

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (1 John 1.8-10)

Elder Debbie Dillman

God reminds us through John that, “*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 cleans us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.*” Far be it from us to call God a liar. Therefore, let us humbly approach the throne of God’s grace and confess our corporate and individual sin. Let us pray together...

Confession from the Body of Christ

In Unison

Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We are reluctant to leave the tomb of our ignorance and fear to claim the promise of new life. We know that the world is full of suffering. Our brothers and sisters are nailed to crosses of poverty and injustice. People close enough to touch are sealed in tombs of loneliness and despair. But we have failed to halt their crucifixion, or to roll away their stone of hopelessness. Forgive us and resurrect us to do Your will in the name of the Christ.

Personal and Silent Confession

Kyrie

“He is Lord”

See Insert

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 30.2-5, 11-12

Pastor Carmen

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Miss Charlotte Schramm

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (2 Corinthians 9.6-8,11-13)

Elder Dillman

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may shine abundantly in every good work.”
Let us cheerfully present our tithes and offerings!

Offertory

“Coronation”

The Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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

Miss Dillman

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Hymn of Preparation	“The Strife Is O’er”	Page 119
<u>New Testament Reading</u>	<u>Luke 24.1-11</u>	Pastor Carmen
The Sermon	“Far From Idle!”	Pastor Carmen
A Moment for Reflection	“Joy to The World”	Min. Geibel
Prayers of the People		Pastor Carmen

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

*Hymn of Departure	“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”	Page 104
*Taking the Light of Christ into the World		The Acolytes
*Charge & Benediction		Pastor Carmen
<i>(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders have recessed!)</i>		
*Postlude	“Hallelujah Chorus”	Handel
<i>(All are invited to join the Chancel Choir in joyous praise!)</i>		

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 and your children! **Your children are loved and welcomed at Mt. Hope!** An usher will direct you to our nursery for infants & toddlers up to age 4. 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. The kits must be returned following worship!

Please pray for, call, or send a card to our sick & homebound members:

Out of respect for personal privacy,

individuals are not added to or deleted from this list without their consent.

Dorothy Arnold, Virginia Ayres, Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: *Needed each week:* \$4,010. *What we received last week:* \$2,800. *Difference:* **-\$1,210.**

TODAY, *the Mission Ministry* will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing**, of which your gifts support the ministry of Self-Development of People, Disaster Assistance, and Hunger Programs. Take a “sharing calendar” (1 per family) located in the narthex; choose “a unit” of giving with those less fortunate. Thank you! –Elder Debbie Dillman, chair, Mission Ministry.

Leave Home Without It! As you prepare for vacation time, please remember to leave home without your tithes and offerings! While *you* are away, God’s *church* still needs to continue paying its bills! We would greatly appreciate it!! –The Session

Fellowship time for *next Sunday* will be provided by the **Technology Ministry**.

Sunday School will resume for children and adults on April 18th at 9:30a.

A Very Special Thank You is extended to my Mt. Hope Family, for your cards and calls, and many, many prayers on my behalf! You will never know how much I appreciate you and love you all! –Betty Sundin

Softball practice will begin Apr. 16 & 23 beginning at 6:30p at the Bible Baptist field, 200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone interested can call Trustee Andy Vitko**

Calling All Gardeners! If you love to garden (fruits, veggies, flowers) and would be interested in starting or helping with a gardening project here at the church, please **contact Pastor Carmen** at 412-793-0227!

The Morning Word Study returns on **Wed. May 5th at 10a** at Pastor Carmen’s home!

Spring is coming so hold the date! It won’t be long before the **Mt. Hope Pirate Game**, scheduled for **Sat. June 5th at 7p!** This date also happens to be **Skyblast**, which includes fireworks and a concert featuring **Collective Soul** after the game. We have **100 tickets at \$8/game**, 1st come (with money)-1st served! I am also planning a tailgate party at PNC Park from approx. 5-7p. For those interested in the **tailgate party, the cost will be \$5per person**. I hope you all can attend. –Elder Chuck Schramm.

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. Dates available: April 11th & 25th! Elder Doris Kuhn**.

C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

Hebron Presbyterian Church is holding a New to You Sale on Wed. Apr. 21st – 7-9p, and Thu. Apr. 22nd – 10a-2p in the church’s Barclay Bldg. Please come...there will be something for everyone!

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!

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THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Mon.	Apr. 5	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Wed.	Apr. 7	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast	Eat-n-Park
		7p	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	Sanctuary
Thu.	Apr. 8	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry	MP Room
		7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Fri-Sun.	Apr. 9-11		Women's Retreat	Crestfield Camp
		11a	Y Seniors	JK Hall
Sat.	Apr. 10	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Thu.	Apr. 15	12-9p	Kiwanis Ham Dinner	JK Hall
		630p	Community Group Meeting	MP Room
Fri.	Apr. 16	630p	Softball Practice	Bible Baptist Church Field

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Mon.	Apr. 19	630p	Session Meeting	
Thu.	Apr. 22	6p	Neighbors Community Meeting	JK Hall
		7p	DeLuca/PH Police Community Meeting	JK Hall
Fri.	Apr. 23	630p	Softball Practice	Bible Baptist Church Field
Wed.	May 5	10a	The Morning Word Study	Pastor's Home
Sun.	May 23	11a	Pentecost Sunday	Sanctuary
Sat.	June 5	7p	Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast	PNC Park
