

**Welcome!**

**We are glad you are worshipping with us here at  
Pleasant Hills Community  
Presbyterian Church!**

**Christmas  
Begins  
With  
Christ!**

*December 26, 2010*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**10:00 AM Combined Service**  
**In the Sanctuary**

Please use the prelude music as a time of meditation  
to become prepared and centered on worship.  
To avoid disrupting worship, please turn off all electronic devices.

**WE ADORE GOD**

**Prelude** “Puer Natus in Bethlehem” Buxtehude  
(Christ is Born in Bethlehem)  
Chuck Weber, Organ

**Greeting** Dr. David Antonson

**\*Call to Worship** Dr. David Antonson

One: Beloved children of God, let us give thanks for all that God has done for us.

**All: We give thanks for God’s mercy and steadfast love.**

One: In our distress, we know the presence of Immanuel,  
God-is-with-us.

**All: Both day and night, the Light of the World leads us.**

One: Come, let us walk in the light of God!

**\*Hymn of Praise #255 “Lo! How A Rose E’er Blooming”** ES IST EIN’ ROS’

**\*Prayer of Confession** Dr. David Antonson

**Light of the world, you who bear the dawn to us: we recall today how terrible is the darkness you were born to overcome. We confess to you our fear of death and destruction, the violence we allow, and the suffering we inflict upon others. We confess to you our ingrained prejudices, our failures to be merciful, and tragedies too often of our own making. We confess to you how desperately we need you. By your presence, Lord, save us. By your steadfast love, light our way.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Scripture** Psalm 148 Tami Licht

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

**\*Carol "Do You Hear What I Hear?"**

Baker

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?  
Way up in the sky, little lamb? Do you see what I see?  
A star, a star, dancing in the night  
With a tail as big as a kite. With a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?  
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy. Do you hear what I hear?  
A song, a song, high above the trees with a voice as big as the sea.  
With a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king,  
"Do you know what I know? In your palace warm, mighty king?  
Do you know what I know?  
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold.  
Let us bring Him silver and gold. Let us bring Him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere,  
"Listen to what I say. Pray for peace, people everywhere.  
Listen to what I say. The Child, the Child, sleeping in the night,  
He will bring us goodness and light.  
He will bring us goodness and light."

**WE UNITE IN PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP**

**Prayers of God's People**

Tami Licht  
Dr. David Antonson

**Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom  
come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our  
daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And  
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**WE CELEBRATE GOD'S BLESSINGS**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him – born the King of angels!  
O come let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him – Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels’ sing in exultation;  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him – Christ, the Lord!  
Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n:  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him!  
O come, let us adore Him – Christ, the Lord!

**\*Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication****WE STUDY GOD'S WORD****Scripture** Matthew 2:13-23**Sermon** “Joseph, What a Man!”

Rev. Darlene Hann

**WE RESPOND IN WORSHIP****\*Sending Hymn #251 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”**

CAROL

**\*Benediction****\*Postlude** “Joy To the World!” Arr. Te Velde  
Chuck Weber, Organ**\*Please stand if you are able.**

Anyone desiring prayer for themselves, another person, or to receive Jesus Christ, is invited to meet in front of the pulpit where a Minister, Elder or Stephen Minister will pray with you personally and confidentially.

Both Sunday worship services are digitally recorded. If you would like a copy of the worship service, please contact Jeanne @ 412-655-2000 x 128 or [jeanne@pleasanthillchurch.com](mailto:jeanne@pleasanthillchurch.com). The sermon will be available on the church website later this week.

Thank you to Chuck Weber for playing the organ for us this morning. Thank you to our Praise Team for leading us in worship! They are Steve Ball, Rob Carr, Liz Farabaugh, Jeanne Hutchison, Kirk Holtzinger, and Ben Ninesling.

Our Sound Techs this morning are John Mazzarini and Scott Hazen with David Powell running PowerPoint. We would welcome you to become a part of our team!

**Notes:**

## **Scriptures**

### **Psalm 148**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!  
Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!  
Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.  
He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.  
Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,  
fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  
Young men and women alike, old and young together!  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.  
He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

### **Matthew 2:13-23**

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Greetings,

It is time to take a deep breath.

My sister is always encouraging me, no more like demanding, that I take a deep breath and center myself.

She is right. I do get stressed.

This season can do that to you. We can get stressed. We often loose focus on the really important message of Christ now living among us.

I invite you on this day after Christmas to take a deep breath. Listen and hear the angels sing, the sheep bleat, the Christ child make small noises in the hay. Mary and Joseph are close and all is according to plan.

Come to this service and feed your soul and gather what you need for the days ahead.

God cares for you. God knows you and all about you.

Peace.

Blessings,

Pastor Darlene



**Darlene Hann**  
**Supply Pastor**

**Sympathy to:**

- *Dave Lostetter and family on the death of his mother, Melva Lostetter.*
- *Chris Farabaugh and family on the death of his sister and brother-in-law, Laura and Roy Walk.*

**Next Sunday: Jan. 2, 2011**

The scripture readings for January 2<sup>nd</sup> worship will be Psalm 147:12-20 and Matthew 2:9-12. It is still the season of Christmas (come call it Christmastide) and some of us can't get enough of the carols and music of Christmas. The sermon on January 2<sup>nd</sup> will focus on the Magi. Please read ahead.

**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>: Children's Worship at 10:00 AM**

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, when the combined service will meet for worship in the Sanctuary at 10:00 AM, all children will meet in Room 229 for Children's Worship.

**No Breakfast Club Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please worship with your families on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast Club will resume Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**New Year's Eve Communion Service**

On New Year's Eve, at 7:00 PM, there will be a Communion service in the Sanctuary. Please come and start the new year with a remembrance of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## **Kid's JAM and Jellys**

Resumes on Thursday, January 6, 2011. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for Family Movie Night. Come and start the New Year with us—Wear your PJ's and bring a blanket!



## **Sunday School & Children's Worship**

Sunday morning 9:30 AM Sunday School and 11:00 AM Children's Worship will resume on Sunday January 9, 2011.

## **Precepts Winter Bible Study**

**6 weeks: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 9, 16, 23 & March 9**

**9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall**

### **Living Victoriously in Difficult Times—40 Minute Bible Study**

**“WHY?”** When painful, frustrating circumstances invade your life, it's easy to wonder why life so often seems unfair. Why doesn't our all-powerful God stop the pain and suffering—not just for you but for all His children?

***“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”—Romans 8:28***

## **Two TWOgether Classes**

PHCPC is offering two Thursday Pittsburgh TWOgether classes beginning January 27<sup>th</sup>: ***Marriage Preparation*** and ***Marriage Enrichment***. The classes will be from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM, preceded by dinner from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM. Childcare and materials will be provided with registration. For more information or to register, please call Darlene at 412-655-2000 x123 or email her at [DARLENE@PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM](mailto:DARLENE@PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM). For more information on Pittsburgh TWOgether, go to [HTTP://WWW.TWOGETHERPGH.ORG/](http://www.twogetherpgh.org/)

## **Ushers Are Needed!**

The 9:30 AM and especially the 11:00 AM worship services need ushers. Ushers hand out bulletins, help people find seats and collect the offering.

You can usher by yourself, but some families usher together, with children helping the parents hand out the bulletins as people come to church. If you can help with the ushering, please call Rick at 412-882-0583.

## **Hospital Notifications**

Are you going into the hospital? You or a family member can notify the church by calling Linda at 412-655-2000 x124 and letting her know where you are, if you would like a pastoral visit or whether you want to have your name in the Sunday bulletin. Please let us know when you return home as well!

## SUNDAY December 26

9:30am **Prayer:** *To glorify God, for the coming service, and for our needs and concerns.*  
-9:50am *Board Room Contact: Pastor Darlene @ 412-655-2000 x 123*

9:50am **Nursery: Infants and Toddlers**  
-11:25pm *Nursery*

10:00am **Combined Worship Service**  
-11:00am *Sanctuary*

10:00am **Children's Worship**  
-11:00am *All children's Sunday school classes for all ages are meeting in Room 229.*

## MONDAY December 27 Church Office Closed

## TUESDAY December 28

10:00am **Sew and Sews**  
-12:30pm *Youth Room (Room 230) Contact Kay @ 412-653-3577*

3:00pm **Middle School Boy's After School**  
-4:30pm *Youth Room Contact: Tim @ 412-655-2000 x130*

6:30pm **Cub Pack 562**  
-8:30pm *Chapel Lounge Contact: Victor @ 412-559-0107*

7:00pm **Boy Scout Troop 231**  
-9:00pm *Youth Room (Room 230) Contact: Nancy @ 412-655-9431*

## WEDNESDAY December 29

## THURSDAY December 30

## FRIDAY December 31 New Year's Eve

10:30am **Prayer Ministry**  
-Noon *Library Contact: Lorraine @ 724-872-5467*

7:00pm **New Year's Eve Communion Service**  
-8:00pm *Sanctuary*

## SATURDAY January 1, 2011 Happy New Year!

## **SUNDAY January 2**

9:00am **Prayer:** *To glorify God, for the coming service, and for our needs and concerns.*  
-9:20am *Board Room Contact: Pastor Darlene @ 412-655-2000 x 123*

9:15am **Breakfast Club:** *Breakfast @ 9:15 am, lessons at 9:30 am*  
-10:30am *Begins in Youth Room Contact: Debbie @ 412-655-2000 x131*

9:20am **Nursery: Infants and Toddlers**  
-12:25pm *Nursery*

9:30am **Traditional Worship Service**  
-10:30am *Sanctuary*

9:30am **The American Heritage Series with David Barton**  
-10:30am *Boardroom Contact: Vel @ 412-653-4082*

11:00am **Contemporary Worship Service**  
-noon *Great Room*

### **Annual Meeting Announcement**

The Annual Meeting of Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church will take place Sunday, January 30, 2011, following the joint worship service at 10:00 AM in the Great Room. The meeting will include the report of the permanent Nominating Committee (Linda Stout, chair and Steve Ament co-chair) and their slate of nominees for Elder and Deacon, a review of the 2011 balanced budget as approved by session and dismissal of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. The quorum needed to hold the meeting is a minimum of 150 active members on the roll of the church.

### **Please Sign Up for the Church Email List**

The Communications Team is experimenting with a way to get important information to you quickly while saving the church money. This service will send emails with digital copies of the church newsletter, weather closings, alerts and other timely information you need.

If you go to the church website ([www.pleasanthillschurch.com](http://www.pleasanthillschurch.com)), you can sign up for this new service. The more people who sign up, the better this will work!

### **Winter Weather Closing Information**

PHPCP will follow the West Jefferson Hills School District closings due to snow. If the school district closes due to cold weather, there will not be any preschool or Mother's Day Out but the church will be open and other events will still be held.

Closing announcements will be available on KDKA, WTAE and WPXI and their websites. If you sign up for the church email service, you will be notified via your email if the church closes.

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*To contact a member of our staff, call 412-655-2000 and ask for the extension listed. To send email, unless otherwise noted, use the person's first name, followed by @PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM*

**Head of the Church: Jesus Christ**

**Administrative Staff**

Donna Morgan	<i>Church Administrator</i>	ext. 143
Joyce Scott	<i>Financial Administrator</i>	ext. 133
Linda Stout	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	ext. 124
Rob Carr	<i>Director of Communications</i>	ext. 147

**Children and Family Ministries**

Walt Kivala	<i>Acting Director</i>	ext. 122
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**Facilities**

Bill Rust	<i>Director</i>	ext. 134
Karen Monath	<i>Assistant Director</i>	ext. 127
Warren Scheifele	<i>Evening Facilities</i>	no church e-mail/phone

**Ministers: The Congregation**

**Mother's Day Out**

Erin Pilarski	<i>Coordinator</i>	ext. 101
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The MDO direct number is 412-655-4219

**Pastor**

David Antonson	<i>Interim Pastor</i>	ext. 125
Darlene Hann	<i>Supply Pastor</i>	ext. 123

**Preschool**

Joan Johnston	<i>Director &amp; Teacher</i>	ext. 136
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**Worship/Music Ministries**

Robert Morehead	<i>Director</i>	ext. 129
Jeanne Hutchison	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	ext. 128
Scott Hazen	<i>Sound Tech</i>	no church e-mail/phone

**Youth Ministries**

Tim Comer	<i>Director</i>	ext. 130
Kevin Vinay	<i>Assistant Director</i>	ext. 151
Debbie Tobias	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	ext. 131
Rob Gage	<i>Youth Worker</i>	no church e-mail/phone

## Getting Connected at PHCPC



*We're glad you've joined us this morning and we welcome you into the full life of our congregation. We're committed to helping you discover the truth of God's Word and to helping you grow in your Christian faith. In fact, our mission is to reach seekers, to grow disciples and to send followers into the world to do the work of Christ. Our prayer for you this morning is that you will go from this service with the knowledge of Jesus as Lord and that you will commit yourself this week to reading God's Word and praying to the God who desires to do more than you can even think or imagine! For more information about our church, please call us at 412-655-2000 or visit us online at: [WWW.PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM)*

**Children's Ministry:** Parents: from September through April your kids will love our Sunday school offered from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM and Children's Worship from 11:00 AM-noon. Jesus And Me (JAM) meets Thursdays, starts September 30<sup>th</sup> and is for preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Walt at 412-655-2000 x122.

**Youth Ministry:** From September-April, our dynamic youth ministry will challenge your 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders through Sunday morning Breakfast Club (starting at 9:15 AM in Room 230—the Youth Room) & Wednesday evening CrossOver (starting at 6:30 PM in the Great Room for middle school students and 7:30 PM in the Youth Room for high school students). Throughout the year are Bible Studies, small groups, and retreats. Contact Debbie @ 412-655-2000 x131.

**Adult Discipleship:** Come enjoy great Christian fellowship and growth through our phenomenal adult education classes, small groups, Bible studies and more. Hour-long classes are offered at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday mornings. During the week, classes are offered at various times. We have an active Men's and Women's ministry. For complete information, call Pastor Darlene at 412-655-2000 x123.

**Worship & Music Ministry:** Through inspiration by the Holy Spirit, both the traditional (9:30 AM) and contemporary (11:00 AM) worship services seek to worship and glorify the Father and help us to follow Jesus more closely. While different styles of music may be found at each service, the focus is still on praising God. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, or help with the technical aspects of worship, contact Robert at 412-655-2000 x129.

**Stephen Ministries:** Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church is a Stephen Ministry church. If you need more information about the Stephen Ministry, either contact a Stephen Leader through the church at 412-655-2000 or visit the church website at [WWW.PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM](http://WWW.PLEASANTHILLSCHURCH.COM).