



Northmont United Presbyterian Church

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

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

AS YOU ENTER WORSHIP: You are encouraged to read today's scriptures and pray about God's Word to you in this moment.

PRELUDE

	"Be Thou My Vision"	arr. Manz
	"Pastorale"	arr. Manz
[11:00]	"Give Thanks"	H. Smith
	Amanda Joos, flute	

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad;

All: For God has come to be with God's people!

One: God's presence is a sign of divine love for us and all people.

All: God's presence is a sign of God's commitment to all of creation.

One: We have nothing to fear, for God is with us.

All: We can live, love and worship with heart and mind and soul.

*HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 488

*PRAYER OF CELEBRATION

God of Creation, our joy abounds for your gift to us of Jesus. Entering our world Jesus has broken down the walls that separate us from You, and has brought about reconciliation. We pray that our lives might reflect that truth in our relationships with others, which are guided and bounded by love and forgiveness.

We pray our lives would be filled with hope which looks for and locates that which is good and faithful and kind. All in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*[8:30] **HYMN** "In All Our Grief" No. 2144
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are not sure about these prayers of confession. Sometimes they remind us of people we have hurt, or situations in which we have acted selfishly, carelessly or shamefully. We know that in your forgiveness we find healing and life, which is what we pray we would experience and know in this moment. Forgive by wiping from our hearts the sin and instilling in us your peace and joy.
[Moment for silent prayer]

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

[11:00] **KID'S CORNER** Amy Phelps
After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Amy and Emma Phelps

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:1-5 Page 1

ANTHEM "As the Deer"
Amanda Joos, flute

NEW TESTAMENT Mark 1:4-11 Page 34

SERMON "A Striking Resemblance" **Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing**

***HYMN** "Out of the Deep, Unordered Water" No. 494

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30] "Give Thanks" H. Smith
Amnda Joos, Flute

[11:00] "The Shepherd's Psalm" arr. Carter
Text: Psalm 23

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** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" No. 538

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" arr. Spong

*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 Tom Englert at the 11:00a service George Depee 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	Bill Held, Dave Meister
	11:00	Jim Dickson, Barry Harris
ELDERS	8:30	Joanne Zaletsky
	11:00	Tom Mazula
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.

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

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Glen and Kathy Wissner in honor of their daughter Jennifer Slavicek's birthday.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION goes out to the family of Carl Eschrich who died on Sunday, January 4th. His Service of Resurrection was held on Wednesday. Also to Ginny Reel on the death of her husband Huck, who died on Monday; and to Christine and David Cherup in the death of David's mother.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM will resume on January 14th at 6:15p and Northmont Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, January 14th at 7:30p.

NORTHMONT BELLES will rehearse on January 16th at 3:45p.

16 DOZEN HOMEMADE COOKIES ARE NEEDED on January 22nd for the Presbytery Amendment Review Committee Meeting hosted by Northmont. Please contact Mary Lou English at 412-487-6619 if you are willing to donate cookies.

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.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following the 11:00a worship on Sunday, January 25, 2009. The Agenda for the meeting includes: proposed ByLaw changes to Article 15 regarding the composition of the Congregational Nominating Committee; changes in Article 13 permitting Deacons to serve two consecutive terms; election of Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2012; election of Corporate Officers; report of the Finance and Stewardship Committee and other business properly coming before the body. Copies of the proposed ByLaw changes are in the Narthex.

STEPHEN MINISTER Jean Stultz will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her 412-364-7217. 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, Emily Lewis, Robin Peffer

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Rufus Wysor, Cumberland Crossing, Room 206, 9350 Babcock Blvd., Pgh., PA 15237
Shawn Russell, 581 Jackson Blvd., Freedom, PA 15042
Marge Sbuscio, Regency
Helen Milsom, St. John's Specialty Care, Mars
Warren Johnson, Wexford House
Nancy Melcher, Passavant Hospital
Jack Ehrhardt, Passavant Hospital
Betty Lawrie, Passavant Hospital

THE MILITARY LIST is available on the bulletin board outside the Associate Pastor's office.

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

PIPER DEADLINE is February 13 for the March 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)

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:45a Sunday
Christian Education leads the second week of a 4 week series.

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS - 9:45a Sunday

Fellowship Hall



Week of January 11, 2009

Sunday, January 11 *Psalm 46*

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

Monday, January 12 *John 15:1-16*

10:00a Staff Meeting - Library
6:30p Youth Committee - YL
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, January 13 *John 1:29-34*

8:30a NBC - FH
9:30a Sarah Circle - MR
7:30p Esther Circle - MR
7:30p Boy Scout Committee Mtg. - FH

Wednesday, January 14 *John 1:1-18*

8:00a Men's Bible Study - off site
9:30a Knitters - MR
6:15p Kids of the Kingdom - FH & MR
7:00p Youth Group - FH
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, January 15 *Psalm 102, 133*

11:00a AARP - FH
7:00p Facilities Management - Library

Friday, January 16 *Gen. 4:1-16*

3:45p Belles - WR
9:30p Project Linus - MR

Saturday, January 17 *Heb. 3:1-11*

Sunday, January 18 *Gen. 6:1-8*

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.