



You. We honor You, Lord, and proclaim together the greatness of Your love for us through Your beloved Son, the Christ who taught us to pray **“Our Father...”**.  
(You may be seated)

**TO CONFESS OUR SIN...**

**Call to Confession** (*Lamentations 3.32-42a*) Miss Napolitana

The author of the Book of Lamentations reminds us: *“Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? 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. . .”* Let us confess, **in silence**, our transgressions and the ways in which we have rebelled against God. . .

**Kyrie** **“Jesus, Remember Me”** (2x) Page 599

**Assurance of Pardon** Trustee Haley

**TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...**

**The Children’s Chat** Miss Millie Bichsel

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

**TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...**

**Offering Call** Trustee Racchini

Every good and perfect gift comes from God. We have nothing in and of ourselves...all is gift. In cheerful gratitude, let us return to God that which belongs to Him, as we prepare to make our offerings.

**Offertory** **“Like a Dove”** The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

**\*Doxology** **“Glory Be to the Father”** Page 577

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Trustee Racchini

(You may be seated)

TO HEAR THE WORD...

*Hymn of Preparation*      **“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**      Page 379  
(Please pass your Prayer Request cards toward the center aisle)

*New Testament*      **2 Timothy 2.14-26**      Trustee Haley

*The Sermon*      **“Approved”**      Trustee Haley

*A Moment for Reflection*      **“Higher Ground”**      Min. Geibel

*Prayers of the People*      Trustee Haley

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT IN PEACE!

(Please stand)

**\*Hymn of Departure**      **“Take My Life”**      Page 391

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**      The Acolytes

**\*Charge & Benediction**      Trustee Haley

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

**\*Postlude**      **“Mendelssohn Postlude”**      Min. Geibel

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**We welcome to the pulpit this morning our own Bill Haley!**

**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.

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**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.

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**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.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sanctuary Flowers are given by Ruthie Carrick in loving memory of her husband Dick and Karen Little in loving memory of Garner Little and Lucille Head.

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,058; received last week = \$3,289; difference= \$769.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Manna and Water" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Allie Dick.

Birthday Wishes to Elder Bill Tis (11.17) and Dana Vitko (11.18)

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

The Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Yeager family following the death of Denny Yeager on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Blood Pressure Sunday is TODAY!! Our Mt. Hope Health Ministry team will be waiting for you outside the church office door! Begin today having a once a month blood pressure checkup!

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. 8<sup>th</sup> and Tue. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 630p in the Conference Room! Please contact Rita (412-793-0227) and let her know you'd like to attend!

Tuesday's Together will meet this Tuesday at 5:30p. This week's theme is "Wear Your Craziest Hat"!

Zumba Gold - On Wednesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p, Lisa Sobek, Zumba instructor, will be conducting a Zumba Gold demonstration: 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)!

Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sun. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please wear casual clothes and plan to stay and help decorate God's church! If you have any questions, please contact Elder Eric Schramm\*\*.

**Save the Date! Saturday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3p** is our Annual Holiday Tea. If you are interested in serving as a hostess for the Tea please sign the list in the Narthex. For more information contact Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

**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 \*\*

**Nan Currington** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during her illness. A special thank you to those who helped transfer all of the boxes during her move. She is ever grateful!!

**Thank You To My Mt. Hope Family.** I wish God's special blessing for you with all my heart. His care, through you has been vital and a blessing to me. I'll never forget your love and concern. You are all so special! In Christ's love, Helen Faye.

**Lee Wallace,** daughter of former member Helen Wilson, would love to hear from her Mt. Hope Family! Lee's address is\*\*

**Gregory Newby** would love to hear from his Mt. Hope family during his year in Switzerland! Please let him know we're thinking and praying for him by sending a note to: Greg Newby – Bulachhof 2/03 – Zurich, 8057 – Switzerland. Or send him an email to: \*\*. He'd love to hear from us!

**Continue to bring your non-perishable food items** to the church every 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup> -1; Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - 2. If you have any questions contact Elder Doris Kuhn\*\*.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Crestfield Camp** offers the opportunity for you to obtain firewood for your home while helping us heat Crestfield. Cut and split seasoned wood: you keep 50% and Crestfield has 50%. Contact Mike Little\*\* for details and to arrange a time to come out!

**Quilting Retreat-Dancing with Swords at Crestfield Camp,** has been rescheduled for Nov. 20-22. For more info, go to www.crestfield.net/Quilting%20%20Retreat.htm.

**Summer Camper Reunion at Crestfield Camp: Dec. 28-29.** Did your child(ren) come to Crestfield this summer? Send them back over Christmas break! Cost: \$60-1 nights lodging in cabins, and 5 yummy meals! To download a brochure and info, visit [www.crestfield.net/summer\\_camper\\_reunion2.htm](http://www.crestfield.net/summer_camper_reunion2.htm).

**West Penn Hospital** in Bloomfield is looking for “**Baby Coddlers**” in our Pediatric Unit. Infants need the love and support of a loving person willing to rock and feed these babies; some of which are left behind and some have parents who live far away and can’t always be with them. It doesn’t matter what day and time the volunteers are available, we will work out a schedule. Free parking and a meal ticket will be provided, and a criminal background check, child abuse clearances, and a TB test will be administered. If you are interested, please contact Vicki Nesta at \*\*.

**Career Development Assistance:** Third Presbyterian Church-5701 Fifth Ave – 412-661-4710, provides free one-on-one job hunting/career development assistance. Please contact them for more info.

**What is going on in Penn Hills?** To find out, log on to [www.pennhills.org](http://www.pennhills.org).

**What is going on in our Presbytery?** Log on to [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://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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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Allegheny Family Network** is seeking a Family Support Supervisor. If you are interested, please pick up an application on the Narthex table!

**Carnegie Mellon University** has 3 job openings: two for Spend Managers, responsible for managing a portfolio of spend categories and organizational stake holders to maximize the value that the University received for the money it spends with outside suppliers; and one for a Finance Director. To apply for the Spend Managers positions, please visit: [www.cmu.edu/jobs](http://www.cmu.edu/jobs) and apply to Job 6253, and Job 6228. For the Finance Director position, please visit: [www.hr.web.cmu.edu/prospective](http://www.hr.web.cmu.edu/prospective) for Job #6383.

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**THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE**

Tue.	Nov. 17	530p	Tuesday's Together Ministry	All Over
Wed.	Nov. 18	10a	The Morning Word	MP Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	Nov. 19	430-7p	Tues. Together planning mtg.	Betty Ann Tis Home
		730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Nov. 21	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	Christian Ed. Room

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...**

Sun.	Nov. 22	1230p	<u>Hanging-of-the-Greens</u>	All over!
		1p	Janifer Wilie Baby Shower	JK Hall
Mon.	Nov. 23	630p	Session	MP Room
Tue.	Nov. 24	530p	Tuesday's Together Ministry	All Over
Wed.	Nov. 25		<b><u>Office closes at noon!!</u></b>	
Thu.	Nov. 26		<b><u>Office Closed - Holiday!!</u></b>	
Fri.	Nov. 27		<b><u>Office Closed!!</u></b>	
Sat.	Nov. 28	8-11:30a	Pancake Breakfast	JK Hall

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**LOOKING AHEAD IN THE YEAR...**

Sun.	Nov. 29		<b><u>Advent Begins!!</u></b>	
Fri.	Dec. 4	6p	Bell/Beasley Wedding rehearsal	Sanct & Mp Room
Sat.	Dec. 5	1-9p	Bell/Beasley Wedding	Sanctuary & JK Hall
Tue.	Dec. 8	630p	New Members' Class	Conference Room
Sat.	Dec. 12	1p	Holiday Tea	JK Hall
Sun.	Dec. 13	after worship	<u>All Officers Dinner</u>	MP Room
Tue.	Dec. 15	630p	New Members' Class	Conference Room

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