

WORSHIP SERVICE

March 23, 2008

8:30 & 11:00a

PRAYER TIME BEFORE WORSHIP: Can we believe the news? Do we trust the women who went to the tomb? Yes, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead by the power of God's Spirit. The chains and grip of death are banished. Life eternal is God's gift to all who believe. Alleluia – He is Risen. Amen and amen.

PRELUDE

"Today God's Son Triumphs" J.S. Bach
"Toccatà for the Morning of Easter" Martin
"Psalm XIX" Marcello
[The Heavens Declare the Glory of God]
Brass Ensemble and Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nadia Buzzelli

Leader: Christ is risen!

Community: He is risen indeed!

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**All: All praise and glory to God, for raising His son Jesus Christ,
by the power of your Spirit, who is alive now and forever!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

No. 123

Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Northmont Belles

***CHOIR RESPONSE**

"Halle, Halle, Halle"

traditional Caribbean

Chancel Choir, Bryan Caswell, E. E. Phelps, and Adam Reckless, percussion

Now Christ is raised up from death, he will never die again. All who follow His way shall have life in Him, Hallelujah.

***PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

O glorious one, for this curious day, for the impulses that have designated it, for the gift of Jesus' resurrection that grace it, for the gladness that accompanies it, we give you praise and thanks. For our lives, for those through whom we came to be, for friends through whom we hear and see, we give you thanks and praise. For all the doors of words and music and worship through which we pass to a larger world, for the One who brought a kingdom to me, we give you thanks and praise. Thanks and praise is Yours – Jesus is risen. Amen.

[8:30] ANTHEM

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Tanzanian Tune

Chancel Choir, Bryan Caswell, E. E. Phelps and Adam Reckless, percussion

The congregation is encouraged to join in the chorus after each stanza. [see insert]

[11:00] **ANTHEM** "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" Tanzanian Tune
Chancel Choir, Bryan Caswell, E. E. Phelps and Adam Reckles, percussion
Kids of the Kingdom Choir and Kuyimba Choir,
Leslie Scheuer, director; Sue Swick, accompanist; and Jeannie Schott, flute
The congregation is encouraged to join the chorus after each stanza. [see insert]

[11:00] **KIDS' CORNER** Kim Englert
[After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 5th grade may go to Steps of Faith with Sean Kelly]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God of power, release us from our fear that sin and failure can separate us from you; release us from the dangerous illusions of independence; release us from our possessions; release us from the fear we are unloved. As you released Jesus this day from the grip of death, so release us to new life through your forgiveness. The Lord has risen that we might discover God's grace and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "O Sons and Daughters of the King" K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

O sons and daughters of the King whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
today the grave Has lost its sting. [refrain]

On that first morning of the week the Marys went their Lord so see
before the day began to break. [refrain]

An angel bade their sorrow flee, for thus he spoke unto the three:
"Your Lord is gone to Galilee, he is gone to Galilee." [refrain]

On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. [refrain]

Refrain: Alleluia, glory be to God on high; sing forth this holy Easter
day: Christ Jesus lives again. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118 1-2, 14-24 OT Page 565
Hayes Stover [8:30] Sarah Jane Beorn [11:00]

Leader: The word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:3-8

NT Page 176

SERMON

"To Galilee"

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

***EASTER AFFIRMATION AND GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

A Brief Statement of Faith

***HYMN**

"Christ is Alive!"

arr. Hopson

Congregation, Chancel Choir, Brass Ensemble, Tasha Hancock and Ann Karayusuf, handbells.
[See insert for text and music]

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Sing the Resurrection Song"

Larson

Chancel Choir, Sue Swick, accompanist

Sing the resurrection song! Sing it loud and sing it strong! Christ is risen from the dead!
He is risen as He said, Sing the resurrection song! On the first day of the week as God's
faithful shared their grief, and angel of the Lord came down, and heavenly light shown all
around. "He is not here," the angel said. "He is risen from the dead! Go and tell the news
to all: Jesus lives! Alleluia!" Sing the resurrection song... Alleluia!

***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! Alleluia!

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection!" No. 118

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** "Marche Royale" Lully
Brass Ensemble and Organ
"Toccatà" Widor

*All Who Are Able May Stand

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

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

GREETERS	8:30	Tom Snaman, Bill Held
	11:00	Joe Acker, George Depee
ELDERS	8:30	Hayes Stover
	11:00	Sarah Jane Beorn
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 Reach Out Committee and Triangles.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION is extended to Glenn Matthews on the death of his mother-in-law, Helen Bell. Her Service of Resurrection was held on Wednesday. Also to Judy Harrison on the death of her mother, Mary Mullen, who died on Monday; and to Scott and Carly Mundie in the death of their grandfather, Edward Mundie, who died on Tuesday.

WE WISH TO THANK the members of the Northmont Chancel Choir, the Northmont Belles, the Kuyimba and Kids of the Kingdom choirs for making our worship so special today. May all of our worship be offered up to the Glory of the Risen Christ. Thanks also to the brass ensemble for their participation: Tim Lucas and Scott Davis, trumpets; Jeff Lucas and Lenny Lavelle, trombones. And finally, thanks to the members of the Deacons and the Worship Committee for their contributions to the decorations in the sanctuary this morning.

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.

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

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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 Cathy Koehler will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-366-9930. If you need extra caring support from a Stephen Minister contact Nancy Garver at 724-935-2194.

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.

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: Peggy Meister, Huck Reel, Jerry Peaslee, Michael Mitchell, Martin Family, John Kantz and family, Elsie Robinson, Jerry Fisher.

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Jean Higby - 9300 David Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Helen Miller - Suburban General Hospital
Ginny Dorow - 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

PIPER DEADLINE is April 11 for the May 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

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

EVERY WEDNESDAY

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



FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE NORTHMONT CONGREGATION

[data through February 29, 2008]

	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Budget
<u>Revenue</u>		
Adult Offering	\$74,027	\$98,275
Other Income	6,723	4,065
Interest Income	6,037	6,288
Miscellaneous Income	<u>191</u>	<u>83</u>
Total Revenue	\$86,978	\$108,711
<u>Expenses</u>		
Employment	\$57,614	\$58,616
Other Expenses		
CE & Music	2,527	3,925
Office Services	4,867	6,937
Facilities Mgmt	15,883	16,129
Discretionary	5,820	7,483
Miscellaneous	3,575	3,883
Mission	9,575	11,871
Total Other Expenses	<u>42,247</u>	<u>50,228</u>
Total Expenses	\$99,861	\$108,844
<u>Revenue Less Expenses</u>	(\$12,883)	(\$133)

- For the first two months of 2008 total expenses exceed revenue by \$12,883.
- Overall expenses are less than budget – committees are doing a good job controlling their expenditures.
- Adult offering is \$24,248 below budget – in essence giving is lower than expected.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is very thankful for your giving. We hope and pray that giving will match the pledges submitted during last fall's stewardship campaign.

As giving increases it expands our opportunity to do God's work at Northmont as well as in our community.

Week of March 23, 2008

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

8:30a Worship
9:30a Breakfast - FH
11:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, March 24 *Jer. 23:9-15*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH
Office Closed

Tuesday, March 25 *Mark 8:31--9:1*

8:30a NBC - FH
1:30p Staff Meeting - Library
6:30p Longvue Garden - FH
Flea Market collection begins

Wednesday, March 26 *John 9:1-17*

9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Small Group - Library
7:00p Grief Support - BR
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, March 27 *Jer. 25:8-17*

7:00p Cub Scouts - FH

Friday, March 28 *Rom. 10:14-21*

9:30a Project Linus - MR
3:45p Belles - WR
6:00p Cub Scouts - FH

Saturday, March 29 *John 10:19-42*

9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

Sunday, March 30 *Rom. 11:13-24*

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

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.

*The Flowers Beautifying the Sanctuary
Today Are Given
In Loving Memory and Honor Of Family and Friends*

Given By:

Joe and Suzanne Acker
Larry and Linda Anderson
Eleanor Barton
Fred and Sarah Jane Beorn
Carole Bowen

Sylvia and Kip Campbell
The Caswell Family

Richard Chiocchi Family

Carol Concelman
Dave and Mary Lou Craig

Floyd and Annette Curtis
Thelma Davis
Scott and Judy Dick and Family
Bruce and Judy Ehrhardt

Ric, Tracie, Jonathan and Jordan Fisher

Jim and Jill Gable
Bill and Diane Goff

Ken and Cyndie Greenleaf
Kyle, Elizabeth, Connor and Corrin
Audrey Griser
Helen Haberlein
John and Tasha Hancock
Bill and Marlene Held
Helen King Hite
Holloways
Sally and Wally Hough
Joos Family
Lee and Ann Karayusuf
Cathy Koehler

In Honor and Memory of:

In memory of our parents
To our parents
In memory of William Barton
In memory and honor of our parents
My mom B.J.; cousin Dee Dee; and aunt
Patty
To our deceased parents
In memory of Richard Caswell and Robert
Ludwig
In memory of Charles Briggs Jr. and Charles
Briggs III, Helen Shick
In memory of Jim and Lois Concelman
Happy Easter to our families; in memory
of our loved ones who have passed; and
Happy Birthday to Julia and Mom
In memory of our daughter, Maureen
Baby Linda Sue

In memory of Dick and Peggy Ehrhardt and
Stacy Remensky

In honor of our parents Dick and Dorothea
Fisher

To our daughters, Sarah and Kyleen
In loving memory of our parents, Gwen and
David Harris and Betty and Clark Goff
In honor of children and grandchildren
Nana and Gramps Greenleaf
Elmer J. and Dorn L. Griser

In memory of Archie
In memory of Tasha's parents
In memory of loved ones
In memory of loved ones

Friends and family
In memory of F. Thomas Joos
In honor of our family and friends
To the glory of God

Chess and Karen Kowalski
The Kowalski Family

Dick and Pat Krotzer

Sue LeDonne

Jim, Janet and Jenette Manning
Craig and Brenda Maravich
Mattys Family

Ted and Millie Mills

Vernon Morton
Linda Neuenschwander
Carolyn and George Pearsall
Elaine Peters

Ed and Amy Phelps

Shirley Prevost
Scott and Karen Reckless

The Richard Family
Harry Rittenour
The Scheuer Family

Dorothy and Phil Schuette
Daryl Scott
Judith Shifrin
Thomas W. Snaman
Doyle and Beverly Snyder
Dick and Gwen Spahr

Leonard and Susan Stewart
Sue and Jack Swick
Gerry and Don Tanner
Bill and Sharon Walston
G. Edward Weaver

Twila Weixel
Jan and Bruce Wilson
Ken and Marlene Yoest

Chuck and Althea Zebley
Jane Zeitler

In honor of our grandsons
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Kersting and Mr.
and Mrs. Edward M. Schillo
Clyde and Bertha Krotzer; Robert and Inez
McClellan
Dora Collins (Sue's Mom); Marion LeDonne
(Harvey's Mom)
Loving memory of Agnes Johnson

In memory of Catherine and Robert
Falconer and Maria and John Mattys
In gratitude to our dear mothers, Elise Mills
and Ruth Hoy

Memory of loved ones
In memory of loved ones
Laurel Werner and Charlotte Pearsall
In loving memory of my mother and
grandmother

Rejoice for the love of Jesus and the
guidance of that love through our parents

In memory of loved ones
In honor of our wonderful parents, children,
and siblings

In loving tribute to our parents
In loving memory of wife, Lois
In honor and memory of our parents and
grandparents

In loving memory of family and friends
Eleanor and Bernard Dusenberry
In honor of my mother, Mary May Peters
To the memory of Marjorie J. Thomasson
The staff of Northmont
In memory of and in honor of our loved
ones

Martha Stewart and Regina Bantly

Our parents
In celebration of the risen Lord
To my family and friends who continue to
support me in my daily life

Mother and Father
In memory of loved ones
In loving memory of Lenard and Jewel
Yoest and Charles and Ruth Sutter
To the glory of God

