



## Northmont United Presbyterian Church

8169 Perry Highway Pittsburgh, PA 15237 [www.northmontchurch.org](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

**WORSHIP SERVICE**      **Sunday, December 21, 2008**      **8:30 & 11:00a**

**AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP:** Read Luke 1.47-55 as Mary speaks of her joy and of the power of the Lord to bring salvation to God's people.

### PRELUDE

"Noel Fanfares"  
"Toccata on *God Rest Ye Merry*"  
"Once in Royal David's City"

Callahan  
arr. Fedak  
arr. Wold

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us rejoice on this day of joy, for Christ is coming into our lives;

**All: Christ is ready to lead us in ways of love, peace and grace.**

One: So let us come to God this morning with arms outstretched;

**All: Let us receive God's promises, blessings and love.**

#### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

No. 31

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

[8:30] Choir

[11:00] The Hollo Family

SCRIPTURE: John 3:16-17

#### PRAYER OF CELEBRATION [Unison]

Eternal and all powerful God, we thank you for the covenant of love that binds us together. Even when we lose hope and turn away from you, you reach out to



**THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN WORD AND SONG**

The Northmont Chancel Choir, Latifu Onaje, tenor, The Northmont Belles, Kids of the Kingdom and Kuyimba Choirs. [See insert for text of anthems]  
It is requested that there be no applause.

Narration		Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing
Anthem	"Deo Gloria"	Bacon
Narration		Nadia Mullin
Anthem	"Christ is Born," "Star Bright" Chancel Choir, Kuyimba Choir and Kids of the Kingdom Choir, Handbells: Diane Goff, Paula Davis and Judy Ehrhardt	Bedford
Narration		Nadia Mullin
Anthem	"In Silent Night"	Southall
Narration		Nadia Mullin
Anthem	"Mary's Little Boy Child" Latifu Onaje, tenor	Hairston
Narration		Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing
Anthem	"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" [West Indies Carol] Sue Swick, accompanist	arr. Ehret
Narration		Nadia Mullin
Anthem	"Christ is Born!"	Gastoldi/Hopson
Narration		Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing
Anthem	"Ding Dong Merrily on High" The Northmont Belles	arr. Gramann
<b>*RECESSIONAL HYMN</b>	"Joy to the World!"	No. 40
<b>*CHARGE &amp; BLESSING</b>		
<b><u>POSTLUDE</u></b>	"Toccata on Joy to the World!"	Bedford

\*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 Pat Frank at the 11:00a service Gwen Spahr 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	Don Tanner, Wayde Zeitler
	11:00	Barry Harris, Alick Kennedy
USHERS	8:30	Hayes Stover (head usher), Roy Anderson, Bruce Sardon, Richard Sutter
	11:00	Bill English, Christy Wenger, Brian English, 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.

WE WISH TO THANK the narrators, the Northmont Chancel Choir, the Northmont Belles, soloists and instrumentalists in these services this morning. May all of the music be dedicated to the glory of the newborn Child in Bethlehem.

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of Daniella McClinchie's first birthday from her grandparents, Pat and Dick Krotzer.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jack and Nancy Holland who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary yesterday.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP will be celebrated at 4:30p and 9:00p. The 4:30p worship will include the Story of Jesus' Birth, carol singing, Kids of the Kingdom choir chimes, soloists and instrumentalists. The 9:00p worship retelling the Christmas Story, carols, the Chancel Choir, soloists and Northmont Belles. Both services conclude in candlelight with the singing of Silent Night.

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

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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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](mailto: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!

STEPHEN MINISTER Helen Traynor will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 412-364-2287. 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, Terry and Grace

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Mary Lou Platts, 1140 Nineteen North Drive, 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

SEAN KELLY AND THE YOUTH COMMITTEE wish you a safe and Merry Christmas. Youth Group will begin again on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

PIPER DEADLINE is January 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>. ([piper@northmontchurch.org](mailto:piper@northmontchurch.org))

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

### Week of December 21, 2008

**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

**Monday, December 22** *John 5:30-47*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

**Tuesday, December 23** *Isa. 28:9-22*

8:30a NBC - FH  
6:30p Longvue Garden Club - FH

**Wednesday, December 24** *Phil. 2:5-11*

Office Closed  
4:30p Worship  
9:00p Worship

**Thursday, December 25** *Zech. 2:10-13*

Office Closed

**Friday, December 26** *Acts 6:1-7*

Office Closed

**Saturday, December 27** *Prov. 8:22-30*

**Sunday, December 28** *Psalms 2*

10:00a Worship  
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 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](http://www.northmontchurch.org).*