

***PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Creator O Lord, who calls forth praise from the depths of the oceans and from the far corners of the universe, we praise You. Like countless Christian saints of yesterday and twice countless disciples today, we join in worship, and we eagerly await Your Word anew. You who are changeless invite us to grow and change in our relationship to You – to become even closer to You and even more active through our faith in the world. Today, change us from who we are to whom You desire us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" [vs. 3] No. 9

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have tried to hide from you. When we have experienced times of hurt, pain, and hardship we have blamed you, ignored you, and relied on our own strength. Forgive us for living for ourselves and apart from you. In your great mercy, forgive us, change us, renew us, and make us whole. [Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Kim Englert

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Kathy Wissner

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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ANTHEM

"He Shall Feed His Flock"
Amanda Joos, soprano

arr. Beck

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 21:25-36

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SERMON

"Get Ready!"

Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla

Luke 21:36 Text: Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

***HYMN**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

No. 2100

A hymn for the season of Advent, [found in *Sing the Faith*]

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30] "Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord" Saint-Saens
From the *Christmas Oratorio*
Amanda Joos, soprano

[11:00] "Comfort All Ye My People" Faure/Hopson

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** "Lift Up the Gates Eternal" No. 177

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE "Savior of the Nations, Come" 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 Jean Stultz at the 11:00a Ed Weaver will be in the front of
the sanctuary.*

WELCOME EVERYONE

If you are visiting with us, and you are looking for a caring church...where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, or ethnicity...where you will be encouraged to reflect on your beliefs, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation and joy is preached...where you have the opportunity to put your faith into action through Christ's mission...then we look forward to know you as a new friend. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here.

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	Tom Snaman, Bud Walker
	11:00	Tom Snaman, Joe Acker
ELDER	8:30	Jeff Morris
	11:00	Frank Caputo
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 by Daryl Scott Rahenkamp and her sisters in honor of their parents' wedding anniversary.

THE 2010 CHANCEL FLOWER CALENDAR is now posted in the upper hallway next to the Library. We accept up to three requests for arrangements per Sunday. With each arrangement, you have a choice of colors, type of flowers, and price. All requesters are contacted for the pertinent information prior to their chosen Sunday, and billed afterward. If you have always requested flowers for a special remembrance, please sign up as soon as possible.

FOLLOWING 11:00a WORSHIP please join us for Fellowship Time in Polley Fellowship Hall hosted by the Youth Ministry Committee.

THANKS TO LEN AND PAT DOSCH for their purchase of new Plexiglass for the communion table.

WE WISH TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED beautify our sanctuary and church by decorating for the Christmas season.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN WISH TO THANK all who helped prepare, serve and attend the Harvest Dinner. It was a huge success making a profit of \$1,134.22. The monies received go to PW mission causes.

THE ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS are available on the table in the Narthex.

THE NORTHMONT BROTHERHOOD CLUB invites all men of the church to join them each Tuesday morning at 8:30a for a social time in the kitchen followed by a program at 9:00a in Fellowship Hall. This week Dr. Lolla will be our special guest. His topic is "*When Santa Claus Entered the Presbyterian Church.*"

THE PW CHRISTIMAS LUNCHEON will be held on December 11th at 11:30a. If you would like to help in any way, please call Mary Lou English at 412-487-6619.

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH SO MUCH. Even in difficult times, we are supplied with abundance. Thank God for filling your life with countless blessings. Return a portion to Him, so that He can bless others. In all things, *Consider the Source* of all that is good in your life. If you have not yet done so, please return your Commitment Card so that Northmont can continue its many ministries to this community and throughout the world.

THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT began 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.

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.

CUBSCOUT PACK 335 - SAYS "THANK YOU" for making our popcorn sale a big success. Your popcorn orders will be ready for pickup at the church after both services **TODAY**. Cub Scout Pack 335 is chartered by Northmont Church and meets regularly in Fellowship Hall for boys grades 1 - 5. To join or for more info, call 412-635-7938 or email dg_jg_2000@yahoo.com.

NORTHMONT ADVENT-URE WORKSHOP will be December 5 starting at 5:30p. We will be doing crafts, singing Christmas carols, playing choichimes, 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**.

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____
Phone _____ email _____

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Looking Ahead:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH, Holy Communion will be offered at both 8:30a and 11:00a.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 8:30 and 11:00a. Cantata "For Us a Child is Born" by J. S. Bach. Northmont Chancel Choir, Soloists Leah Boccardi, Latifu Onaje and Glen Wissner, with instrumentalists from Northmont and the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 8:30 and 11:00. Narrations and music of Christmas with Northmont Chancel Choir, Northmont Belles, Kuyimba and Kids of the Kingdom Choirs, and instrumentalists.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, Christmas Eve services at 4:30P and 9:00p.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, one service at 10:00a.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Ok. So it's the Christmas season and for some reason you just can't get into the Christmas Spirit this year. Well, here is an excellent opportunity to quickly solve that problem. This year, the Northmont Belles are packing up their handbells and taking them on the road to play and sing Christmas Carols to homebound people in our neighborhood. Also attending will be Sean Kelly and the teens of our church to add their voices to the mix. So then, how about YOU joining us? It couldn't be simpler. Just show up at the church at **1:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 13th in the church parking lot.** We should be done by about 4:30 P.M. Bring warm hearts as we sing Christmas carols to these people. Sharon Walston and her group are already busy preparing special Christmas "Care Baskets" for the occasion. All we need is your voice to make the afternoon extra special. "But I can't sing!" you say. God doesn't care! "Whatever you do for one of the least of these, you do for me. Matthew 25:40.

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

NORTHMONT TOUCHED THE LIVES of about 72 persons on November 15th by donating 24 units of blood. Paul Conrad and the Deacons thank all who participated. We will have the opportunity to do it again in the middle of spring.

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.

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 Jean Stultz will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call her at 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, shared with the staff and published here. Recent requests: Marie Kowalski, Jeff Matthews, Tom Merriman

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Becky Peters, 112 Lillian Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Annette Curtis, Pristine Pines, 125 Brown Road, Wexford, PA 15090
Don Abram, St. John's Specialty Care, PO Box 928, Mars, PA 16046
Kathy Zink, Vincentian Regency, 9399 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park, PA 15101

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday Berean Room
No Adult Topics Class today.

Next Week: Bill Markus will discuss Afghanistan.

Week of November 29, 2009

Sunday, Nov. 29 *Luke 21:5-19*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary
11:00a Worship - Sanctuary
6:30p AA - FH

Monday, Nov. 30 *Amos 2:6-16*

7:00p Nominating Committee - MR
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH
7:00p Book Study - BR

Tuesday, Dec. 1 *Amos 3:1-11*

8:30a NBC - FH
10:00a Staff Meeting - Library
6:30p Worship Committee - WR
7:30p Mission Committee - MR

Wednesday, Dec. 2 *Matt. 21:23-32*

9:30a Knitters - MR
5:30p Kids of the Kingdom - FH
7:00p CDPC - Library
7:00p Youth Group - YL & FH

Thursday, Dec. 3 *Psalm 62*

7:30p Dixieland Band Practice - WR

Friday, Dec. 4 *Amos 5:1-17*

3:45p Belles - WR
Piper Deadline - Noon

Saturday, Dec. 5 *Jude 17-25*

5:30p Advent-ure Workshop & Potluck
Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 6 *Luke 1:57-68*

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. 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

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Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

CLASS - 2012

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Jennifer Irvin
Lee Karayusuf
Jeff Morris

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Bill McGaffick
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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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Pastor: Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla
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.

