apr. 11th. Dinner will be served at 6p. For more info, please contact Barry Irwin.

Men's Softball Practice: Fri. Apr. 17th & 24th at 630p at the Bile Baptist Field -200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone who wants to join the team, please call Andy Vitko or just come to practice! League play starts the week of Apr. 27th.

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Mt. Hope Pirates Sky Blast Game on Sat. May 30th for \$8. A tailgate will take place prior to the game at the PNC parking lot (\$5-adults; \$3-children 10 & under. Please see Elder Eric Schramm to reserve your tickets!

The date of the 2009 Mt. Hope Desert Classic is Mon. June 15th at the River Forest Country Club. Tournament fees: \$85 per person; \$340 per foursome. There will be a sit-down steak dinner following the tournament. Dinner is available for \$25 for those wishing to join us following the golf tournament. For more info, please contact Hamner Williams.

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 April 19th, 1 arrangement. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn.

Did You Know that all the worship services are recorded & available from the Mt. Hope web site? Visit <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html> and click on recordings. If you prefer to have a free CD of the service, please contact the church office with the requested service date. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Eastern Area Youth Chorale (EAYC) will host its annual, free “*Church Year Concert*” at the Verona Utd. Methodist Church-798 Herron Ave., Verona 15147-on Sun. Apr. 5th at 730p. EAYC singers include our own Alexandra Newby and Jordan Williams, as well as LOGOS alumni, Katie Welch. If you would like to attend and need transportation, please call Amy Williams. Thank you!

Crestfield Camp is sponsoring an Elementary Retreat-May 2-3. Theme: Christian Relationships: God’s Plan for You & Me. Come Sat. morning (10a) and stay until Sun. (1p). Cost: \$50 (includes lodging in the cabins, 4 great meals, a hayride, campfire, s’mores and tons of fun! Becky Little will be the retreat leader. For more info, go to www.crestfield.net/4th_6th_grade_retreatN.htm

Older Adult Retreat – Psalms for Life: May 19th-20th! We have 2 days of fun, relaxation, study, and worship planned for you! We will even provide transportation! **Cost:** \$65 double occupancy in Scott Lodge. The Rev. Cynthia McClung & Linda Pokrajac will be the retreat leaders. For more info, call 724-794-4022 or visit our website: <http://www.crestfield.net/index.htm>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Good Friday: 7 Last Words. Please join the Penn Hills Christian Clergy Assoc. from 12n-3p at Emmanuel Lutheran Church-1229 Jefferson Hts. Rd. – 412-824-4525. Pastor Carmen will lead a prayer and read scripture during the last hour! Please come and support her and the other pastors of our community!

YMCA Healthy Kids Day: Sat. Apr. 18th at Monroeville Mall from 12n-3p! There will be a variety of fun activities and give-aways!

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!

The Penn Hills Assoc. needs canned vegetables, fruit, soups, cereal, peanut butter, pasta and sauce.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Tue.	Apr. 7 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor’s Office
Wed.	Apr. 8 th	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		7p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Apr. 9 th	7p	<u>Maundy Thursday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Fri.	Apr. 10 th		<u>Church Office is Closed!</u>	
		12n	<u>7 Last Words of Jesus</u>	Emmanuel Luth. Ch
		12n	30 Hour Famine	JK Hall
		7p	<u>Good Friday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Sat.	Apr. 11 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Apr. 12 th	630a	<u>Resurrection Sunrise Service</u>	Sanctuary
		11a	<u>Resurrection Sunday Service</u>	Sanctuary
Mon.	Apr. 13 th	630p	Session Meeting	MP Rm
Tue.	Apr. 14 th	230p	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Office
		530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
Wed.	Apr. 15 th	615a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		12n	Clergy Welcome Lunch	MP Rm
Thu.	Apr. 16 th	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Pgh Theological Seminary
Sat.	Apr. 18 th	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
Sun.	Apr. 19 th	950a	Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts Class	MP Rm

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Mon.	Apr. 27 th	630p	Adult Youth Leaders Meeting	Pastor's Office
Tue.	Apr. 28 th	530p	Youth Word Study	Pastor's Office
		7p	Women's Retreat Meeting	Pastor's Office
Thu.	Apr. 30 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Wed.	May 6 th	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study</u>	MP Rm
		630p	<u>The Evening Word Study</u>	MP Rm
Thu.	May 7 th	630p	New Members Class	Conference Rm
Sun.	May 10 th	11a	New Members Received	Sanctuary
Sat.	May 20 th	??	Pirates Sky Blast Game	PNC Parking Lot
Mon.	Jun. 15 th	??	Mt. Hope Desert Classic	River Forest Cntry Cb

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!

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

Virginia Ayres, Ernie Baur, Margie Baur, Irene & Larry Bender, ***Joyce Bichsel Myers**, May Bourne, Darlene Dempsey, Pearl Frazier, Lois Getkin, Hilda Kerr, Bob McKnight, Gene Martinelli, 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.**

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