

TO CONFESS OUR SIN...

Call to Confession (Hosea 5.14b-15)

Miss Alaina Napolitana

God says through the prophet Hosea, “*I Myself will tear and go away; I will carry off, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face. In their distress they will beg My favor.*”

In silence, let us acknowledge our guilt, seek the Lord’s face, and beg His favor...

Kyrie

“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Chorus: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief. (Chorus)*

Assurance of Pardon

Ezekiel 16.62-63

Rev. Karen L. Battle

TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN...

The Children’s Chat

Mrs. Elizabeth Cutruzzula

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

TO PRESENT OUR FINANCIAL OFFERINGS WITH GRATITUDE...

Offering Call(2 Corinthians 9.7-8,11-13)

Miss Napolitana

God says thru the apostle Paul that “*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 share abundantly in every good work. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the Gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others.* Let us prepare to present our offerings to the Lord.

Offertory

“Fix Me Lord”

The Chancel Choir

(Please stand)

***Doxology**

“Amen”

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

TO HEAR THE WORD...

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

Introduction of Guest Preacher Mr. Davis

Hymn of Preparation “*Though I May Speak*” Page 335

Hebrew Testament **Deuteronomy 6.1-12** Elder Nury

New Testament **Luke 10.25-37** Rev. Battle

The Sermon “*Discovering Our Neighbors*” Rev. Battle

A Moment for Reflection “*They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*”
Min. Geibel

Prayers of the People Rev. Battle

AND TAKE THE WORD OUT WITH JOY!

(Please stand)

**Hymn of Departure* “*Lord I Want to be a Christian*” See Insert

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

**Charge & Benediction* Rev. Battle
(Please do not leave the sanctuary until the worship leaders and the elders have recessed!)

**Postlude* “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” 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, or send a card to our sick & homebound members:
Please pray for, call, and send a card to our sick & shut-in members**:

Dorothy Arnold, Virginia Ayres, Ernie & Margie Baur, Irene Bender, May Bourne, Carolyn Griffith, Pearl Hicks, Hilda Kerr, Karen Little, Betty McKelvey, Bob McKnight, Lou Sanabor, Annabell Scott, Melba Seaman, Betty Sundin, Ed Wentzell

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Weekly Financial Stewardship: needed each week=\$4,010; received last week = \$4,003.; difference= -\$7.00.

Today's Young Children in Worship story is "Jesus is Baptized" led by Alexandra Newby and assisted by Jan Chisnell and Chris Dick.

Birthday Wishes to Nancy Schramm (1.20); Annelie Dillman (1.21) and Ruthie Carrick (1.22)

Fellowship time today will be provided by the Stewardship and Finance Ministry. Fellowship for next Sunday will be provided by the Men's Softball.

A Special THANK YOU to all of those who stayed to help Dismantle-the-Greens! We'll gather again on Nov. 21st following worship to do it all again!!

THANK YOU from Annabell Scott for all the cards, notes and phone calls during Christmas. She so appreciates being thought about and prays for God's continued blessings to all.

THANK YOU Mt. Hope Family for being so generous with your gifts to the Mars Home, Children's Hospital and sweaters for the Mister Rogers Sweater Drive. It was very much appreciated!!! –Elder Debbie Dillman

TODAY is “Blood Pressure Sunday”! New Year's Resolution – keep a good handle on your health each month in 2010 by joining with the group of folks that check their blood pressure regularly here at Mt. Hope! Our own Health Ministry nurses will meet you back by the church office door.

ANNUAL REPORTS ARE DUE! Please submit your reports (activity and financial, on the standard forms designed by session), and any narrative that you'd like inserted in the Report no later than Thu. Jan. 14th. Reports received after that time will not be included. If you need copies of the forms, please contact Rita. Thank you!

The Good News is Mt. Hope now has a life saving AED! **The Bad News** is, you haven't seen an informative video on its use. Don't worry, you can fix this by hanging around a few extra minutes in the sanctuary, after worship, on January 24th. At that time, the Health Ministries Team will play a quick video and answer any questions you may have.

It's not too late to join us at **ZUMBA** to shake off the winter blues and those winter pounds! Bring your family, friends and neighbors to exercise, laugh and have fun on **Mondays & Wednesdays at 7p.** You do not need to commit long-term, you can pay on an “as you attend basis”. Feel free to come and see how much fun people are having at Zumba. Zumba Gold classes will no longer be available.

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!

Sunday School! Commit to bringing your children, youth, and yourself throughout this new year! Two classes are currently being offered: “*Obeying God's Calls*” (Millie Bischel) and “*Proverbs*” (Bill Haley). Hope to see you all there. We have coffee, tea, and cookies!

The Morning Word Study will resume on Wed. Jan 27th at 10a! Come out and join us for a relaxed and fun study of God's Word!!

Grief Support Group – Grieving the loss of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we all face, but healing can happen as caring Christian women and men share in a support group. The group, limited to eight people, will be lead by Esther Gass, RN, a trained facilitator and an elder at Beulah. The eight week group start date has been reset to Mon. evening Jan. 25th from 7-9p and will be held at Beulah Presbyterian Church. Call Esther to register/more information**.

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!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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!

We welcome to our pulpit this morning the Reverend Karen L. Battle. Rev Battle serves as director of Justice Ministries and Mission at the Pittsburgh Presbyter, and has been ordained a Lutheran minister of Word and Sacrament for 23 years. She has served parishes in Chicago Illinois, Columbus Ohio and the borough of Wilkinsburg. Karen's hobbies include jewelry making, the arts, reading and dancing. She is the proud mother of Nicole Simone Wimbish who works for Wells Fargo in Charlotte, North Carolina and Bruce Anthony Wimbish, II who works for the Cleveland Cavaliers and his wife Camille who is an attorney.

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<u>TODAY</u>	after worship		Blood Pressure Monitoring	By Office
Mon.	Jan. 18		<u>Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday!</u>	
Tue.	Jan. 19	530p	Tuesdays Together	All over!
Wed.	Jan. 20	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thu.	Jan. 21	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan. 16	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2 WEEKS...

Sun.	Jan. 24	after worship	AED Training	MP Room
Mon.	Jan 25	630p	Session Meeting	Conference Room
		7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
Tue.	Jan 26	530p	Tuesdays Together	All Over!
Wed.	Jan 27	7p	Zumba Dance Class	MP Room
		8p	Narcotics Anonymous	JK Hall
Thur.	Jan. 28	730p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sat.	Jan 30	2p	Gamblers Anonymous	JK Hall

LOOKING AHEAD IN THE NEW YEAR...

Sun.	Jan. 31	after worship	Annual Cong. Mtg. & 4Q Family Luncheon	JK Hall
Fri.	Mar. 5	11a	World Day of Prayer	Sanctuary
Sat.	Mar. 6		Snow Ball!	JK Hall
Wed.	Feb. 17	7p	<u>Ash Wednesday Service</u>	Sanctuary

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