

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 16, 2008

8:30 & 11:00a

PRAYER TIME BEFORE WORSHIP: Lord, with great excitement and anticipation we have come to this hour. We are not sure if we want to be in the front shouting our 'hosannas', or in the back quietly watching. But you come this day into our lives and our communities. You bring your undying love and overwhelming grace. In our own way, with the crowds, we welcome you, our Savior King, humble and riding on a donkey. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Triumphal March"

Dubois

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
The Northmont Belles

arr. Morris

***CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 118]**

Sean Kelly

Leader: Welcome the One who approaches the city! It is the time of God's visitation. Let every eye behold him.

Community: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Cut branches from the trees and scatter them before him. The king comes, riding on a donkey, messenger of peace.

Community: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Leader: Welcome this conqueror who comes to bring life, salvation and redemption to all the people.

All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Enter in, blessed one, and defeat our enemies. Take up your reign. Ride on in majesty!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

arr. Tucker

Northmont Belles, Chancel Choir and Congregation

[After the choir processes into the choir loft, the congregation will rise as directed from the choir]

- 1. All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. Thou art the Kind of Israel, thou David's royal Son, Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed one.**
- 2. The company of angels are praising Thee on high, And mortal men and all things Created make reply. The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went; Our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.**

3. To Thee, before Thy passion They sang their hymns of praise. To Thee, now high Exalted, Our melody we raise. Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the Prayers we bring. Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

We thank you, Lord, that you are ever knocking, pleading, bidding, calling, speaking to us about your powerful love. Loosen the hosannas that stick in our throats; overrule our pride that makes us too rigid for a parade; make us come alive again that we may throw our well-pressed clothes in the pathway of the King. Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Amen.

CHOIR RESPONSE

"Hosanna!"

C. Wm. Goff

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we are hard to help. We get our backs up when things go differently from the way in which we think they ought to go. We confess that we stand aloof from the suffering and divisions in our world. We keep you in the margins of our life rather than in our hearts. We are, Lord, thankful that you do not quit on us. We are thankful for your amazing patience. Forgive us that we may respond to others with some small measure of the love you show us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

[11:00] ANTHEM

"Zacchaeus"

traditional

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

traditional

Kuyimba Choir

Leslie Scheuer, director; Sue Swick, accompanist

[11:00] KID'S CORNER

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

[After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 5th grade may go to Steps of Faith with Jill Kelly and Sarah Jane Beorn]

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

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Jon Fisher [8:30]

Dave Sartori [11:00]

Leader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Ride On! Ride On!"

George

Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes "Hosanna" cry. O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on the die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the approaching Sacrifice. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh, The Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:9-19

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SERMON

"Is the World Still After Him?"

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

***HYMN**

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

No. 177

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Nadia Buzzelli

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pat Kelly [8:30]

Dave Sartori [11:00]

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Comes Riding Jesus"

Bridges

Chancel Choir & percussion: Bryan Caswell and Doug Fraley

Comes riding Jesus, riding before us; Comes riding Jesus, Riding on, Behold the Savior of the world, Sing hosanna to the Son of David! He rides as a king, now, but on a donkey: He rides to a kingdom, But there's no throne. Only a crown of thorns and a cross on which to die! Comes riding Jesus, Riding before us, comes riding Jesus, Riding to die.

***OFFERTORY PRAISE & PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

No. 89

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

arr. Burkhardt

*All Who Are Able May Stand

WELCOME VISITORS

WE ARE GLAD you have chosen to worship with us. We invite visitors to sign the red friendship register pad in the pew racks. To learn more about Northmont Church:
Take a visitor packet located in the back of the sanctuary,
Attend Fellowship Time after the 11:00a service and
Check out our website: www.northmontchurch.org

If you have a joy or concern, Stephen Ministers are available to pray with you. At the 8:30a service Jo Shore; at the 11:00a service Judy Ehrhardt will be in the front of the sanctuary after the service.

GREETERS	8:30	Don Richards, Ed Scullion
	11:00	Dick Fisher, Dick Spahr
ELDERS	8:30	Pat Kelly
	11:00	Dave Sartori
USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
	11:00	Bill English, Jean McClymonds, Larry Wichterman, Tara Stoufflet

NORTHMONT OFFERS a well-equipped nursery that is supervised by permanent staff.

Families are welcome to use the nursery for infants and preschoolers for all or a portion of each service. When exiting the rear doors of the sanctuary, turn right and continue through the double wooden doors.

FELLOWSHIP TIME will be held today following the 11:00a service in Polley Fellowship Hall (lower level) hosted by the Staff Relations Committee and Presbyterian Women Board.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Twila Weixel in loving memory of her granddaughter Debbie Mitts. Flowers are given by Olive Higgins in loving memory of her parents. Flowers are also given by Sandy and Bob Guckert thanking Northmont for their continued support and prayers.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY as a congregation to Jane Nicola and family upon the recent death of her sister-in-law, Anna Plymire, who died last week. We also extend our sympathy to Janell Butorac on the death of her grandmother, Josephine Brownfield, who died on March 6th.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Maundy Thursday, March 20th. At 7:30p we will celebrate Christ's Last Supper with the disciples.

Good Friday, March 21st. The Tenebrae Service will be held at 7:30p. We will observe Christ's final hours on earth.

Easter Sunday, March 23rd. 8:30a and 11:00a Festival services with Chancel Choir, Northmont Belles, brass ensemble and percussion. Kids of the Kingdom and Kuyimba choirs will sing at 11:00a. Breakfast in Polley Fellowship Hall at 9:30a hosted by Troop 335. Games will be provided by Christian Education for younger children and the Easter egg hunt will occur. No Sunday School classes will be held.

REHEARSALS will be held on Saturday, March 22nd in the sanctuary: 8:30a Brass ensemble; 9:30a Chancel Choir, Northmont Belles and percussion.

LUNCH BUNCH. Enjoy European cuisine with us on Wednesday, March 19th at The Passport Café. We'll meet in Northmont's parking lot at 11:30a to carpool to the Pine Tree Shoppes in Wexford. Please call Linda Zmuda (412) 931-6787 to RSVP or for more information.

WORLD MISSION INITIATIVE CONFERENCE. Northmont member, your registration has been paid in full to participate in the World Mission Initiative Conference at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Friday, March 28 AND/OR Saturday, March 29 (FULL TIME OR PART TIME). See the Mission bulletin board, lower level, for listing of speakers, worship topics and leaders. Brochures are available in the church office. Send word to WMI if you wish meals and your workshop choices.

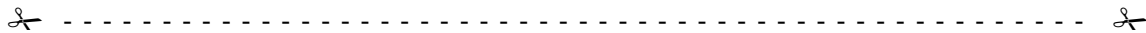
THE NEXT SESSION OF DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday morning, March 29th in the Malawi Room. The focus book this time is Endless Chain by Emilie Richards. Join us for fellowship and socializing at 9:00a; discussion will begin promptly at 9:30a. BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee, or tea, or water, or whatever you prefer!) For more information, contact Lisa Caswell at 412-367-3567 or lisacas@comcast.net.

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THE NURSERY NEEDS YOUR HELP on Easter Sunday, March 23rd. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the tear-off below and place it in the offering plate. I want to volunteer at: 8:30a _____; 11:00a _____
Name _____ Phone _____

PLEASE JOIN OUR REACHOUT EFFORTS. ReachOut is beginning a concerted effort to identify, welcome and involve visitors to our worship services. We want to begin by identifying folks in our congregation with a vision and energy to be 'pew captains' who will welcome folks into the congregation. If you want to find out more about being one who welcomes and involves our visitors, please fill out the following and return it to the church office or place in the offering. You may also email the following info to reachoutlead@northmontchurch.org. Thank you!

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Service you typically attend: 8:30a _____ 11:00a _____



HAVE YOU UNWRAPPED YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? Are the gifts of serving, helping, or encouraging among them? Then you and your gifts are needed for Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are trained to companion same-gender adults through times of personal need and life changes such as adding or losing a family member, change in marital status, illness, relocation, job change or care giving for a family member. Stephen Ministers are listeners, support givers, friends. Stephen Ministers are people just like YOU! A new training class will begin on April 10th at 7:15p. If you are interested in more information, please contact Diane Goff at 412-366-6821 or Helen Traynor at 412-364-2287.

STEPHEN MINISTER Jean Stultz will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-364-7217. If you need extra caring support from a Stephen Minister contact Nancy Garver at 724-935-2194.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are in each pew rack as well as on the table in the back of the church. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. If so requested your prayer will be placed on the prayer chain and shared with the staff. Recent requests: Dorothea fisher, Peggy Meister, Huck Reel, Jack Campbell.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Samaritan Counseling Center, Inc. and Northmont's Stephen Ministry Program, are co-sponsoring a six week Grief Support Group. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00p in the Berean Room. This program is co-led by Phil Jamison, M.Div., an experienced Bereavement Counselor, and Gwen Spahr, a Northmont Stephen Minister. The group meets for an hour and a half and will provide participants with information about the grieving process, managing your grief and emotional support. There is no charge for this program, however, registration is a must. To register or if you have any questions, please call Gwen at 412-364-1850.

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Betty Hawthorne - Windsor Place, One Windsor Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Helen Bell – Room #203W, Pristine Pines, 1600 Georgetown Road, Sewickley, PA
15143
Jerry Peaslee - Allegheny General Hospital
Helen Miller - Suburban General Hospital
Jerry Fisher - Passavant Hospital

IN THE MILITARY – REMEMBER WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

MA3 Moreland, Patrick J., PSC 451 BOX 700/SEC, FPO AE 09840 [son of
Jan Morland, Assistant Director of Northmont's Daycare Center]
Walker, Shaun A., MWSS-274 DET A B CO 3RD PLT, UNIT 78107, FPO AE
09509/8107
PFC Martinez, Jessica, 56th MP CO, COB Speicher Iraq, APO AE 09393
Timothy McIsaac, CSTC-A, CJ1, APO, AE 09356 [Jill Kelly's brother]
Sgt. Glen Archey, Task Force Destiny, HHC 101 CAB, FOB Bagram, APO AE 09354
[Ed Scullion's nephew]

PIPER DEADLINE is March 14 for the April Piper! Email your article to the editor by
noon. (piper@northmontchurch.org)

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – Macaroni and Cheese. All
items are very much appreciated.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES – 9:45a Sunday

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Malawi Room

Please join this exciting class as we study the Bible together.

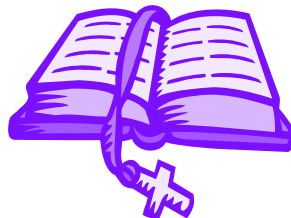
ADULT TOPICS CLASS

Polley Hall

We begin a 2-week series with Kazim Reza on Islam. You won't want to miss this!! No
Class Easter Sunday.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:15 – 7:15. George and Barb Schweiger are leading a study on hope.



Week of March 9, 2008

Sunday, March 16 *John 8:33-47*

8:30a Worship
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH
6:45p PNC - BR
7:00p Jr. & Sr. High - YL & FH

Monday, March 17 *Rom. 6:12-23*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, March 18 *Mark 8:11-21*

8:30a NBC - FH
1:30p Staff Meeting - Library
7:00p Deacons - Library
7:30p Session - MR
7:30p Longvue Garden club - MR

Wednesday, March 19 *Rom. 7:1-12*

9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Small Group - Library
6:15p Kids of the Kingdom - WR & FH
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, March 20 *Jer. 17:19-27*

11:00a AARP - FH
7:30p Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 21 *Jer. 18:1-11*

9:30a Project Linus - MR
Office Closed at Noon
3:45p Belles - WR
6:00p Triangles - off site
7:30p Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 22 *John 6:41-51*

8:30a Brass Rehearsal
9:30a Choir, Handbell, & Percussion
Rehearsals

Sunday, March 23 *Rom. 8:28-39*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
11:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH

For the latest information, see www.my.calendars.net/northmontchurch. Contact Linda Allerton at (412) 364-0105 to add entries to church calendar. Meeting locations: FH = Fellowship Hall, SANC = Sanctuary, Library, KIT = Kitchen, MR = Malawi Room, BR = Berean Room, YL = Youth Lounge, WR = Westminster Room, PS = Pastor's Study, BSR = Bible Study Room



ELDERS

CLASS – 2009

Kip Campbell
Lee Karayusuf
Ken Yoest
Larry Wichterman

CLASS – 2010

Bill Baierl
Betty Fraley
Dorothy Phillis
Cindy Sardon

CLASS – 2011

Larry Anderson
Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

Jean Eckert – Clerk of Session

DEACONS

Jessica Molnar
Peggy Grinager
Marlene Yoest
Patty Scullion
Jeanne Russell
John Russell

Carol Concelman
Bill McGaffick
Helen Traynor
Tim Zeitler
Pat Krotzer
Darleen Noah

Kim Englert
Rhonda Horton
Glen Wissner
Carolyn Perry
Jason Cooper
Scott Reckless

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

Director of Family Ministries and Contemporary Worship: Amanda H. Richey

Organist and Director of Music: C. William Goff

Youth Director: Sean Kelly

Seminary Intern: Nadia Buzzelli

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Polley

Parish Associates: Rev. Alick Kennedy and Rev. Dr. Robert Forsythe

Office Manager: Linda Allerton

Secretary: Rose Dragan

Treasurer: Lynn Merriman

Custodian: Colin Baldwin, Jr.

Global Mission Partnerships with:

Our Mission Family currently serving in the Middle East

Michael & Rachel Weller Family serving in Ethiopia

Northmont Child Development and Preschool Center

Director: Margot Plant

Assistant Director: Jan Moreland

Current announcements, bulletins, Piper monthly newsletters, church group information, and the up-to-date church calendar can be found online at www.northmontchurch.org.

