

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

Communion 1st Sunday of the New Year — January 3, 2010 – 11:00 a.m.

**Those who are able, please stand*

Please be respectful of those worshipping 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!

Procession of the Elders

Silent Preparation for Worship

Min. Jennifer Geibel

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

(Please stand)

** Call to Worship (Deuteronomy 10.12-15,20-21)*

Elder Debbie Dillman

L: *“So now...what does the Lord [our] God require of [us]?”*

P: ***Only to fear the Lord [our] God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord [our] God with all [our] heart and with all [our] soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord [our] God...for [our] own well-being.***

L: *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, as it is today.*

P: ***[We] shall fear the Lord [our] God; Him alone [we] shall worship; to Him [we] shall hold fast, and by His name [we] shall swear.***

All: ***He is [our] praise; He is [our] God, who has done these great and awesome things that [our] own eyes have seen.” And that is why we have come to worship the Lord our God!***

**Hymn of Praise*

**Invocation and The Lord’s Prayer*

Elder Dillman

In this sacred hour, O Lord, You have gathered us to give You our thanks, confess our sinfulness, honor you with our offerings, sit at Your table, hear Your Word and...

...leave here encouraged, ready to share Your gospel with those who are not here. Focus our attention on You alone, and allow Your Spirit to fill our spirit with a better understanding of who You are, what You require of us, and the blessings that come to us when we are obedient. We want to do Your will and we need You to help us, for You alone are, "***Our Father...***"
(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (*Lamentations 3.40-42*)

Mr. Corey Williams

A survivor of the Babylonian exile warns us in the book of Lamentations: "*Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled, and [God] has not forgiven.*" Let us heed the writer's warning and, ***in silence***, confess our transgressions to the Lord our God. Perhaps the Lord will forgive us, again.

Kyrie

"Breath on Me Breath of God"

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Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30.2-5

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children's Chat

Pastor Carmen

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

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (*1 Timothy 6.17-19*)

Elder Dillman

Paul's instructions to Timothy are true for us today: "*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.*" Let us be generous and share from the financial bounty that God has provided!

Offertory

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

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

Mr. Williams

TO CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION...

*Welcome to the Lord's Table
The Words of the Institution
Consecration of the Elements
Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation

Hebrew Testament

Ruth 2.8-13

Pastor Carmen

The Sermon

"All That You Have Done..."

Pastor Carmen

A Moment for Reflection

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE AND JOY!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

***Sending the Officers to Serve Home-Bound Members**

Pastor Carmen

***Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Carmen

(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)

***Postlude**

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!

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.

Our worship services are recorded: <http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>.

Click on *recordings*. Thank you! Elder Eric Schramm.

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, Pearl Hicks, 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

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week = \$7,610; difference= +\$3,552.

Today’s Young Children in Worship story is “Meeting the Christ Child” led by Myrna Hiller and assisted by Margaret Tassarò and Jordan Chisnell.

Birthday Wishes to Allyce Duffus (1.5), Denny Chisnell (1.7), Diane Springer (1.7) and Arlene Davis (1.10).

Thanks to the Christian Education Ministry for providing for fellowship time today! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Health Ministry.

Please pick up your Giving Envelopes in the Narthex!

Don't forget your Per Capita! Per Capita dollars help offset the cost to our Pittsburgh Presbytery, in doing its work and the work of our General Assembly. Each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is assessed an amount based on the number of churches within a specific geographic boundary. For 2010, your individual assessment is \$22.43, and can be placed in the envelope inside of your tithing envelopes marked *Per Capita*. Thank you!

Hey Parents! What a wonderful Christmas Pageant we had! It was great to see so many adults and youth! This is what Sunday mornings at 9:30a should look like at Mt. Hope Church!! Beginning next Sun. Jan. 10th, bring the kids to Sun. School & stay for Adult Sun. School; 2 classes are offered: “Obeying God’s Calls” (Millie Bischel) and “Proverbs” (Bill Haley). Hope to see you all there. We have coffee, tea, and cookies!

THIS WEEK - Zumba Gold and Zumba Regular Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 6th at 6:00p and 7p respectively. If you have not attended Zumba at Mt. Hope you are missing out on great music, laughter, fun, and of course exercise! Plan to start the new year healthy by joining us Jan. 6th!

The Morning Word Study will resume on Wed. Jan 13th at 10a! Come out and join us for a relaxed and fun study of God’s Word!!

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 2010 is in the Narthex. 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 - \$30.00. All Sundays in January are available! Contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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!

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!

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	after worship		<u>Dismantling-of-the-Greens</u>	All over!
Mon.	Jan. 4	630p	Worship & Music Ministry Meeting	Conference Rm
Tue.	Jan. 5	5p	Tuesdays Together Staff Meeting	Tis Home
Wed.	Jan. 6	6p	Zumba Gold Dance Class	MP Room
		7p	Zumba Regular Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Jan. 7	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan.	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Jan 10	930a	<u>Sunday School resumes!</u>	All Over!
Tue.	Jan. 12	530p	<u>Tuesday's Together returns!</u>	All over!
Wed.	Jan. 13	10a	<u>The Morning Word Study returns!</u>	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Sun.	Jan. 31	after worship	Annual Meeting & 4Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Wed.	Feb. 17	7p	<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>	Sanctuary

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