



**\*PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

O God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation. Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice and to life in his love. Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ, your Son, whose kingdom is with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

\*[8:30] **HYMN** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" No. 2146

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, grant that the people of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together by Jesus' gentle and loving rule. [Moment for silent prayer]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Jesus Christ is God's beloved son, our Lord and King.  
**All: In Jesus we have forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.**

**ANTHEM** [11:00] "Sarah and Abraham Had Many Children"  
Kuyimba Choir, Leslie Scheuer, director; Sue Swick, piano

[11:00] **KID'S CORNER** Kim Englert  
After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Kathy Wissner

**OLD TESTAMENT** Psalm 100 Page 552

**ANTHEM** "The Lord's Prayer"  
Latifu Onaje, tenor Malotte

**NEW TESTAMENT** John 4:31-38 Page 95

**SERMON** "Harvesting Thanksgivings" **Rev. Alick Kennedy**

\***APOSTLES' CREED** [traditional] **AND GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

\***HYMN** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 388

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**OUR TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** [8:30] "Blessed Assurance"  
Latifu Onaje, tenor arr. Beck

[11:00] "I Believe in Christ"

arr. Wilberg

I believe in Christ; he is my King! With all my heart to him I'll sing; I'll raise my voice in praise and joy, In grand amens my tongue employ. I believe in Christ; he is God's Son. On earth to dwell his soul did come. He healed the sick; the dead he raised. Good works were his; his name be praised. I believe in Christ my Lord, my God! My feet he plants on gospel sod. I'll worship him with all my might; He is the source of truth and light. I believe in Christ; he ransoms me. From Satan's grasp he sets me free, And I shall live with joy and love In his eternal courts above. I believe in Christ; he stands supreme! From him I'll gain my fondest dream; And while I strive through grief and pain, His voice is heard: "Ye shall obtain." I believe in Christ; so come what may, With him I'll stand in that great day When on this earth he comes again To rule among the sons of men.

### 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 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" No. 423

### \*CHARGE & BLESSING

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

**POSTLUDE** Postlude on *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* Walcha  
\*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 Betty Fraley; at the 11:00a service Diane Goff 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](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

GREETERS	8:30	Ed Scullion, Don Richards
	11:00	George Depee
ELDERS	8:30	Anne Linaberger
	11:00	Tom Mazula

USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
	11:00	Bill English (head usher), Jean McClymonds, Larry Wichterman, Tara Stoufflet
CANTOR	8:30	Anne Linaberger

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 Mission Ministry Committee.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of daughter Maureen on her birthday from her mom, Annette Curtis, and brother, Chuck. Chancel flowers are presented by the Caswell family as we give thanks for our "Northmont family."

THE ROSE ON THE COMMUNION TABLE is in honor of the birth of Gabrielle Jean Humenik, daughter of Jessica and Robert Humenik, born on September 30, 2008 at Allegheny General Hospital.

THEY SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION goes out to the family of Joan Albrecht upon her death. A Witness to the Resurrection service was held Thursday, November 20, 2008 here at Northmont.

WITH COMPASSION AND IN CHRIST'S PEACE we announce the death of Patrick Huskey, husband of Julie Kowlaski Huskey, on November 17, 2008. A Witness to the Resurrection service was held at Northmont this past Friday.

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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who baked pies in support of the Hosanna Industries fundraiser.

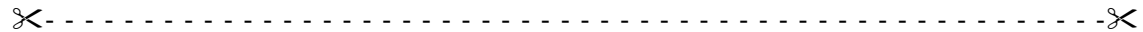
THE YOUTH WISH TO THANK EVERYONE for your support of their candle sale fundraiser. With your contributions of \$490 we are able to give scholarships to students who could not otherwise afford to participate in various youth activities.

COOKIES NEEDED:

On Wednesday night, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bettyfraley@hotmail.com)) or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 ([kkwissner@hotmail.com](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:bettyfraley@hotmail.com) or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 or [kkwissner@hotmail.com](mailto:kkwissner@hotmail.com).

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a in Polley Fellowship Hall. All women of Northmont are encouraged to come and bring your friends to this fun start of the Christmas Season. We'll have entertainment from the North Hills Music Club, delicious food, a basket auction and a time of great fellowship. Tickets are only \$8.00 and will be sold after church today and on November 30.



THE CHRISTMAS ADVENT-URE WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. We would like to be able to give each family a bag of homemade goodies to take home.

#### ADVENT EVENTS

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and 11:00a.

THE PITTSBURGH YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, (PYCO), under the direction of violinist Pablo Ardiles, will present a program of Christmas music in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00p. The program will include Leroy Anderson's *Christmas Festival* and excerpts from the *Nutcracker Suite*. It is free of charge, but there will be a free will offering to support their work.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA, featuring our Chancel Choir, soloists Dorothea Fisher, Latifu Onaje, Leslie Scheuer and Glen Wisner, organ, Peggy Meister and string players from the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a and 11:00a.

A SERVICE OF NARRATION AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC will be held on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30a and 11:00a. Narrations by our church staff, Chancel Choir, Northmont Belles, and at 11:00a, Kuyimba Choir and Kids of the Kingdom Choir will present a program retelling the glorious story of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be held at 4:30p and 9:00p. Notice the new time.

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.

THE SHAWN RUSSELL FUND has been established by the Session at the request of our Deacons. Shawn, son of John & Jean Russell, grandson of Ed & Patty Scullion lost the use of his legs in a 2-story fall last month. Obviously, this life changing accident has had a tremendous impact on Shawn and his wife and son (4 years old). "The Fund" will be a designated Fund under the direction of the Board of Deacons. Donors to the fund will not be identified to the family...Donation may be made any time and a special offering will be held on a Sunday closest to January 18." (From the Session action)

"CAROLS AROUND THE WORLD" WILL BE PRESENTED by the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale Dec. 7 at 4:00p at Ingomar United Methodist Church. Northmont is organizing a group to receive a discount rate of \$12 per adult. We must mail our order by Tuesday, Nov. 25, so sign up promptly by phoning Diane Goff at 412-366-6821. For details, visit [www.PCCsing.org](http://www.PCCsing.org).

STEPHEN MINISTER Jean Kennedy will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 724-935-6556. 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: Julie Huskey and family, Bernie Kersting, Hal McCartney, Betsy, Bob, Ed, Huck Reel

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Helen Miladin, Masonic Village at Sewickley, Room 329, 1000 Masonic Dr., Sewickley, PA 15143

Shawn Russell, Health South Harmarville, PO Box 11460, Guys Run Road, Pgh., PA 15238

Marge Sbuscio, Regency

Helen Milsom, Allegheny General Hospital

Carl Dorow, Passavant Hospital

Dick Spahr, 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 14<sup>th</sup>. ([piper@northmontchurch.org](mailto: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

Paula Davis will speak about her mission trip to Peru.



## Week of November 23, 2008

### **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

### **Monday, November 24** *Gal. 6:1-10*

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

### **Tuesday, November 25** *Zech. 11:4-17*

8:30a NBC - FH  
5:00p Sr. High Boys - YL  
6:30p Longvue Garden Club - FH

### **Wednesday, November 26** *Eph. 1:3-14*

7:30a Men's Bible Study - off site  
9:30a Knitters - MR  
6:15p Small Group Bible Study - Library  
6:30p Combined Choir Rehearsal - WR  
7:30p Thanksgiving Eve Service - Sanctuary

### **Thursday, November 27** *Luke 19:11-27*

Office Closed

### **Friday, November 28** *Rom. 15:7-13*

Office Closed

### **Saturday, November 29** *Psalm 125*

9:00a Decorate Sanctuary and Church

### **Sunday, November 30** *Isa. 1:1-9*

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](http://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](http://www.northmontchurch.org).*