



**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

How can we number, O Lord, the gifts of your hands or the blessings of your heart that we have received? Your presence is with us, your power surrounds us and your joy fills our lives. In this moment hear this prayer, O Lord, a prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Receive our worship, our gifts and our service. Come Holy Spirit and fill us anew with your power, that our lives and our worship might reflect your glory and praise God's holy name. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise [vs. 4]

No. 263

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Mighty God, Jesus Christ is our peace. He has made the two into one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility. Through Jesus' life and death he has reconciled all to God. Jesus came and preached peace to us and all the world. Through Him, we are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household. Jesus has built us together to become a people in whom God lives by his Spirit. Forgive us Lord, for not fully living your peace, not fully being reconciled with each other and with You. Forgive us in Jesus' name. [Moment for silent prayer]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**TEXT**

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

Anne Linaberger

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Wayne and Darlene Noah

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Ruth 3:1-5

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**ANTHEM**

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"  
Sue Swick, piano

**SERMON**

**"Better To Give"**

**The Rev. Karen Battle**

**\*HYMN**

"Give Thanks, O Christian People"  
[a hymn for the season of Thanksgiving]

No. 552

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30]**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Sue Swick, piano

arr. Lyon

[11:00]

"Where Were You?"  
Text: Job 38:4-14, (adapted)  
Carolyn Pearsall, piano

George Pearsall

Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Do you know who laid its cornerstone as the morning stars sang together? Where were you when I ordered the morning to appear? Were you there when daylight first shone through as the dawn arrived in the east, and all the angels shouted for joy? Alleluia. Have you ever told the morning light to spread to the ends of the earth? For the wonders of my Creation begin to glow, begin to grow, begin to show what I have given you! Alleluia. Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?

**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**

"Psalm 150, [Praise Ye the Lord"]

No. 258

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

"Praise to Thee, Almighty God"

J.S. Bach

\*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 Diane Goff will be in the front of the sanctuary.*

***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 and check out our website: [www.northmontchurch.org](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

GREETERS	8:30	Dave Meister, Dave Hawbaker
	11:00	Tom Snaman, Bill English
ELDERS	8:30	Jennifer Irvin
	11:00	Dianna Hollo
USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
USHERS	11:00	Bill English (head usher), Jean Mcclymonds, Larry Wichterman, Tara Stoufflet

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 in loving memory of Jim's brother, Steve Gable, from Jim, Jill, Sarah and Kyleen Gable.

WE WELCOME THIS MORNING The Rev. Karen L. Battle. Rev. Battle serves as Director of Justice Ministries and Mission at the Pittsburgh Presbytery and has been an ordained Lutheran minister of Word and Sacrament for 23 years. She has served parishes in Chicago, Illinois, Columbus, Ohio and the Borough of Wilkinsburg. During her time in Chicago she also served as Director of Educational Resources for Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and managed a Women of Color HIV/AIDS Prevention Project funded by the Centers for Disease Control. At Pittsburgh Presbytery her work focuses on congregation-based community organizing, addressing systemic injustice and mission efforts in Allegheny County as well as nationally and globally. Karen's hobbies and interests include jewelry making, the arts, reading and dancing. She is the proud mother of Nicole Simone Wimbish who works as a consultant for an African American web-based public relations firm in Charlotte, North Carolina and Bruce Anthony Wimbish, II who works for the Cleveland Cavaliers and his wife Camille who is an attorney.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to Eric Schott upon the death of his grandfather, Rudolph "Rudy" Schott who died on Monday.

FELLOWSHIP TIME will be held following the 11:00a worship in Polley Fellowship Hall hosted by the Worship and Music Committee.

THE 2009 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is a group activity! We hope that every member of our Church has considered the impact which Northmont has in our local communities and around the world. God is the Source of all our blessings, and we are simply asked to be vessels which will carry His blessings to others. If you have not already returned your Commitment Card, please *Consider the Source* and let our Lord make *you* an instrument of His goodness!

THE PER CAPITA LINE IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET is running behind. If you have not had a chance to submit your payment please do so, and if you can make an extra payment to cover a member who can not, that would be a great way to spread the blessings you have received. (\$23.15)

NORTHMONT DELIVERS will be preparing meals on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a in the Kitchen. If you enjoy cooking or baking, Northmont Delivers would love your help!

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 12 at 7:15p has been cancelled.

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held Saturday, November 14 in the Malawi Room. The book is Saturday by Ian McEwan. Join us for fellowship at 9:00a; discussion begins 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](mailto:bettyfraley@gmail.com). In December we meet on Saturday, December 12 with the focus book, Winter Birds by Jamie Langston Turner.

LUNCH BUNCH is having lunch at Blue in Duncan Manor Plaza and we'd love for you to join us. The date is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. We'll gather in Northmont's parking lot to carpool at 11:30a. Or, if it's more convenient, you can meet us at Blue at 11:45a. Please call or e-mail Betty Harris to RSVP by November 16<sup>th</sup>. (412) 367-3586 or [bwharris56@hotmail.com](mailto:bwharris56@hotmail.com).

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE would appreciate any donations for college packets to be brought to the church today. Items such as: post-it notes, index cards, hot chocolate, candy, popcorn.

CPR TRAINING CLASSES for anyone wishing to learn CPR for the first time or to renew certification will be held Saturday, November 14, 9:00-12:00 noon; and Monday, November 16, 4:00p-7:00p. Sign up in the church office. The class is free for church staff members and \$15 for all others. See Millie Mills or Leslie Scheuer for details.

BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:00a – 1:30p in Fellowship Hall in honor of Paul Conrad. The Conrad family is very grateful for the peace of mind this gives them in that the blood products Paul requires are replenished. Scheduling will be after both services on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to schedule early, please contact Ken Yoest or you may schedule your appointment on the [CentralBloodBank.org](http://CentralBloodBank.org) website.

THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT will begin on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> to benefit Northmont families in need and local agencies. Gifts should be unwrapped, with the tag attached and placed in the Library by Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at Ingomar Methodist Church this year on November 25<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve, at 7:30p. Our combined choirs will sing two special anthems for the occasion and our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Jack Lolla, will deliver the message. Everyone come and let us show God we are truly thankful!

DEACONS NEED clean, clear 2 liter pop bottles with caps attached. You may place your bottles in a donation box located in the Narthex.

DECORATE THE SANCTUARY AND CHURCH for Advent and Christmas, on Sunday, November 22, following the second service. The Worship and Music Committee invites everyone to stay and help. If you have always wanted to join in and help with this fun event, this is the time to do it. We need tree decorators, ladder climbers, wreath hangers and wreath and bow fluffers. If you would like to help, please contact Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522 or [bettyfraley@gmail.com](mailto:bettyfraley@gmail.com) or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 or [kkwissner@hotmail.com](mailto:kkwissner@hotmail.com).

PIPER DEADLINE is November 13 for the December 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)). Mark your email: *Request Read Receipt* to be sure the Piper Editor received your article.

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

THE MILITARY LIST is available on the board outside Kelly's office. The Deacons are suspending collection for troops until after the first of the year 2010.

STEPHEN MINISTER Ed Weaver will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him at 412-364-6197. 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, shared with the staff and published here. Prayers are requested for: Marie Kowalski, Linda Sabina, Becky Graham, Patrick McDonald, John and Marlene Connell

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Mary Jane Klein, Cumberland Crossing, #216, 9350 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Annette Curtis, Pristine Pines, 125 Brown Road, Wexford, PA 15090

Helen Hite, Passavant Hospital

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

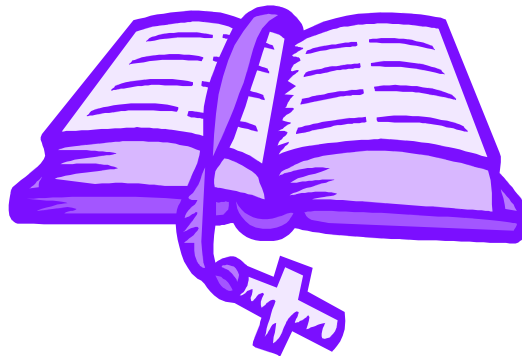
ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday

Fellowship Hall

This week, at the Topics Class, we'll talk about Our Choices From God – Discerning God's Will. We hope you can join us.



## Week of November 8, 2009

### **Sunday, Nov. 8** *Neh. 1:1-11*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship - Sanctuary  
6:30p AA - FH

### **Monday, Nov. 9** *Matt. 15:1-20*

7:00 Book Study - BR  
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

### **Tuesday, Nov. 10** *Neh. 4:1-23*

8:30a NBC - FH  
9:30a Sarah Circle - MR  
9:30a Staff Meeting - Library  
10:00a Northmont Homemakers - MR  
6:30p Staff Relations - BR  
7:30p Esther Circle - MR  
7:30p Boy Scout Committee - FH

### **Wednesday, Nov. 11** *Rev. 18:21-24*

9:30a Knitters - MR  
5:30p Kids of the Kingdom - FH  
7:00p Youth Group - YL, FH  
7:00p CDPC Board - Library  
7:30p Choir - WR  
Pleasant Valley Shelter - NBC

### **Thursday, Nov. 12** *Matt. 16:1-12*

7:00p Stewardship & Finance  
Committee - Library  
7:15p Stephen Ministry - cancelled  
7:30p Dixieland Band Practice - WR

### **Friday, Nov. 13** *Psalms 130*

9:00a CDPC - FH  
3:45p Belles - WR  
7:00p Northmont Bridge - off site  
Piper Deadline - Noon

### **Saturday, Nov. 14** *Neh. 13:4-22*

9:00a CPR Training - BR  
9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

### **Sunday, Nov. 15** *Luke 16:1-13*

8:00a Blood Drive - FH  
8:30a Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship - Sanctuary  
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 – 2010

Betty Fraley  
Dorothy Phillis  
Cindy Sardon  
George Pearsall

### CLASS – 2011

Larry Anderson  
Tom Mazula  
Judith Shifrin  
Kathy Wissner

### CLASS - 2012

Dianna Hollo  
Jennifer Irvin  
Lee Karayusuf  
Jeff Morris

## DEACONS

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

Glen Wissner  
Kim Englert  
Rhonda Horton  
Carolyn Perry  
Scott Reckless

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

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Organist and Director of Music: C. William Goff

Director of Family Ministry: Kellyn von Arx

Youth Director: Sean Kelly

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Stephen L. Polley

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](http://www.northmontchurch.org).*



