

Thank Offering Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 15, 2009

8:30 & 11:00a

PRELUDE

"Trumpet Tune on *Now Thank We All Our God*"

Helman

"Prayer of Thanksgiving"

arr. Wood

[11:00]

"Thanksgiving"

arr. Courtney

Leslie Scheuer, soprano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Throw wide the portals of the heart;

All: Open all of the doors of mind and soul;

One: For the King of power and glory comes;

All: God comes to us in grace and love and mercy.

One: We welcome the One who is our peace;

All: We worship the One who is our hope and our salvation.

***HYMN [8:30]**

"Now Thank We All Our God" [vs. 1 & 2]

No. 555

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" [vs. 1 & 4]

No. 388

* "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine" [vs. 1 & 3]

No. 341

[11:00]

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 555

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

O God of timelessness and time, we thank you for our time and for those things that are yet possible. We thank you for honesty which makes friends and makes laughter; for gentleness which dares to speak truth; for grace which unexpectedly arises in moments of life; for children's laughter and life. We offer our prayer of celebration and thanksgiving for all of your gifts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

"Now Thank We All Our God" [vs. 3]

No. 555

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, may our faith redeem the blunder we make displacing the wonder taught by prophets with the thoughts of our minds. May our learning curb the error that unthinking faith can breed. May our hearts cure us of justifying some terror with an antiquated personal creed. Only through your love and forgiveness Lord, will this be possible, which is our prayer, in and through Jesus' name. Amen. [Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Amy Phelps

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

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 12:1-9

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ANTHEM

"Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Hayes

(A Children's Suite on Praise Him, All Things Bright and Beautiful and Jesus Loves Me)

Leslie Scheuer, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 5:12

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SERMON

"The Blessing Cycle"

The Rev. Jen Haddox

***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]

"Thanksgiving"
Leslie Scheuer, soprano

arr. Courtney

[11:00]

"Hand Me Down My Silver Trumpet"
Chancel Choir, Sue Swick, piano; Scott Eisenreich, euphonium

Webb

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**

"Let All Things Now Living"

No. 554

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"

arr. Wood

*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 Betty Fraley at the 11:00a Gwen Spahr 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

GREETERS	8:30	Bill Held, Jim Bodfish
	11:00	Tom Snaman, John Mathe
ELDERS	8:30	Jean Eckert
	11:00	Judith Shifrin
USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
	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 to the glory of God from Cathy Koehler.

WE WELCOME THIS MORNING Rev. Jen Haddox who is the associate director of World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In this role she serves as the area coordinator for the Perspectives class, coordinates cross-cultural experiences for students at PTS, and provides mission resources and teaching to local congregations. Jen was called by God to mission ministry as a high school student on a youth mission trip and since then has been passionately calling others to get involved in God's mission in the world. Jen and her husband, Mike, who is a youth director and seminary student, live in Cheswick.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 will be our first Sunday with our new pastor, Dr. Jack Lolla. Everyone please come and welcome him and hear his first sermon with us! There will be an extended fellowship time to meet Dr. Lolla and his wife, Julie, following the 11:00a service.

THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN is in full swing! Northmont is grateful to all those who have returned their Commitment Cards for next year, particularly those who have increased their pledge over last year (58) and those who are pledging for the very first time (11). However, there are still many from whom we have not yet heard. We need *your* help to maintain the many valuable programs of this church. If you have not yet done so, please return your Commitment Card so that we are better able to plan for our future. As we welcome our new pastor, it's an exciting time to belong to Northmont! Please commit to the future and help our Church as it works to serve God's will.

NORTHMONT ADVENT-URE WORKSHOP will be December 5 starting at 5:30p. We will be doing crafts, singing Christmas carols, playing choirchimes, and we will have a potluck dinner. If your last name starts with A-H: please bring a side dish; I-Q: dessert; R-Z: main dish. Remember to bring your own place settings for dinner! Please return the registration form to the church office by **November 30th**.

Names: _____ Number Attending: _____
_____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held Saturday, December 12 in the Malawi Room. The book is Winter Birds by Jamie Langston Turner. 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.

THE NBC PROGRAM for Tuesday, November 17 will feature a slide presentation by NBC member Bob Miller on his recent trip to Brazil. The program begins with fellowship, coffee, and donuts at 8:30a followed by Club business and the presentation at 9:00 and bowling at 10:00. All retired men are welcome!

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 17th. 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 16th at (412) 367-3586 or bwharris56@hotmail.com.

FOR THEIR NOVEMBER 20TH meeting the Triangle Group will present "The St. Teresa Players." Dinner for the group will be served at 6:00p.

CPR TRAINING CLASS for anyone wishing to learn CPR for the first time or to renew certification will be held 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.

TODAY'S BLOOD DRIVE is from 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 1st and 8th. 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 website.

THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT begins today, Sunday, November 15th 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 6th.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held at Ingomar Methodist Church this year on November 25th, 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 fellowship time. 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 or Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 or kkwissner@hotmail.com.

PIPER DEADLINE is December 4 for the January 2010 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). Mark your email: *Request Read Receipt* to be sure the Piper Editor received your article.

THE FALL FOOD COLLECTION for the Northside Common Ministries (NCM) provided 1617 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs for the food pantry and was delivered there on November 5. This represented a significant increase over the quantity delivered in the spring collection, and the Mission Ministries and NCM thank the congregation for their continued support and generosity.

PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHORALE pays homage to the holidays and the King of Kings with three concerts December 4-6 (details at www.PCCsing.org). Save \$4

off regular admission with Northmont's group order for Sunday, December 6 at 4:00p at Ingomar United Methodist Church. Secure your ticket by writing a check for \$12 payable to PCC and giving it to Diane Goff by Sunday, November 22. She will mail our order the next day.

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 Jerry Ellis will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him at 412-366-7505. 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: Marlene and John Connell, Don Abram, Robert Werner

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Isabel Miller, UPMC Cranberry Place, 5 St. Francis Way, Cranberry Twp., PA
16066

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

Kathy Zink, UPMC Passavant

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday

Berean Room

Please join the Topics Class as we discuss "Maintaining Christian Composure in the Workplace."

Week of November 15, 2009

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

8:00a Blood Drive - FH
8:30a Worship - Sanctuary
9:45a Sunday School
11:00a Worship - Sanctuary
6:00p Cub Scout Meeting - Library
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, Nov. 16 *Rev. 20:7-15*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH
7:00p Nominating Committee - MR

Tuesday, Nov. 17 *Ezra 9:1-15*

8:30a NBC - FH
9:30a Staff Meeting - Library
10:00a Northmont Homemakers - MR
7:00p Deacons - Library
7:30p Session - FH

Wednesday, Nov. 18 *Matt. 17:22-27*

9:30a Knitters - MR
5:30p Kids of the Kingdom - FH
7:00p Youth Group - YL, FH
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, Nov. 19 *Matt. 18:1-9*

11:00a AARP - FH
6:30p Cub Scout Den Meetings - FH
7:00p Facilities - Library
7:30p Dixieland Band Practice - WR

Friday, Nov. 20 *Neh. 9:26-38*

9:30a Project Linus -MR
3:45p Belles - WR
6:00p Triangles - FH

Saturday, Nov. 21 *Psalms 122*

7:00p Cub Scout Pack Meeting - FH

Sunday, Nov. 22 *Luke 19:11-27*

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

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.

