



## Northmont United Presbyterian Church

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

**WORSHIP SERVICE                      Sunday, January 4, 2009                      8:30 & 11:00a**

**AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP:** Read Psalm 147. One of the 'Hallelujah Psalms' this is a collection of three poems that speaks of the paradoxical way God deals with His creation.

### **PRELUDE**

"Two Settings of *The Three Kings*"  
"What is this Lovely Fragrance?"

Young, Held  
arr. Manz

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord has revealed His son to the nations by the leading of a star.

**All: Lead us, Lord, by faith to know your presence in our lives.**

One: Through Jesus Christ will we be brought to the full vision of Your glory.

**All: The Lord lives and reigns with God and the Holy Spirit now and forever.**

#### **\*HYMN**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

No. 66

#### **\*PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

Patient God, the New Year has begun. Gather us from the year passed where the storms of time have scattered us, many activities have wearied us and fear has spooked us into a hundred hiding places. We seek from You not days and years, not infinity and enormity, but awareness that You are in what we are, that You are presence to us here and now. And we seek not new time, but new eye, new heart and You. Amen.

\*[8:30] **HYMN** "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" No. 67

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of steadfast love, the old year lays behind us and the new year before us. In these new days we would be holy people. By Your Spirit wash from us the sin, the weariness, the fear of days gone by. By Your Spirit cleanse and renew us so that we may honor and serve You well, all in Jesus' name. [Moment for silent prayer]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** "Change My Heart, O God" No. 2152  
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

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

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 31:7-14 Page 734

**ANTHEM** "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" Niles  
Glen Wissner, baritone

**NEW TESTAMENT** John 1:1-18 Page 91

**SERMON** "Dare We Hope For New Beginnings?" Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS – PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** [8:30] "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Macgimsey  
Glen Wissner, baritone  
[11:00] "Christmas Song" Williams  
Text: The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 53

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer  
Distribution of the Bread & Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\***HYMN** "Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love" No. 62

\***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice”

arr. Held

\*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 Jan Baty at the 11:00a service Larry Wichterman 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)

ELDER		Kip Campbell
USHERS	8:30	Terry Fahrney (head usher), Larry Frye, John Sebastian, Bryan Frye
	11:00	Jack Swick (head usher), Ron McClymonds, Ken or Marlene Yoest, Carolyn Perry

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 Mary Ellen Scott in loving memory of her husband, Harold.

MARLENE FORSYTHE and family wish to thank the congregation for the cards, messages and prayers following her husband’s passing and during her recovery.

CHILDREN WHO ARE BAPTIZED and are being nurtured in the Christian faith are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

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).

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following the 11:00a worship on Sunday, January 25, 2009.

THE DEACONS WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU that next Sunday they will be collecting items to send to our military personnel. Please bring your items to church and deposit them in the boxes located at the tower entrance or in the Library.

THE MILITARY LIST will be available on the bulletin board outside the Associate Pastor's office beginning in February.

STEPHEN MINISTER Cathy Koehler will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 412-366-9930. If you need extra caring support from a Stephen Minister contact Nancy Garver at 724-935-2194.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE THAT CANNOT ATTEND CHURCH, but would like to receive communion, please contact Nancy Garver at 724-935-2194 and she will arrange for a Stephen Minister to take communion to them.

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, Kaly, Mary Ann

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Frank Schwarz, Passavant Retirement Community, 419 S. Main S., Apt. 163,  
Zelienople, PA  
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042  
Marge Sbuscio, Regency  
Helen Milsom, St. John's Specialty Care, Mars  
Huck Reel, Passavant Hospital  
Warren Johnson, Passavant Hospital

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*. ([piper@northmontchurch.org](mailto:piper@northmontchurch.org))

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

*ADULT OPPORTUNITIES*

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS - 9:45a Sunday

Fellowship Hall

**Week of January 4, 2009**

**Sunday, January 4** *Psalm 93*

8:30a Worship  
9:30a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship  
6:30p AA - FH

**Monday, January 5** *Jonah 2:2-9*

9:30a PW Board Meeting - MR  
10:00a Staff Meeting - Library  
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH  
7:00p Christian Education Committee - BSR

**Tuesday, January 6** *Rev. 21:22-27*

8:30a NBC - FH  
7:00p Worship Committee - WR  
7:00p Special Session Meeting - Berean Room  
7:30p Mission Committee - MR

**Wednesday, January 7** *Deut. 8:1-3*

7:30a Men's Bible Study - off-site  
9:30a Knitters - MR  
6:15p Bible Study - BR  
7:00p CDPC - Library  
7:30p Choir - WR

**Thursday, January 8** *John 7:37-52*

6:30p Cub Den Meetings - FH  
7:00p Stewardship & Finance - Library

**Friday, January 9** *Isa. 45:14-19*

No Belles  
Piper Deadline

**Saturday, January 10** *Jer. 23:1-8*

**Sunday, January 11** *Psalm 46*

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