

Mt. Hope Community Presbyterian Church

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

7th Sunday of Resurrection — May 16, 2010 – 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 **“Rock of Ages”** Min. Jennifer Geibel

Bringing in the Light of Christ The Acolytes

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events Mr. Clyde Davis

(Please stand)

***Call to Reflect and Worship** *(Psalm 86.8-13)* Mr. Davis

L: *“There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and shall glorify Your name.*

P: ***For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God.***

L: *Teach [us] Your way, O Lord, that [we] may walk in Your truth; give [us] an undivided heart to revere Your name. [We] give thanks to You, O Lord [our] God, with [our] whole heart, and [we] will glorify Your name forever.*

All: ***For great is your steadfast love toward [us]; You have delivered [our] soul from the depths of Sheol.” That is why we’ve come to worship! Amen!***

***Hymn of Praise** **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”** Page 143

***The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** Mr. Davis

Holy Spirit of God, we invoke the power of Your presence as we attempt to worship You in spirit and in truth. Settle our hearts and focus our minds to receive what your Spirit has to say to Your church, and then enable us to leave this space encouraged and convicted to do what Your Spirit says. As children look to their parents for guidance, so we look to You, **“Our Father...”**

(You may be seated)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (1 John 1.5-10)

Miss Jessica Brandon

“This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 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.” **In silence**, let us confess our sin in the hope that God will, again, forgive us our sin.

Kyrie

“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. / 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.*

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31.33-34

Rev. John C. Welch

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Trustee Myrna Hiller

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call (Deuteronomy 15.7-8, 10)

Mr. Davis

The Lord says through His servant Moses, *“If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord... your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your 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 your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake.”* In obedience, let us open our hands and give from the financial bounty God continues to provide!

Offertory

“Your Grace is Enough”

The Praise Team
& Chancel Choir

Words & Music: Matt Maher

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart / give thanks to the Holy One /
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son / (2x)
And now let the weak say I am strong / let the poor say I am rich /
because of what the Lord has done / for us / (2x)
Give thanks! / Give thanks! / Give thanks!*

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***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Welch

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Introduction of Our Guest Preacher

Mr. Davis

Hymn of Preparation

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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The Hebrew Testament

Leviticus 17.11

Rev. Welch

The New Testament

Hebrews 10.5-25

Rev. Welch

The Sermon

“A Transfusion for Life!”

Rev. Welch

A Moment for Reflection

“Nothing But the Blood of Jesus”

Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People

Rev. Welch

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

***Hymn of Departure**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Taking the Light of Christ into the World

The Acolytes

***Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Welch

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

***Postlude**

“The River is Here”

Min. Geibel

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We invite you to come and worship with us as often as you can, & join us in ministry! Please know that the doors of God’s church & the hearts of His people here are always open to you & your children! An usher will direct you to our nursery for children up to age 4. **Worship kits** (not to be taken home) are available in the **Kids’ Korner** of the narthex, & a **Cry Room** is located at the rear of the Sanctuary for your convenience,

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, Jack & Marjorie Bitzer, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Hilda Kerr, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Bob & Rita Roth, 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** 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by **Mabel Eibel** in loving memory of husband **Jack Eibel** and parents **Park and Ruth Todd**.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: **Needed each week:** \$4,010. **What we received last week:** \$4,560. **Difference:** +\$550.

Leave Home Without It! As you prepare for vacation time, please remember to leave home **without** your tithes and offerings! -The Session

Today's Young Children in Worship is "Ascension" led by Trustee Myrna Hiller and assisted by Corey Williams and Terri Shealey.

Birthday Wishes to, Lauren Nakles (5.20), Alexandra Newby (5.20) and Charlotte Schramm (5.23).

Fellowship time today is provided by the Personnel Ministry! Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Christian Nurture Ministry.

Attention Mt. Hope Men! The women of the church need your help! We need you to help out during the Mother-Child Banquet scheduled for Thu. May 20th at 630p with set-up and clean-up, cooking, and serving! Please sign -up in the narthex ! -Thank you very much!

A Feast for Friends pasta dinner will be held Sat. May 22nd, 4-7p in JK Hall to benefit the Eric Sipper Educational Fund. Tickets: \$6; children 3 & under, no charge. Contact Pat Lutz** for tickets / information: Thanks!

Softball practice has begun at 6:30p at the Bible Baptist field, 200 Elicker Rd. Plum. Anyone interested can call Trustee Andy Vitko**!

Teacher and Graduate Recognition Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th during Worship. If you are a 2010 Graduate or if your son or daughter is graduating from high school or college, or you are an adult who has gone back to school and are graduating with a degree or certificate, please contact Elder Betty Ann Tis** or the church office with your name so that we can honor your accomplishment.

For Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, we will be decorating the Sanctuary with red geraniums which will then be planted in the church gardens. Donations are greatly appreciated and will be accepted by Elder Doris Kuhn in the Narthex after worship
Thank you!

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help plan and decorate a float for the Memorial Day Parade on Mon., May 31st. Plans to decorate Pastor Carmen's car in memory of Officer Crawshaw are also being considered. A sign up sheet will be available in the narthex after worship. For more info. contact Elder Doris Kuhn**.

Spring is coming so hold the date! It won't be long before the Mt. Hope Pirate Game/Skyblast is here: Sat. June 5th at 7p! We have 100 tickets at \$8/game, 1st come (with money)-1st served! A tailgate party at PNC Park is planned approx. 5-7p, \$5 per person. I hope you can attend. -Elder Chuck Schramm**.

Cell Phones-for-Cash! Don't throw away your old cell phone...place it in the box in the narthex! When the box is full we will send them in for cash that will be used to support the various ministries of the church! -Thank you! Alyce Duffus, Treasurer

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. - 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 worship services are recorded:

<http://www.mthopechurch.org/Welcome.html>. Click on recordings.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	<u>after worship</u>	Health Ministry Brunch	JK Hall
Mon.	May 17	630p	Session Meeting
		7p	Conference Room
			Zumba Dance Class
			MP Room
Wed.	May 19	6a	Youth Prayer Breakfast
		7p	Eat-n-Park
		8p	MP Room
			Narcotics Anonymous
			Sanctuary
Thu.	May20	10a	Hearts-and-Hands Ministry
		630p	MP Room
			Mother-Child Banquet
			JK Hall

		7p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	May 22	9a-9p	Scrapbooking	MP Room
		2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall
		4p	Feast-for-Friends Benefit Dinner	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	May 23	11a	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	Sanctuary
Wed.	May 26	12n	Presbytery Luncheon for Dr. Sorge	MP Room

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...

Thu.	June 3	1p	Presbytery Meeting	John McMillan PC
Sat.	June 5	7p	Mt. Hope's Pirates Game/Skyblast	PNC Park
Thu.	Sept. 2	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Crestfield Camp
Thu.	Oct. 14	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Longwood @ Oakmont
Thu.	Dec. 9	1p	Presbytery Meeting	Hampton Utd. PC

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