

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Sunday — November 22, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Please be respectful of those worshiping around you! If you must talk, exit to the narthex!

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 **“Now Thank We All Our God”** Min. Geibel

Bringing In the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 107.1-3,8-9,17-22,43) Trustee Bill Haley

L: *“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.*

P: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those He redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

L: *Let [us] thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.*

P: *For He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry He fills with good things.*

L: *Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.*

P: *Then they cried to the Lord in their distress; He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.*

L: *Let [us] thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind.*

P: *And let [us] offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of His deeds with songs of joy.*

All: *Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.” Amen!*

***Hymn of Praise**

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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***Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer**

Trustee Haley

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Revelation 2.5)

Miss Natalie Columbus

Christ says through John the Revelator, “Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” **In silent** obedience, let us confess and repent of our sin...

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Let me at a throne of mercy / find a sweet relief / Kneeling there in deep contrition /
help my unbelief / Savior, Savior / hear my humble cry /
While on others Thou art calling / do not pass me by.*

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 38.17-19a

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Suzanne Columbus

*(Following the Chat, all children 7 & under
may leave to attend “Children in Worship” downstairs)*

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Deuteronomy 15.7-8,10)

Trustee Haley

The Lord says that, “If there is among [us] anyone in need, a member of [our] community in any of [our] towns within the land that the Lord [our] God [has given us], do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward [our] needy neighbor. [We] should rather 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 [our] God will bless [us] in all [our] work and in all that [we] undertake.” Let us do as the Lord commands, and open our heart and our fist to help meet the needs of our neighbors!

Offertory

“Let All Things Now Living”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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***Prayer of Dedication**

(You may be seated)

Miss Columbus

TO HEAR THE WORD...

(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

Hymn of Preparation

“Because He Lives”

God sent His Son / they called Him Jesus / He came to love, heal, and forgive / He lived and died / to buy my pardon / an empty grave is there to prove my Savior Lives.

(Chorus)

And then one day / I'll cross the river / I'll fight life's final war with pain / And then as death / gives way to vict'ry / I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

(Chorus)

Chorus: Because He lives / I can face tomorrow / Because He lives / all fear is gone. Because I know / He holds the future / and life is worth the living just because He lives.

New Testament

John 11.38-44

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

“For Your Sake!”

Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection

“Amazing Grace”

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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***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**

“O for a Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Min. Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are blessed by your presence this morning! We invite you 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 here are always open to you!

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!

Our worship services are recorded: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on *recordings*. Thank you! *Elder Eric Schramm.*

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 and must be returned following worship.

Please pray for, call, and send a card to our sick & shut-in members:**
Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Helen Faye, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by **Elder Eric and Karen Schramm** in loving memory of grandparents and Karen’s father Ed McManus.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *needed each week*=\$4,058; *received last week* = \$3,695; *difference*= \$363.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "10 Best Ways to Live" led by Helene Mauser and assisted by Margaret Tassaro and Jordan Williams.

Birthdays to Arnel Montgomery (11.26). **Anniversary Wishes** to Elder Eric and Karen Shramm.

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

TODAY the Hanging of the Greens will take place **immediately following worship**. Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tuesday at 5:30p. This week's theme is "Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal or pillow night"!

New Members' Classes!!! If God has placed it on your heart to join us in ministry at Mt. Hope, or if you're just interested in what we "Presbyterians" are all about, come to this class: Tue. Dec. 8th and Tue. Dec. 15th at 630p in the Conference Room! Please contact Rita (412-793-0227) and let her know you'd like to attend!

Tools Wanted – If you are cleaning out your garage shed and getting rid of tools that are in good condition (i.e. hammers, screwdrivers, etc.), landscaping/gardening supplies (i.e. rakes, shovels), please consider donating them to the church. New work gloves would also be appreciated. These items will help out with daily maintenance around the church and during work days. Volunteering your time and energy to help with work days is always appreciated. Thank you.

Used Book Donations: Eric Tans and Margaret Tassaro will be traveling to Mwanza, Tanzania this Dec. to visit Eric's parents, who work with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee. They have requested we bring young adult books for people interested in learning English. They request 10-12 gently used books of relatively easy reading level. According to Eric's mom, "Books are like gold in Tanzania." Please contact us if you have any questions: Margaret Tassaro**. Thank you!

Zumba Gold - Wednesday's at 6:00p, Lisa Sobek, Zumba instructor, will be conducting a Zumba Gold class: a slower paced, less intense class. If there is enough interest Zumba Gold will begin at 6p on Wednesdays and the regular Zumba Class at 7p. If you have not attended Zumba at Mt. Hope you are missing out on great music, laughter, fun, (and of course exercise)!

Mt. Hope's Holiday Tea: Saturday, Dec. 12th 12:30-3p. Tickets (a \$12 donation) will be available in the narthex after worship today, and advance reservations are necessary. We have plenty of seating so plan to attend and enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship, tea, and delicious goodies. As in the past, men are welcome and we will have a "Men's Table" for all of you fellows to enjoy a wonderful afternoon!

Your Worship & Music and Christian Education Ministries are presenting this year's **Christmas Pageant**, "Listen to Christmas," on Sun. Dec. 20th at 5p. A reception will be held after the pageant. Please plan to attend, support and enjoy our children and adults who are participating in this presentation. If you are interested in participating or helping in any way, please contact Elders Doris Kuhn** or Betty Ann Tis**.

Calling All Instrumentalists and Vocalists! If you would like to perform throughout the Advent and Christmas season, please contact our Min. of Music, Jenifer Geibel**.

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!

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2009 is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. Dates available: Dec. 6th -1. Contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Penn Hills Christian Clergy Assoc. will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service at Penn Hills Baptist Church, 232 Hulton Rd, Verona. Plan to attend on Tue. Nov. 24th at 7p and take an hour to come and give thanks with the Penn Hills pastors and your neighbors!

The Plum Creek Presby. Church has a live outdoor nativity scene! The Worship & Music Ministry is organizing a group to attend on Sun., Dec. 6th at 6p. If you are interested in attending, and would like to carpool, please contact Amy Williams** and plan to meet at the church at 5:15p. Thank you!

What is going on in Penn Hills? To find out, log on to www.pennhills.org.

What is going on in our Presbytery? Log on to www.pghpresbytery.org to find out!

Men's and Women's Shelter basket in the narthex for contributions! Thank you!

The Penn Hills Service Assoc. continues to be thankful for your generous support!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>		1230p	<u>Hanging-of-the-Greens</u>	All over!
		1p	Jenifer Wilie Baby Shower	JK Hall
Mon.	Nov. 23	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Nov. 24	530p	Tuesday's Together Ministry	All Over
Wed.	Nov. 25		<u>Office closes at noon!!</u>	
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Nov. 26		<u>Office Closed – Holiday!!</u>	
Fri.	Nov. 27		<u>Office Closed!!</u>	
Sat.	Nov. 28	8-11:30a	Pancake Breakfast	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Nov. 29		<u>Advent Begins!!</u>	
Wed.	Dec. 2	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Dec. 3	7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri.	Dec. 4	6p	Bell/Beasley Wedding Rehearsal	Sanct./MP Room
Sat.	Dec. 5	1-9p	Bell/Beasley Wedding/Reception	Sanctuary/JK Hall
		2p	Gamblers' Anonymous	MP Room
Tue.	Dec. 8	630p	New Members' Class	Conference Room
Wed.	Dec. 9	10a	The Morning Word Study	MP Room
Sat.	Dec. 12	1230p	Holiday Tea	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Sun.	Dec. 13	after worship	<u>All Officers Dinner</u>	MP Room
Mon.	Dec. 14	630p	Session Meeting	MP Room
Tue.	Dec. 15	630p	New Members' Class	Conference Room
Wed.	Dec. 16	11a-2p	<u>Office Christmas Party!</u>	Office
Sun.	Dec. 20	5p	Christmas Pageant	JK Hall

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