



Northmont United Presbyterian Church

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

WORSHIP SERVICE **Sunday, December 14, 2008** **8:30 & 11:00a**

AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP: Read Isaiah 61.1-4 as this is Jesus' 'job description' and also ours as disciples of the Christ at Christmas.

PRELUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Pachelbel
arr. Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For the Lord, loves justice and hates iniquity.

All: In faithfulness God makes an everlasting covenant with His people.

One: All who see will acknowledge that God's covenant people are blessed by the Lord.

All: Let us delight in the Lord;

One: Let us rejoice in our God;

All: That the Lord's righteousness and praise will spring up before all nations.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

No. 49

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

[8:30] Simon Family

[11:00] Youth Group

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:1-3

PRAYER OF CELEBRATION [Unison]

As winter approaches the days grow long, O Lord; but then as we draw closer to Jesus' birth, your light shines brighter each day. We long for the good news of Jesus' birth; for the hope that it brings and the joy it pours into our hearts. We long to shake off the weariness of the year and clothe ourselves in the peace and love of Jesus' birth. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSE

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

Hurd

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess...

Those moments when You are farthest from our thoughts;
The times when haste made waste of personal relationships;
When anxiety caused angry words to be spoken;
When we believe and share rumors;
The times another's mistakes were greeted with glee rather than forgiveness.
For Lord you have forgiven us and placed in our hands that same gift – to
forgive others, to heal relationships, to bless your people.
[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The grace of the Lord, be with you.

**All: And also with you as in Christ you and I are forgiven and blessed
with new life.**

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

Nadia Mullin

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Sarah Jane Beorn

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song

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NEW TESTAMENT

Romans 16:25-27

Paul's Charge and Blessing

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MEDITATION

"Good News"

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY

"Fum, Fum, Fum!"
[Catalonian Carol]

arr. Lind

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** "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 36

"A Christmas Cantata" Arcangelo Corelli
(see bulletin insert for text)

The Northmont Chancel Choir, Dorothea Fisher, Leslie Scheuer, Latifu Onaje, Glen Wissner, soloists; Peggy Meister, organ; Pablo Ardiles, Maria Mauti, Marko Hudak, Alexa Little, violins; Michaela Valenta, 'cello.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 23

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" arr. Kerr

*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 Peggy Meister at the 11:00a service Nancy Garver 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	Dave Meister, Roy Anderson
	11:00	Harry Rittenour, Chuck McClure
USHERS	8:30	Hayes Stover (head usher), Roy Anderson, Bruce Sardon, Richard Sutter
	11:00	Bill English, Christy Wenger, Lisa Behm, Jeff Morris

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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Peggy and Dave Meister in memory of loved ones.

THIS MORNING WE WISH to thank the Northmont Chancel Choir, soloists, instrumentalists from Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra, and organist Peggy Meister for their contribution to this morning's Christmas Cantata. May it be offered up in praise and glory to the Newborn Child of Bethlehem.

A SERVICE OF NARRATION AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC in Praise of our Savior's Birth will be held next Sunday, December 21st at 8:30a and 11:00a. Narrations by our church staff, music by the Chancel Choir, Latifu Onaje, tenor, 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 4:30p service will include Kids of the Kingdom choirmembers, soloists Leah Boccardi, Anne Linaberger and flutist Jeannie Schott. The 9:00p service will include the Northmont Chancel Choir, soloists Dorothea Fisher, Leslie Scheuer, and Glen Wissner and the Northmont Belles. Both services will conclude with candlelight.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, please note that there will be only *one service* at 10:00a this day.

THE TRIANGLES' dinner will be held at Northmont on December 19th at 6:00p. The proceeds from the annual auction will be donated to the North Hills Outreach. Hope to see you there.

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!

MEALS ON WHEELS DESSERTS are needed for the month of January. If you would be willing to bake something for one Sunday in January, please fill out the tear-off and place it in the offering plate or church office. Gwen Spahr will contact you as to what Sunday would be convenient for you to make your contribution.

Name _____ Phone _____

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THE DEACONS extend a very sincere Thank You to all of the members of our congregation who so graciously donated to the Angel Tree Party. Each and every wish tag from the tree was filled and the number of donated decorations was more than sufficient. The congregation should be pleased with the support! Because of your support, the Angel Tree Party was once again a success, and each family was eternally grateful for your acts of selflessness. Thank you and God Bless each of you throughout this holiday season!

STEPHEN MINISTER Jerry Ellis will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him 412-366-7505. 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, Patty Scullion, Randy Stowe, Marlene Forsythe, Julie Huskey, Bernie Kersting, Helen Robbins

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Becky Peters, 112 Lillian Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042
Marge Sbuscio, Regency
Helen Milsom, St. John's Specialty Care, Mars
Carl Dorow, Wexford House
Huck Reel, Passavant Hospital
Burckhard Flemming, Passavant Hospital

PIPER DEADLINE is January 9th for the February 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)

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]

ALL BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS for the December 28th and January 4th bulletins are due in the church office before December 18th.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the North Allegheny High School band chosen to perform in the Inauguration Parade on January 21. Four Northmont youth will be going: Doug Fraley, EE Phelps (One of the Field Conductors), Allison Reckless and Maria Sartori.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS - 9:45a Sunday

Fellowship Hall

Bill Markus will speak about Kazakhstan, Kyrgistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Tukmenistan.



Week of December 14, 2008

Sunday, December 14 Heb. 12:18-29

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

Monday, December 15 Luke 22:39-53

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, December 16 2 Peter 1:12-21

8:30a NBC - FH
5:00p Sr. High Boys - YL
7:00p Deacons - Library
7:30p Session - FH

Wednesday, December 17 Mark 1:1-8

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

Thursday, December 18 Matt. 3:1-12

6:30p Cub Den Meetings - FH, MR
7:00p Facilities Management Committee -
Library

Friday, December 19 Psalm 94

3:45p Belles - WR
6:00p Triangles - FH

Saturday, December 20 Psalm 94

9:30a Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21 Eph. 6:10-20

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 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.