



Northmont United Presbyterian Church

8169 Perry Highway Pittsburgh, PA 15237 www.northmontchurch.org

Thank Offering Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE **Sunday, November 16, 2008** **8:30 & 11:00a**

AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP: Read Psalm 123. This is a community lament in which a pilgrim pours out his complaint on the threshold of the temple.

PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Manz

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

arr. Manz

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Manz

[11:00] "We Gather Together"

traditional

Kids of the Kingdom choirchimes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throw wide the portals of the heart;

All: Open all of the doors of mind and soul;

One: For the King of power and glory comes;

All: God comes to us in grace and love and mercy.

One: We welcome the One who is our peace;

All: We worship the One who is our hope and our salvation.

*HYMN

"O God of Every Nation"

No. 289

***PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

O God of timelessness and time, we thank you for our time and for those things that are yet possible. We thank you for honesty which makes friends and makes laughter; for gentleness which dares to speak truth; for grace which unexpectedly arises in moments of life; for children's laughter and life. We offer our prayer of celebration and thanksgiving for all of your gifts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*[8:30] **HYMN**

"As the Deer"
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

No. 2025

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, may our faith redeem the blunder we make displacing the wonder taught by prophets with the thoughts of our minds. May our learning curb error that unthinking faith can breed. May our hearts cure us of justifying some terror with an antiquated personal creed. Only through your love and forgiveness Lord, will this be possible, which is our prayer, in and through Jesus' name. Amen.
[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We praise the source of faith, love and forgiveness, that one Source, Jesus Christ in whom is our forgiveness.

All: God of all wisdom and power grants those who turn to Him the joy of forgiveness and the peace of reconciliation.

[11:00] **PRESENTING BIBLES TO SECOND GRADERS**

[11:00] **KID'S CORNER**

Anne Linaberger

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith
with Darleen and Wayne Noah

[11:00] **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Rev. Alick Kennedy and Rev. Philip Bottomley

Opening Scripture

Questions to the Parents and the Congregation

Tom Merriman, Elder

*The Apostle's Creed [traditional]

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Prayer and Baptism

Congregational Blessing

Faithful God, we thank you for this sign and seal of our welcome into the household of faith, and our reminder of your promises to us and to our children. Today we welcome as Christ's own Emmet Durer Bottomley. We pray that through your Spirit he would grow strong in faith and love of God. We pray for Richard and Sharon that they continue to be given wisdom as their

family grows. Together with all the community, may they grow in wisdom and knowledge of Christ and in service to Him. Amen.

Welcome "Baptized in Water" [verse 3] No. 492

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 1:1-11 Page 194

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth" traditional
Kids of the Kingdom choirchimes

NEW TESTAMENT 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Page 211

SERMON "Off the Path" **Beth Arnold**

***HYMN** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (vs. 1-4) No. 408

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30] "We Gather Together" traditional
Kids of the Kingdom choirchimes

[11:00] "Followers of the Lamb" Shaker tune arr. Dietterich
Glen Wissner, solo; E E Phelps, tambourine

O brethren ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb! Sing on dance on, followers of Emmanuel.
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb! O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb! O
I'm glad I am a Christian, ye followers of the Lamb. O, I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the
Lamb!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

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!

***HYMN** "Live Into Hope" No. 332

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

*[11:00] **CHOIR RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" arr. Burkhardt

*All Who Are Able May Stand

If you have a joy or concern, a Stephen Minister is available to pray with you. At the 8:30a service Jo Shore; at the 11:00a service Jerry Ellis 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 please 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	Carol Lee, Kim Englert, Bill Held, Bud Walker
	11:00	Helen Hite, Dorothy Schuette, Dick Fisher, Barry Harris
ELDERS	8:30	Jean Eckert
	11:00	Judy Shifrin
USHERS	8:30	Shirley Prevost, Marian Brown, Pat Krotzer, Robyn McMillian
	11:00	Marlene Yoest, Gwen Spahr, Helen Traynor, Nancy Garver

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.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP please join us for Fellowship Time following the 11:00a service in Polley Fellowship Hall hosted by the Facilities Management Committee.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Bob Reckard in loving memory of Beverly. Flowers are also given by Lee and Ann Karayusuf in loving memory of Theresa Latta.

TODAY WE BAPTIZE Emmet Durer Bottomley, son of Richard and Sharon Bottomley who was born on June 5, 2008 in Woodbridge, VA. Tom and Lynn Merriman and Philip and Sylvia Bottomley are Emmet's grandparents.

BIBLES ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING 2ND GRADERS TODAY: Paige Loren Nootbaar, Connor James Greenleaf, Jacob Anthony Hollo, Ryan Michael Anderson, Samuel Chester Kowalski and Camryn Noelle Turner

WE WELCOME BETH ARNOLD TO THE PULPIT this morning as our Thankoffering speaker. Beth has her Masters from Ithaca College in Physical Therapy and is a third year seminary student at Pittsburgh Theological. She is currently working at Brookline Boulevard UPC as their seminary intern. She has been involved with the New Wilmington Mission Conference for more than 10 years. This past year she led their summer service trip to Malawi Africa.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING committee is still seeking suggestions for those who should be considered for Elder and Deacon. Please make all suggestions to Tom Mazula, Chair of the Committee.

LISTENING SESSIONS comments and notes are being compiled by the Team. A big 'thank you, Lord' for everyone's attendance and participation – it has been a blessing. The summary will be shared with the congregation as soon as possible.

FOURTEEN APPLE PIES ARE STILL NEEDED in support of Hosanna Industries fundraiser. If you would like to bake an apple pie please call Mary Lou English at 412-487-6619. The pies are 'due' in the church kitchen next Sunday, November 23rd. You may pick up a pie tin and box for your apple pie in the church kitchen.

COOKIES NEEDED:

On Wednesday night, November 26th, Ingomar Methodist Church will be joining Northmont in celebrating Thanksgiving Eve here at 7:30p. The Worship Committee is organizing the Fellowship Time after the Service and we need cookies for this event. If you would like to help provide cookies please contact Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522 (bettyfraley@hotmail.com) or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 (kkwissner@hotmail.com). Bring your cookies to the kitchen before Wednesday and mark for Thanksgiving Eve, or make arrangements to give them to Betty Fraley or Kathy Wissner, or they can be left in the kitchen that night.

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY AND CHURCH for Advent and Christmas Saturday, November 29th. The Worship and Music Committee invites everyone to attend. If you have always wanted to join in and help with this fun event, this is the time to do it. We will begin around 9:00a with a light breakfast and then start. We need tree decorators, ladder climbers, wreath hangers and wreath and bow fluffers. If you would like to help, please contact Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522 or bettyfraley@hotmail.com or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 or kkwissner@hotmail.com.

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THE CHRISTMAS ADVENT-URE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6TH AT 5:30P. The Christian Education Committee invites the congregation to attend. Please bring a place setting and a covered dish: A-G--Salad/Veggies; H-Q--Main Dish; R-Z--Dessert. The Committee will provide drinks, singing, and a great nativity craft for every family. In order to have enough materials for the craft, please use the tear-off to RSVP. Questions? Call Kim Englert at 412-965-7035.

Christmas Advent-ure Reservation Slip

Family Name _____ Number Attending _____

THE ANNUAL ANGEL TREE PARTY hosted by the Deacons will be held in December.

They are asking for gently used Christmas decorations to share with the families. Boxes will be at each entrance for your Christmas decoration donations. When you are baking Christmas cookies, could you please donate cookies to share with these families? Please bring your cookies to the kitchen the morning of Sunday, December 7th. We would like to be able to give each family a bag of homemade goodies to take home.

THE 2009 CHANCEL FLOWER CALENDAR is now posted in the upper hallway next to the Library. We accept up to three requests for arrangements per Sunday. With each arrangement, you have a choice of colors, type of flowers, and price. All requesters are contacted for the pertinent information prior to their chosen Sunday, and billed afterward. If you have always requested flowers for a special remembrance, please sign up as soon as possible.

MANDI'S DEPARTURE has left a yawning hole in the Christian Education program. The present Christian Education committee is short handed, yet must take up the slack. There is a strong need for help. The committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00p. Call Kim Englert at 412-366-2907 or Rev. Don Ewing at 412-364-0105 to offer your help. Can you think of anything much more critical than effective Christian Education? If the Lord is nudging you, don't hesitate. You will be received with open hands and glad hearts.

THIS MORNING'S ANTHEM, *Followers of the Lamb* is based on a Shaker tune and text from New Lebanon, New York, 1847. Originally the name "Shaker" came from the pejorative title "Shaking Quakers," because their rituals and music included trembling, dancing, shouting, shaking and singing. This piece sung this morning is no exception. As the music progresses, it takes on a more and more agitated or "shaking" character, until at last it is a veritable explosion of joy. Since instrumental music was not sanctioned by the Shakers until 1870, and this tune was written down in 1847, it is highly unlikely that the tambourine was used to accompany this piece. Today, however, we are taking the liberties to use it to add to the excitement of this music.

STEPHEN MINISTER Pat Frank will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 412-364-2063. 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: Tara Charles, Jeff Matthews, Patrick and Julie Huskey, Bernie Kersting, Kim and Christopher

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Mary Jane Kline, Cumberland Crossing #216, 9350 Babcock Blvd., Pgh., PA 15237
Shawn Russell, Health South Harmarville, PO Box 11460, Guys Run Road, Pgh., PA 15238

Marge Sbuscio, Passavant Hospital
Helen Milsom, Allegheny General Hospital
Huck Reel, Passavant Hospital

PIPER DEADLINE is December 5th for the January 2009 Piper! We need to hold to the deadline date in order to produce and mail the Piper in a timely manner. Email your article to the editor by *noon* on the 14th. (piper@northmontchurch.org)

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – Canned Fruit. All items are very much appreciated.

IN THE MILITARY – REMEMBER WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Walker, Shaun – Waiting for new address
Walker, Ann M., Loc # 181 Mcces, 29 Palms, CA 92278-8253
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
Gregory Archey, 223 Akulan #D, Fort Richardson, AK 99505-1325
Cory Marion, 655 W. Pain St., Unit 173, Peterson AFB, Colorado 80914-1703
MA3 Moreland, Patrick J., PSC 473 Box 15, FPO AP 96349 [Jan Moreland's son, Assistant Director of Northmont Child Development Center]

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS - 9:45a Sunday

Fellowship Hall

Analysis of the election with Bill Markus

NEXT WEEK: Paula Davis will speak about her mission trip to Peru.



Week of November 16, 2008

Sunday, November 16 *Matt. 23:13-24*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
12:30p Jr. High Boys - YL
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, November 17 *Luke 16:19-31*

10:00a Staff Meeting - Library
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, November 18 *Hab. 3:1-10*

8:15a NBC - FH
10:00a Northmont Homemakers - MR
5:00p Sr. High Boys - YL
7:00p Grief Support - BR
7:00p Deacons - Library
7:30p Session - FH

Wednesday, November 19 *Psalms 91*

7:30a Men's Bible Study - off site
9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Small Group Bible Study - Library
7:00p Youth Group - FH
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, November 20 *Mal. 2:1-16*

11:00a AARP - FH
7:00p Facilities Management Committee –
Library
7:00p Cub Scout Pack Meeting - FH

Friday, November 21 *James 5:7-12*

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

Saturday, November 22 *Psalms 100*

Sunday, November 23 *1 Peter 3:13-22*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
12:30p Jr. High Boys - YL
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
Organist and Director of Music: C. William Goff
Youth Director: Sean Kelly
Seminary Intern: Nadia Buzzelli Mullin
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: James Gable
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.