



Northmont United Presbyterian Church

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

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

AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP: Holy God, on this first day of Advent we stand in awe of you again. Throughout the centuries, your people called for a king. You have heard us and in Jesus you have given us a king, a Lord and Savior. Again we celebrate that Jesus Christ, our King, has come and will come again. Make us ready as we anticipate your arrival. Open our hearts to receive you anew this Christmas season. Amen.

PRELUDE "Three Settings of *Savior of the Nations, Come!*
Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, J.S. Bach

[11:00] "There's A Song in the Air" arr. Hustad
Sue Swick, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Salvation is near!

All: It is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

One: The night is far gone,

All: Look, our God has come!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 9

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

[8:30] The Madill Family

[11:00] The Joos Family

SCRIPTURE

PRAYER OF CELEBRATION [Unison]

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSE

"A Stable Lamp Is Lighted"
[Found in the *Pew Racks*]

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. When we have experienced times of hurt, pain, and hardship we have blamed you, ignored you, and relied on our own strength. Forgive us for living for ourselves and apart from you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change us, renew us, and make us whole.
[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

[No Steps of Faith this week]

Nadia Mullin

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 [Page 540]

Val Maxson

ANTHEM

"My Tribute"
Sue Swick, piano

arr. Sprunger

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 64:1-9

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SERMON

"When God Breaks In"

Nadia Mullin

***APOSTLES' CREED** [traditional] **AND GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

***HYMN**

"Star-Child"
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

No. 2095

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30] "There's a Song in the Air" Hustad
Sue Swick, piano

[11:00] "Savior of the Nations, Come" Bridges

Savior of the nations, come; show yourself the virgin's son. Marvel, heaven, wonder earth,
That our God chose such a birth. No man's power of mind of blood But the Spirit of our
God Made the Word of God be flesh, Woman's offspring, pure and fresh. Here a maid was
found with child, Virgin pure and undefiled, In her virtues it was known God had made her
heart his throne. From the manger newborn light Sends a glory through the night, Night
can not this light subdue, Faith keeps springing ever new.

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** "People, Look East" No. 12

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" arr. Fedak
*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 Jean Stultz; at the 11:00a service Susan Holman 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	Dick Margerum
	11:00	Joe Acker, Tom Snaman
ELDERS	8:30	Betty Fraley
	11:00	Larry Wichterman
USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
USHERS	11:00	Bill English (head usher), 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.

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in by John and Jeanne Russell in loving memory of John and Arlene Russell.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bernie and Eleanor Dusenberry who celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on December 4th.

NADIA MULLIN has won The Alice Ziegler Theology and History Award and The McConkey Homiletics Award at the Mid-Year Awards Ceremony at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

WITH DEEPEST REGRET we note the passing of Rev. Dr. Robert Forsythe. Bob was a Parish Associate here for many years and loved by all in the church and community. His deep faith, jovial attitude and commitment to community ministry were well known and greatly appreciated. A Witness to the Resurrection worship service will be held at Northmont on Monday at 11:00a. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors with their God."

EXPRESSIONS of sympathy are extended to Lin Ewing and her family at the passing of her mother, Helen Stubbs. Dr. Ewing is conducting the memorial service for his mother-in-law in Philadelphia this weekend.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION goes out to the family of John Schellman who died on Sunday, November 23rd. His Service of Resurrection will be held in Florida.

JOSEPH GAMMA died on Tuesday, November 25th in Malawi. Joseph was the Clerk of Session at Mangochi Church where we established our partnership.

THANKS TO THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE, (Betty Fraley and Kathy Wissner, chairs) and all those who helped with the beautiful Christmas decorations in the sanctuary.

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 _____

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THIS YEAR'S PW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be on Friday, December 5th 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.

ADVENT EVENTS

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated on Sunday, December 7th 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 7th 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 Wissner, organ, Peggy Meister and string players from the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra will be held on Sunday, December 14th at 8:30a and 11:00a.

A SERVICE OF NARRATION AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC will be held on Sunday, December 21st 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.

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 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...Donations may be made any time and a special offering will be held on a Sunday closest to January 18." (From the Session action)

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday morning, January 24 in the Malawi Room.

There will not be a particular focus book this time around. Everyone will have the chance to give a short report on their chosen book. We will choose one particular book again after the holidays. 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 Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522 or bettyfraley@hotmail.com.

HELP SUPPORT NORTH HILLS COMMUNITY OUTREACH by taking a tag from the Sharing Holiday Warmth wreaths hanging in the church hallways. Your donation assists families in need with their utility and grocery bills, allowing them to budget some funds for gifts for their children and loved ones. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS *Wake Up To Joy* are available in the Narthex for the congregation to pick up today after worship.

SPECIAL THANKS to George Pearsall for the music engraving of the pew copies of "A Stable Lamp is Lighted."

STEPHEN MINISTER Alick Kennedy will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him 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: Shawn Russell, John and Jeanne Russell, Sissy, Lisa, Henry, Marlene Forsythe, Bernie Kersting, Julie Huskey

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Helen Miller, Masonic Village at Sewickley, Room 224A, 1000 Masonic Drive,
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

Marlene Forsythe, Allegheny General 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 – Baking Products. 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



Week of November 30, 2008

Sunday, November 30 *Isa. 1:10-20*

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

Monday, December 1 *Mark 1:1-8*

9:30a PW Board Meeting - MR
7:00p Christian Education Committee - BSR
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, December 2 *1 Thess. 2:1-12*

8:30a NBC - FH
5:00p Sr. High Boys - YL
7:00p Worship Committee - WR
7:30p Mission Committee - MR

Wednesday, December 3 *Psalm 17*

7:30a Men's Bible Study - off site
9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Small Group Bible Study - MR
6:15p Kids of the Kingdom - FH
7:00p CDPC Board Meeting - Library
7:00p Youth Group - FH
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, December 4 *Psalm 17*

Friday, December 5 *Psalm 16*

11:30a PW Christmas Luncheon - FH
3:45p Belles - WR

Saturday, December 6 *Isa. 4:2-6*

5:30p Christmas Advent-ure

Sunday, December 7 *2 Peter 3:11-18*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
12:30p Jr. High Boys - YL
4:00p Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra -
Sanctuary
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 Associate: Rev. Alick Kennedy
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.