

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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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of peace, hear our prayer. We confess to you the worry we have over little details, the financial burdens we put on ourselves, the impatience and irritability we feel and take out on others, the quarreling we get into because we are too busy. Instill within us your peace, O Lord, and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. In Jesus' name. [Moment for silent prayer]

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Choral Response

## **TEXT**

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

Anne Linaberger

After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith with  
Jeanne Schott and Dianna Hollo

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Micah 5:2-5a Page 865

**NEW TESTAMENT** Luke 1:46-55 Page 57

**SERMON** "Creation's Sight" **Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla**

Luke 1:54 *He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.*

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY** "Toccata on *Joy to the World*" Bedford

### **SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

No. 38

**The Christmas Story In Word and Song**

Narration Sean Kelly

Anthem "Fanfare for Christmas Day" Shaw

Narration Kelly von Arx

Anthem "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow" arr. Thornett  
Sue Swick, piano, Jeannie Schott, flute

Narration Sean Kelly

Anthem "Little Christ Jesus" Halls  
Chancel Choir, Kuyimba Choir and Kids of the Kingdom Choir, Sue Swick, piano  
Leslie Scheuer, director

Narration Kelly von Arx

Anthem "Sing to the Child" Scott

Narration Sean Kelly

Anthem "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Zabel  
The Northmont Belles

Narration Kelly von Arx

Anthem "Oh Come, Little Children" German carol arr. Mayo  
Women's Choir: Paula Davis, Evonne Henry and Sharon Walston choirchimes,  
Sue Swick, piano, Mike Cunko, Caleb Hruska and Glen Wissner percussion

Narration Sean Kelly

Anthem "Before the Marvel of This Night" Schalk

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Joy to the World!"

No. 40

**\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!"

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 Joanne Zaletsky at the 11:00a George Depee 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	Ron Witthohn, Wayde Zeitler
	11:00	George Depee, Alick Kennedy
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 by Jean Eckert in honor of her family. Flowers are also given by Kevin Greenleaf in loving memory of his grandfather, James Goldring.

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.

WE WISH TO THANK the Northmont Chancel Choir, the Northmont Belles, the Kuyimba Choir, Kids of the Kingdom choir, and instrumentalists in these services this morning. May all of this music be dedicated to the glory of the newborn Child in Bethlehem.

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

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.

Looking Ahead:

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and will reopen January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bettyfraley@gmail.com).

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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OUR COUNTLESS BLESSINGS ARE SIMPLY A GIFT FROM A LOVING FATHER who asks us to return a portion to Him so that he can, in turn, provide similar blessings to others. As Northmont faces the challenges of a new year, it is our desire that it continue as a strong and vital instrument in God's hand. If you have not already done so, please *Consider the Source* of your blessings and give back a portion to Him by returning your Commitment Card.

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 Jan Baty 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.

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Jean Higby, 9300 David Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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: Weather willing this week, please join us today for Bill Markus' 2<sup>nd</sup> class on Afghanistan.

Dec 27: No Adult Topics Class this week.

### December 20, 2009

**Sunday, Dec. 20** *Luke 1:26-38*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary

9:45a Sunday School

11:00a Worship - Sanctuary

6:30p AA - FH

**Monday, Dec. 21** *2 Sam. 7:1-17*

7:00a Boy Scouts - FH

**Tuesday, Dec. 22** *Gal. 3:1-14*

8:30a NBC - FH

9:30a Staff Meeting - Library

6:30p Longvue Garden Club - FH

**Wednesday, Dec. 23** *Jer. 31:10-14*

9:30a Knitters - MR

**Thursday, Dec. 24** *Isa. 60:1-6*

4:30p Christmas Eve Service

9:00p Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed

**Friday, Dec. 25** *John 3:31-36*

Office Closed

**Saturday, Dec. 26** *Psalms 27*

**Sunday, Dec. 27** *Col. 1:9-20*

10:00a 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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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).*

