

Welcome to Mt. Hope Community Church! Celebrating our life together in Christ

THE LORD'S DAY — January 27, 2008

**Those who are able are welcome to stand.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

(Please sign and pass the Ritual of Friendship pad.)

Welcome/Recognition of Visitors/Special Events

Pastor Carmen Cox Harwell

Introit

“Step by Step”

Praise Team

O God You are my God, and I will ever praise You. (2x)

I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

And I will follow You all of my days, and I will follow You all of my days

And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

Silent Meditation

“But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’”

Matthew 14:27

***Call to Worship** (Deuteronomy 10:12,14-15, 17, 21)

Elder Tammy Geibel

L: *“So now. . .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. . .*

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.*

L: *For the Lord [our] God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe. . .*

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."* That's why we've come to worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth. Amen!

***Song of Praise**

"You Are My All in All"

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord; to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2x)

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame; rising again, I praise Your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up. When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. (2x)

***Invocation**

Elder Geibel

Holy Spirit, we have come at Your call to worship the Lord our faithful God!

Transform us now, in the stillness of this moment, to be the listening, waiting, and responsive people that God commands to *"go forth and make disciples."* Speak to us words of life, healing, love, and forgiveness, and then grant us the courage to speak those same words to others. Truly, we are blessed because You let us live and move and have our being in You. We thank You in the name of Your Son who taught us to pray to You saying, **"Our Father..."**

(You may be seated.)

TO CONFESS OUR SIN

Call to Confession (1 John 1:10,9)

Mr. Chris Dick

The Bible tells us that, *"If we say that we have not sinned, we make [God] a liar, and His word is not in us."* But, *"If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Therefore, let us confess our sin **in silence**, in anticipation of God's forgiveness and cleansing. . .

Silent Prayer of Personal Confession

Song of Mercy

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;

Chorus (Praise Team)

*My chains are gone; I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns; unending love amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.*

Chorus (everyone)

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.*

Chorus (everyone)

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

Pastor Carmen

Children's Chat

Elder Suzanne Columbus

(Children ages 4-Grade 2 exit to Children's Worship.)

If this is your child's first time, please accompany him or her.

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Song of Preparation

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

If you have a prayer request, fill out a blue card and pass it toward the center aisle.

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. (2x)

Oh cast me not away from Thy presence, Oh Lord; take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

New Testament

Philippians 1:27-28 (Page 831)

Mr. Dick

Hebrew Testament

Genesis 32:22-32 (Page 25)

Pastor Carmen

Sermon

"Don't Leave Home Without It!"

Pastor Carmen

****Hymn of Invitation***

*"Take My Life"
(You may be Seated.)*

No. 391

TO RESPOND IN GRATITUDE

Offering Call (Matthew 2:11)

Elder Geibel

“On entering the house, they 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.” Let us open our treasure chests and offer God our gifts of tithes and offerings.

Offertory

“All Because of Jesus”

Praise Team

*Giver of ev’ry breath I breathe, Author of all eternity, Giver of ev’ry perfect thing,
To You be the glory, Maker of Heaven and of earth. No one can comprehend Your Worth.
King over all the universe, to You be the glory, and I’m alive because I’m alive in You.
And it’s all because of Jesus I’m alive. It’s all because the Blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man’s life. It’s all because of Jesus I’m alive.
I’m alive. I’m alive*

*Ev’ry sunrise sings Your Praise. The universe cries out Your Praise.
I’m singing freedom all my days, now that I’m alive*

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

No. 592

***Prayer of Dedication**

Mr. Dick

TO GO OUT TO SERVE

***Song of Departure**

“How Great is Our God”

*The splendor of the King clothed in majesty, let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.*

Chorus

*How great is our God; sing with me. How great is our God, and all will
see how great , how great is our God.*

*And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands.
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End,*

the Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son; the lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus

Bridge

Name above all names, worthy of all praise, My heart will sing how great is our God.

Chorus

***Charge and Benediction**

Pastor Carmen

***Benediction Response** *"We Are One in the Spirit"*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord. (2x)

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***Postlude**

"Your Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Praise Team

Welcome to Mt. Hope! We are a people united in Christ, challenged and empowered by His Spirit to make a difference in the world.

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 for children age pre-school through 6th grade. The kits are color-coded: pink is for pre-school and kindergarten; blue is for children in grades 1-3; and white is for children in grades 4-6. Please do not take the kits home, but feel welcome to take any papers with you, and return the kits to the Narthex following worship.

The "**Young Children in Worship**" story today is *Choosing the 12*, led by Suzanne Columbus and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Chris Dick.

Liturgists:

Elder Tammy Geibel and Mr. Christopher Dick

Flowers:

are given by the Brandon Family in honor of Erica's 15th birthday.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1.27.08

Due to the Annual Congregational Meeting, there will be no fellowship time after worship today.

Beverage and snacks for fellowship time in the Narthex will be provided by the Men's Softball Team on Sunday, February 3.

Can't get to the "Morning Word" on Wednesday mornings because of work or other commitments? Come join us on Sunday mornings for the adult Bible Study. We start at 10:00 a.m. and are presently studying "Gods' Call to the Christian Community." The Bible text is from the gospel of Luke.

Nan Currington's sister, Laura Harris, is a resident of Presbyterian SeniorCare. She will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 30. Cards may be addressed to: 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139.

Women's Heart Health Day this year is Friday, February 1. Women across the nation raise awareness of the importance surrounding this health issue by wearing red. Our Mt. Hope family will observe Women's Heart Health Day next Sunday, February 3, 2008. Please join your Health Ministries Team and wear something red that Sunday. Men, women, and children of Mt. Hope can raise awareness about women's heart health, talk about the issues faced, and also have fun by wearing something red.

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, February 3, 2008.

The "Snow Ball" Father/Daughter Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

The Flower Chart Notebook for 2008 is in the Narthex. The costs are: 1 arrangement - \$15.00; 2 arrangements - \$30.00. You may have the following options: buy one or two arrangements or two can share the flower arrangements. Please note that February 17 is an open date.

All bulletin information must be in the office by Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

The **tape ministry program** is on hold until further notice. Currently this program is being updated and, in the near future, sermons will be available on CD's.

If you know of any persons who are in the hospital, a nursing home, or shut-in, kindly call the church office and let us know.

There is a basket in the Narthex to collect toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, etc.) for the **Men and Women Shelters**.

We continue to collect food for the **Penn Hills Service Association**. They need hardy meals. Please bring pasta, cereals, pb&j, and canned meats or fish. Thank you very much, the Mission Team.

In order to keep disturbances at a minimum during the worship service, **if you must leave**, please use the rear door exit.

Liturgists: If you have not been contacted about being a liturgist and are interested in participating in the worship service, please contact the church office. This is not just for children. Anyone interested (children, young adults, adults) is welcome to serve in this ministry.

In your box of envelopes is one marked Per Capita. The Per Capita this year is \$21.44. If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone paid his/her own and round it off to \$25.00 to help defray the past due amount owed to Presbytery. Thank you.

CELL PHONE FUNDRAISER – Don't throw away that old cell phone. There's a box in the Narthex where you may place that old phone. When the box is full, we will send them in for cash that will be used to help the Youth Programs.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

Today - after worship.....Congregational Meeting - JKH
6:00 p.m.....Youth Group – Youth Room
Tues., Jan. 29 - 5:00 p.m.....Logos
Wed., Jan. 30 - 10:00 a.m.....Morning Word – Narthex
11:00 a.m.....Stroke Survivor Group – Conf. Room
8:00 p.m.....Narcotics Anonymous – JKHall
Thurs., Jan. 31 - 7:00 p.m.....Chancel Choir
Sat., Feb. 2 - 9:00 a.m.....Family Christian Book Store - JKH
2:00 p.m.....Gamblers’ Anonymous – JKH

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, February 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth Group
Tuesday, February 5 - 5:00 p.m. - Logos
Wednesday, February 6:
10:00 a.m. - Morning Word
11:00 a.m. - Stroke Survivor Group
7:00 p.m. - Deacons’ Meeting
8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, February 7 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Saturday, February 9 2:00 p.m. - Gamblers Anonymous
Saturday & Sunday, February 9 & 10 - 30-Hour Famine
Saturday, February 23 - Father/Daughter Dinner Dance