



Northmont United Presbyterian Church

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

WORSHIP SERVICE **Sunday, December 28, 2008** **10:00a**

AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP: Read again the Birth Story from Matthew, chapter 2 and pray that all the joy, peace and love of His birth would transform you and the world.

PRELUDE

"What Child is This?"
"Away in a Manger"
Glen Wissner, organ

arr. Manz
arr. Held

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The songs of the angels are stilled;

All: The star in the sky is gone;

One: The kings and princes have gone home;

All: The shepherds are back with their flocks;

One: The work of Christmas begins:

All: To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry;

One: To release the prisoner, to rebuild the nation; to bring peace to the earth.

**All: Let us set our hands and hearts to this work as we worship the
Christ who has come and is here.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 41

PRAYER OF CELEBRATION

God of light and presence, the old song of our spirit has wearied itself out, bringing no added joy to our days. We yearn to sing the new song, fashion new words for this new day. We lift our voices to God and we shall rejoice in our God who has come and is here in Jesus Christ. Our spirits delight in the fresh unfolding of Your new day brought in the birth of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and hope, into the challenges of our anguish these days, empower us to throw all the strength of our hope in You. Over the times of despair enable us to throw the treasure of our faith. Into the burdens of our hearts enable us to inject the love of life and the grace of sweet forgiveness. Fill the empty vessels of our life with Your hope and glory. In Jesus' name. Amen. [Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"More Like You"
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

No. 2167

KID'S CORNER

Kim Englert

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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ANTHEM

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"
Text: The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 44

arr. Vaughan Williams

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 2:22-40

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SERMON

"Trying To Keep Up"

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

***HYMN**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 38

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY

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**

"Joy to the World!"

No. 40

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!

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

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, Carl Dorow

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Elsie Schopper, The Manor, Room 327, 4842 Rt. 8, Allison Park, PA 15101
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042
Marge Sbuscio, Regency
Helen Milsom, St. John's Specialty Care, Mars
Huck Reel, Passavant Hospital

Week of December 28, 2008

Sunday, December 28 *Psalm 2*

10:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, December 29 *Rev. 1:1-8*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH
Office Closed

Tuesday, December 30 *Isa. 25:1-9*

Office Closed
8:30a NBC - FH

Wednesday, December 31 *John 8:12-19*

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1 *Psalm 8*

Office Closed

Friday, January 2 *Eph. 4:1-16*

Saturday, January 3 *John 6:15-27*

Sunday, January 4 *Psalm 93*

8:30a Worship
9:30a Sunday School
11:00a Worship
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.