

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Isaiah 1-3, 10



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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 59
(verse 6)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess...

Those moments when You are farthest from our thoughts;
The times when haste made waste of personal relationships;
When anxiety caused angry words to be spoken;
When we believe and share rumors;
The times another's mistakes were greeted with glee rather than
forgiveness.

For Lord you have forgiven us and placed in our hands that same gift – to
forgive others, to heal relationships, to bless your people.

[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Choral Response

TEXT

KID'S CORNER [11:00]

Kelly von Arx

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 3:14-20

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NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 3:7-18

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SERMON

"Creation's Restoration"

Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla

Luke 3:16 John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ORGAN OFFERTORY "Dance Prelude on *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*"
Uehlein

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** "That Boy-Child of Mary" No. 55
Cantata No. 142, "For Us a Child is Born" J.S. Bach
(see bulletin insert for texts)

The Northmont Chancel Choir, Dorothea Fisher, Glen Wissner, Leah Boccardi,
soloists, Peggy Meister, organ, Jeannie Schott and Sarah Flemming, flutes,
members of the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra: Pablo Ardilles and Marko
Hudak, violins, Connor Goodman, viola, Michaela Valenta, 'cello, Claire Vetter and
Mia Luo, oboes.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 23

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE "Ding Dong Merrily on High" arr. Callahan

*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 Tom Englert at the 11:00a Nancy Garver 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	David Meister, Roy Anderson
	11:00	Harry Rittenour, Chuck McClure
USHERS	8:30	Hayes Stover (head usher), Bruce Sardon, Roy Anderson, Richard Sutter
	11:00	Bill English (head usher), Brian English, Kevin Greenleaf, Jeff Morris

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 given in loving memory of my wife, Jody, from Dave Hawbaker.

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 Spectrums.

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.

THE TRIANGLE GROUP dinner will be held on December 18 at 5:30p. After dinner the group will present the annual auction of articles provided by the members. Proceeds from the auction will be sent to North Hills Community Outreach. Checks for the needy family are to be kept separately.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING for the homebound is today from 1:30-4:30p. We will meet in the church parking lot promptly at 1:30p.

'THE JESUS I NEVER KNEW' book study will NOT meet on Monday, December 14. We will meet January 11 and 25 from 7:00-8:00p to conclude our study.

THE NEXT SESSION OF DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday morning, January 23, 2010 in the Malawi Room. **There will not be a particular focus book this time around.** Please read a book of your choice. Maybe you have had a book you really wanted to read and didn't have the time; maybe you would like to read one of the many books available from your favorite author that is set in the Christmas season. We will get together after the holidays and everyone will have the chance to give a short report on their chosen book. We will choose one particular book at our December 12th meeting to read for February. Enjoy catching up on your reading. Join us for fellowship and socializing at 9:00; discussion will begin promptly at 9:30. 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.

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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 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.

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). 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 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, shared with the staff and published here. Recent requests: Betty Bodfish, Kimberly Geronim

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Ruth Arch, Vincentian Nursing Home #126, 111 Perrymont Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, (Main #412-366-1039)

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

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday

Berean Room

Today: Bill Markus returns for his second of three classes on Afghanistan. We hope you can join us.

December 13, 2009

Sunday, December 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

Monday, December 14 *Zech. 1:7-17*

7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, December 15 *Zech. 2:1-13*

8:30a NBC - FH

9:30a Staff Meeting - Library

7:00p Deacons - Library

7:30p Session - FH

Wednesday, December 16 *Rev. 4:1-8*

9:00a CDPC Christmas Show - Sanctuary

9:30a Knitters - MR

5:30p Kids of the Kingdom - FH

7:00p Youth Group - YL, F

Thursday, December 17 *Matt. 25:1-13*

6:30p Cub Scout Den Meetings - FH

7:30p Dixieland Band Practice - WR

Friday, December 18 *John 12:1-10*

3:45p Belles - WR

6:00p Triangles - FH

Saturday, December 19 *Titus 1:1-16*

7:00p Cub Scout Pack Meeting - FH

Sunday, December 20 *Luke 1:26-38*

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



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CLASS – 2010

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Dorothy Phillis
Cindy Sardon
George Pearsall

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Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
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Jennifer Irvin
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Director of Family Ministry: Kellyn von Arx
Youth Director: Sean Kelly
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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

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