



ADVENT RESPONSE

“Advent Song II”  
[Found in the *Pew Racks*]

C. William Goff

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Eternal God, your light penetrates the lengthening nights; your hope shatters the walls of doubt and confusion; your love strengthens and lifts even the most broken and downtrodden of hearts. We await Lord, for even more of your power, glory, light and peace to be revealed in our world. Hasten the day when your Kingdom shall reign and the light of your presence be revealed to all peoples. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” [vs. 4] No. 1

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of promise, we are not fully prepared for Christ’s coming. We have lived with our eyes focused on ourselves and not on your Kingdom and it’s presence with us. Forgive us for crowding Jesus to the corner of our lives; convict and empower us by your Spirit to live according to your life and teachings. In Jesus’ name. [Moment for silent prayer]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ANTHEM**

“Silent Night”  
Kids of the Kingdom Choirchimes

Gruber

[11:00] **KID’S CORNER**

After Kids’ Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with Anne Linaberger

Kelly von Arx

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Malachi 3:1-4

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**NEW TESTAMENT**

Luke 3:1-6

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**SERMON**

“Creation’s Messenger”

**Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla**

*Luke 3:8 Text: Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.*

**\*HYMN**

“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”  
A hymn for the season of Advent, [Found in *Sing the Faith*]

No. 2100

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS – PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** [8:30] "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Latin Carol  
Kids of the Kingdom Choirchimes

[11:00] "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins, Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein. Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Bread & Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*HYMN** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" No. 20

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

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

**POSTLUDE** "Oh Come, Emmanuel" arr. Held

\*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 Pat Frank at the 11:00a Susan Holman 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](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

GREETERS	8:30	Don Tanner, Bud Walker
	11:00	Bill English, Dick Fisher
ELDER		Nancy Garver
USHERS	8:30	Hayes Stover (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 today are in thanksgiving to God and in celebration of 60 years of marriage, from Dorothy and Jim Dickson. Flowers are also given by Bill and Diane Goff in loving memory of Bill's father, Clark W. Goff and by Bruce and Judy Ehrhardt, in loving memory of Richard Ehrhardt.

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 Christian Education Committee.

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

IT IS A SEASON OF GIVING AND A SEASON OF RECEIVING. We have *received* immeasurable blessings from our God, the Source of all that we have. He asks that we *give* a portion back to Him, so that He can bless others through our giving. If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card, please *Consider the Source* of the blessings in your life, and help Northmont continue as God's instrument in our communities and throughout the world. Give generously to Him who has blessed you in abundance.

THE ANGEL TREE PROJECT began 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 today.

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 Dave Bruton from the East Liberty Family Health Center will be our guest.

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED: Do you have a favorite Christmas cookie you would like to share with others? Our caroling baskets could use your donation of a dozen holiday cookies. If you would like to contribute, please call Sharon Walston at 412-366-3917.

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

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](mailto:bettyfraley@gmail.com).

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MEALS ON WHEELS DESSERTS are needed for the month of January. If you would be willing to bake something for one Sunday in January, please fill out the tear-off and place it in the offering plate or church office. Gwen Spahr will contact you as to what Sunday would be convenient for you to make your contribution.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Looking Ahead:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 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, instrumentalists Peggy Meister, Jeannie Schott and Sarah Flemming, and also with instrumentalists from Northmont and the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 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 24<sup>TH</sup>, Christmas Eve services at 4:30P and 9:00p.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

PIPER DEADLINE is January 8 for the February 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](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 – baking products. 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 Nancy Garver will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request or are in need of extra caring support, please call her 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: Marlene Crockett – Tracie Fisher's cousin, Don Abram, Kathy Zink, Jill Gable, Mackenzie Volpe, Janet Manning, Jack Swick, David Knaus

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Rufus Wysor, Cumberland Crossing, Room 206, 9350 Babcock Blvd., Pgh., PA 15237  
Annette Curtis, Pristine Pines, 125 Brown Road, Wexford, PA 15090  
Duane Bowers, VA Hospital

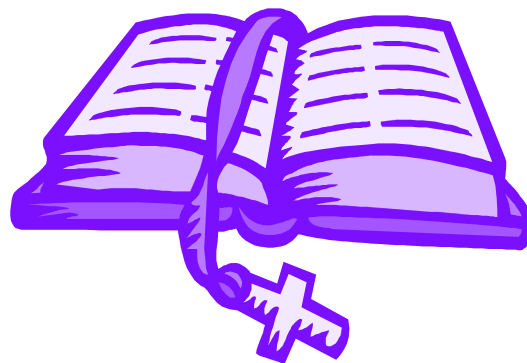
ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday  
Today: Bill Markus will discuss Afghanistan.

Berean Room



## Week of December 6, 2009

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

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

### **Monday, Dec. 7** *Rev. 1:1-8*

9:30a PW Board - MR  
7:00p Christian Education Committee -  
BSR  
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH  
7:15p Transition Team - Library

### **Tuesday, Dec. 8** *Matt. 22:34-46*

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

### **Wednesday, Dec. 9** *Amos 8:1-14*

9:30a Knitters - MR  
5:30p Kids of the Kingdom - FH  
7:00p Youth Group - YL, FH  
Pleasant Valley Shelter - Bill & Mary  
Lou English

### **Thursday, Dec. 10** *Rev. 2:8-17*

6:30p Cub Scout Den Meetings - FH  
7:00p Stewardship & Finance  
Committee - Library  
7:15p Stephen Ministry - BR  
7:30p Dixieland Band Practice - WR

### **Friday, Dec. 11** *Hag. 1:1-15*

11:30a PW Christmas Brunch - FH  
3:45p Belles - WR  
7:00p Bridge Club - offsite

### **Saturday, Dec. 12** *Matt. 24:1-14*

9:00a Dinah's Book Club - MR

### **Sunday, Dec. 13** *John 5:30-47*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary  
9:45a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship - Sanctuary  
1:30p Christmas Caroling  
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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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](http://www.northmontchurch.org).*

