

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5



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WORSHIP SERVICE**January 3, 2010****8:30 & 11:00a****PRELUDE**

"Still, Still, Still"
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

arr. Manz
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**APPROACH TO THE WORD****CALL TO WORSHIP** [Isaiah 60:1-3]

Liturgist: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD
has risen upon you.

Congregation: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the
peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will
appear over you.

Unison: Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of
your dawn.

***HYMN**

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"

No. 66

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Patient God, the New Year has begun. Gather us from the year passed where
the storms of time have scattered us, many activities have wearied us and fear
has spooked us into a hundred hiding places. We seek from You not days and
years, not infinity and enormity, but awareness that You are in what we are,
that You are present to us here and now. And we seek not new time, but new
eye, new heart and You. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "We Three Kings of Orient Are" [VS. 5] No. 66**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of steadfast love, the old year lays behind us and the new year before us. In
these new days we would be holy people. By Your Spirit wash from us the sin,
the weariness, the fear of days gone by. By Your Spirit cleanse and renew us so
that we may honor and serve You well, all in Jesus' name.

[Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Choral Response

TEXT

ANTHEM

"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head"
Anne Linaberger, soprano

Niles

KID'S CORNER

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 31:7-14

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NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:1-18

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SERMON

"Creation's Word"

Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

"Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love"

No. 62

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS – PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

[8:30]

"I Wonder as I Wander"
Anne Linaberger, soprano

Niles

[11:00]

"Like a Child"

Damon

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Sanctification and Lord's Prayer

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" No. 44

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

CHOIR RESPONSE [11:00]

POSTLUDE "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 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 Jan Baty at the 11:00a Helen Traynor will be in the front of
the sanctuary.*

ELERS	8:30	Jean Eckert
	11:00	Judith Shifrin
USHERS	8:30	Terry Fahrney (head usher), Larry Frye, John Sebastian, Bryan Frye
	11:00	Jack Swick (head usher), Ron McClymonds, Ken Yoest, Marlene Yoest, Carolyn Perry

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

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 Ellen Mary Scott in loving memory of Harold. Flowers are also given by Bob and Cathy Koehler and family in loving memory of Irma J. O'Bryon.

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.

CHILDREN WHO ARE BAPTIZED and who have been nurtured in the Christian faith, so that they understand the meaning of baptism, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

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

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 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.

AS WE START A NEW YEAR AND WRAP UP THOSE YEAR-END DETAILS FROM 2009, let us not forget our commitment to Northmont. If you have not already done so, please *Consider the Source* of all that is good in your lives and remember that we are all ONE through Christ. Give back to Him a generous portion 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). Mark your email: *Request Read Receipt* to be sure the Piper Editor received your article.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH FOR NORTH HILLS FOOD BANK – paper 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 Tom Snaman will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him at 724-935-1169. 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

Mary Jane Klein, Cumberland Crossing, #216, 9350 Babcock Blvd., Pgh., 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



January 3, 2010

Sunday, Jan. 3 *Gen. 28:10-22*

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

Monday, Jan. 4 *John 6:41-47*

9:30a PW Board - Malawi Room
7:00p Christian Education Committee –
BSR
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH

Tuesday, Jan. 5 *John 15:1-16*

8:30a NBC - FH
9:15a Staff Meeting - Library
7:00p Worship Committee - WR
7:30p Mission Committee - MR

Wednesday, Jan. 6 *Isa. 52:7-10*

9:30a Knitters - MR
7:00p CDPC Board - Library
7:30p Choir - WR

Thursday, Jan. 7 *Rev. 2:1-7*

6:30p Cub Scout Den Meeting - FH
7:00p Longvue Garden Club - MR

Friday, Jan. 8 *Psalm 114*

3:45p Belles - WR
7:00p Bridge - off site
Piper Deadline - noon

Saturday, Jan. 9 *Rev. 2:18-29*

Sunday, Jan. 10 *John 6:1-14*

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

Larry Anderson
Tom Mazula
Judith Shifrin
Kathy Wissner

CLASS - 2012

Dianna Hollo
Jennifer Irvin
Lee Karayusuf
Jeff Morris

DEACONS

Carol Concelman
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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.

