



WORSHIP SERVICE **Sunday, May 24, 2009** **10:00a**

Prayer before worship: Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G Major"
"Recit de Nazard"

Mendelssohn
Clerambault

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

One: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name! Great is your love!

***HYMN** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 267

***PRAYER OF CELEBRATION**

Almighty God, your blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one. Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" [vs. 4] No. 267

***HYMN** "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" No. 2051
[Found in *Sing the Faith*]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of Grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.
[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON "We are Forgiven" Hopson

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KID'S CORNER

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing

Opening Scripture

Questions to the Parents and the Congregation

Larry Anderson

*The Apostle's Creed [traditional]

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Prayer and Baptism

Congregational Blessing

Faithful God, we thank you for this sign and seal of our welcome into the household of faith, and our reminder of your promises to us and to our children. Today we welcome as Christ's own Benjamin Lewis Fisher. We pray that through your Spirit he would grow strong in faith and love of God. We pray for Thomas and Jenna that they continue to be given wisdom as their family grows. Together with all the community, may they grow in wisdom and knowledge of Christ and in service to Him. Amen.

Welcome

"Baptized in Water" [verse 3]

No. 492

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 1

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ANTHEM

"The Shepherd Psalm"

arr. Carter

Text: Psalm 23

NEW TESTAMENT

John 17:6-19

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SERMON

"What Are You Praying For?"

Nadia Mullin

***HYMN**

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

No. 2146

Found in *Sing the Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY

"Improvisation on the tune *Lattimer*"

Callihan

***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**

"I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me"

No. 369

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

"Caprice Sur Les Grands Jeux"

Clerambault

*All Who Are Able May Stand

*If you have a joy or concern, a Stephen Minister is available to pray with you.
George Depee will be in the front of the sanctuary after the service.*

LECTIONARY READINGS: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; I John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19

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 and check out our website: www.northmontchurch.org

GREETERS Ed Scullion, Bill Held
ELDER Larry Anderson

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.

TODAY IS NADIA MULLIN'S LAST DAY WITH US and we celebrate her graduation. Join us for a reception in her honor after worship in Fellowship Hall hosted by the Christian Education and Youth Committees.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Marge and John Hammer in loving memory of Edna, John and Jack Clark. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Clyde and Bertha Krotzer by the Krotzer family.

WE WELCOME Benjamin Lewis Fisher, to the family of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this morning. Benjamin's parents are Thomas and Jenna Fisher. Sallie Fisher is his grandmother.

THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE is asking you celebrate Meatless Mondays during the month of May. Prepare a meatless dinner every Monday and send the money you save to the church to help shore up the 2009 budget. It is a little "sacrifice" we can make that will help the life of the church while not impacting our personal budgets. And if you say a special prayer before digging in you just might feel yourself getting a little closer to God.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS TODAY. Take advantage of the reduced cost by registering your child/children today, May 24th. See enclosed insert or bulletin board outside Kelly's office in the main hallway for registration form and information.

THE OFFICE will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th.

DR. EWING will be out-of-town from Friday, May 29th to Monday to attend a family event in Indiana. Rev. Alick Kennedy will be preaching on the 31st.

ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY will be held this Saturday, May 30 at 8:00a rain or shine. Food will be provided for early risers. Please bring your favorite lawn and garden tools, work gloves, and old clothes. Heavy duty trash bags, portable vacuum cleaners, buckets, sponges, cleaning products, paper towels, rags, etc. would all be appreciated.

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31. Our Pentecost band will practice in the sanctuary at 9:00a and band members are asked to bring a music stand so that we will have enough for the service. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit!

THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE will meet immediately following the worship service in the Berean Room on Sunday, May 31.

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TAKE NORTHMONT OUT TO THE BALL GAME on Sunday, June 14th. At 1:35p the Pirates will be taking on the Tigers. Sunday home games are 'Kids Days' and there are pre-game activities for children. After the game kids are invited to run the bases! We will be leaving at 11:30a (after worship) to allow time to enjoy the pre-game activities. Transportation to and from the game will be provided by families. Tickets will be \$16. Please RSVP with Kelly LeVasseur kelly@northmontchurch.org) or return the sign-up below to the church office by next Sunday, May 31st.

Name: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

of tickets: _____ X \$16 = _____ Total (Checks payable to Northmont Church)

Would you like to carpool? _____ If yes, how many extra seats? _____

WE ARE TAKING REQUESTS FOR HYMN FAVORITES during the summer months. If you have a favorite hymn(s) in either the Presbyterian Hymnal or Sing the Faith, please fill out the form below place in the offering plate, and we will use it (them) at an upcoming service.

Name _____ I really, REALLY, **REALLY** want
to sing _____
_____ this summer!

✂ _____

'IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT'.

Starting June 1, from 6:30p – 7:30p, and meeting every other Monday, Kelly LeVasseur will be leading a book study on John Ortberg's book, 'If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat'. This book encourages believers to step out of their comfort zones to experience a deeper trust in God. Everyone is invited to take part in this study. Babysitting will be provided. Please contact Kelly (kelly@northmontchurch.org) if you would like to join in, have any questions, or need babysitting. Books can be purchased on-line or at Family Christian Bookstores. Some copies will be available in the Library.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday, May 30 in the Malawi Room. The focus book is Keeping Faith by Jodi Picoult. Join us for fellowship 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@gmail.com.

THANKS TO OUR PARTNERSHIP workers who attended and helped last Sunday. A grape arbor was constructed and several gardens were cleaned and mulched. The fellowship around the lunch table was great. KDKA was there, too.

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

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

STEPHEN MINISTER Pat Frank will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 412-364-2063. 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: Nancy Moore, Dot Babicka

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

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - 9:00a Sunday

Malawi Room

Week of May 24, 2009

Sunday, May 24 *Eph. 2:1-10*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a Worship
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, May 25 *Heb. 6:1-12*

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26 *Luke 10:1-17*

6:30p Longvue Garden Club - FH

Wednesday, May 27 *Heb. 7:1-17*

9:30a Knitters - MR
7:00p CDPC - Sanctuary

Thursday, May 28 *Ps. 68, 113*

Friday, May 29 *Heb. 8:1-13*

Saturday, May 30 *Ezek. 43:1-12*

8:00a Clean-Up Day
9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

Sunday, May 31 *Isa. 11:1-9*

9:00a Adult Bible Study - MR
10:00a 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



DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

YOUR DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE is moving forward in the process of choosing our next pastor. We've promised to be as public about the process as we can and to answer any questions you may have. Here are two questions we've received:

How many resumes have you reviewed so far? We actually haven't reviewed any resumes yet, but we expect to get to that point in the process within the next month or so. As a reminder, these resumes will be from candidates who are recommended to us by the Pittsburgh Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. They will be pre-screened and matched to us in terms of our needs and the candidate's experience and skills. This should help the interview process go more quickly.

Why is the process taking so long? The previous Pastor Nominating Committee already did a lot of the ground work. The PNC did a thorough job of surveying the congregation and creating our Church Information Form (CIF), which is kind of like Northmont's resume. We are taking the time to review their research and make changes to the CIF, discussing and incorporating what we heard from you in last fall's listening sessions and in other forums. Despite everyone's wish that we quickly choose a new pastor and move on, the process can't be rushed. We're being deliberate about listening to you while making sure we're reflective of everything that's happened in the past year.

Your Designated Pastor Nominating Committee: Nancy Garver, chair (nancylgarver@aol.com, 724-935-2194), Jim Dickson (412-364-6244), Betty Harris (bwharris56@hotmail.com, 412-367-3586), Lee Karayusuf (karayusuf@comcast.net, 412-364-8929), Anne Linaberger (alinaberger1@comcast.net, 412-364-2547), Dave Sartori (desartori@comcast.net, 412-367-7106), Daryl Scott (dds@jqcq.com, 412-635-8873).

ELDERS

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Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

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Jennifer Irvin
Lee Karayusuf
Jeff Morris

DEACONS

Carol Concelman
Pat Krotzer
Bill McGaffick
Darleen Noah
Helen Traynor
Tim Zeitler

Jason Cooper
Kim Englert
Rhonda Horton
Carolyn Perry
Scott Reckless
Glen Wissner

Sarah Gable
Kevin Greenleaf
Lori Holloway
Jeanne Russell
Ken Yoest
Marlene Yoest

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Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Ewing
Organist and Director of Music: C. William Goff
Director of Family Ministry: Kellyn LeVasseur
Youth Director: Sean Kelly
Seminary Intern: Nadia Buzzelli Mullin
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Polley
Parish Associates: Rev. Alick Kennedy and Rev. Doyle Snyder
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 the PCUSA
Northmont Child Development and Preschool Center
Director: Margot Plant

Current announcements, bulletins, Piper monthly newsletters, church group information, and the up-to-date church calendar can be found online at www.northmontchurch.org.