

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 10, 2010** **8:30 & 11:00a**

PRELUDE	The Three Kings"	Young
	"O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is Ever Near"	Manz
	"We Three Kings"	arr. C. Eisenreich
	"Pat-a-Pan"	arr. L. Eisenreich
[11:00]	"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"	arr. C. Eisenreich
	Scott, Lauren and Christina Eisenreich, brass ensemble	

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROACH TO THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP [Psalm 34:1-3]

Liturgist: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Congregation: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Unison: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

***HYMN** "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" No. 67

PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of heaven and earth, God of heart and mind, God of muscle and Spirit we come to worship you. We come to praise you, for your provision of all our needs whether they be of body, mind or spirit; we come to worship you for you alone are Holy; we come to sing the faith you have given us and to set our minds and hearts, hands and feet to serving others as you have served us. Hear our prayers and pour out your Spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" [vs. 4] No. 67

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy and compassion, we come to this moment with fear and trepidation. Confession holds before us a mirror in which we can see our pride, our arrogance, our self-serving, our faithlessness. We confess all of our sin in the hope and prayer that you stand beside us, and that we also see reflected your grace and the offering of forgiveness through Christ. [Moment for silent prayer]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Choral Response

TEXT

ANTHEM

"Mary, Did You Know"
Scott Eisenreich, tenor

Lowry

KID'S CORNER [8:30] Dr. Lolla

[11:00] After Kids' Corner children ages 4 thru 3rd grade may go to Steps of Faith
with Tom Mazula and Kevin Greenleaf.

[11:00] Kelly von Arx

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 118:19-29

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NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 3:7-14

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SERMON

"Moving Ahead↑"

Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla

Phil. 3:13-14 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN**

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

No. 36

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM [8:30] "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" arr. C. Eisenreich
Scott, Lauren and Christina Eisenreich, brass ensemble

[11:00] "Break forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J.S. Bach

SONG OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

***HYMN** "As with Gladness Men of Old" No. 63

***CHARGE & BLESSING**

CHOIR RESPONSE [11:00]

POSTLUDE "We Three Kings" 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 Betty Fraley at the 11:00a Gwen Spahr will be in the front of
the sanctuary.*

ELERS	8:30	Jean Stultz
	11:00	Kathy Wissner
GREETERS	8:30	Dave Meister, Bill Held
	11:00	Jim Dickson, Barry Harris
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

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 John and Jeanne Russell in honor of their daughter Jamie's 27th birthday.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY as a congregation to David Irvin, and family in the death of David's grandmother, Dorothy, who died on December 25th.

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 knowing 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

ANYONE WHO HAS SPECIAL NEEDS during worship and has suggestions on how to make worship more effective, contact the church office with your suggestions for improvement at 412-364-0105.

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

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.

A COMMISSION FROM PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY will be in worship at 11:00a on January 17, 2010 to Install Dr. Lolla as the Designated Pastor of Northmont United Presbyterian Church. Members of the commission will be The Rev. Dr. Karl McDonald, Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church; The Rev. Dr. William Paul, Retired Associate Executive Presbyter of Pittsburgh Presbytery; The Rev. Dr. Richard Morledge, Pastor Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown; Elder Nancy Garver of Northmont United Presbyterian Church; Elder George Thompson of The Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek. There will be a reception following the service in Fellowship Hall.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for a Christmas Tree 12-14 ft. tall or perhaps 2 smaller trees about 10 ft. tall to be used to make a cross for Good Friday. Please contact the church office at 412-364-0105 if you have a tree to donate.

DEACONS' FEBRUARY EVENT "Heart Burn" Sunday. Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual Northmont Chili Cook-off to be held on Sunday, February 14th (Valentine's Day).

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.

DEACONS ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR OUR TROOPS. Items needed include: cotton crew socks – black or white, beef jerky, pillow cases, rug samples and flip flops. The collection box is located at the lower tower entrance.

THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE is short handed and looking for new members to help with the work that the committee does. There is a strong need for help. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00p. Call Kathy Wissner at 412-766-8948 or Betty Fraley at 412-417-3522 to offer your help. The Committee is responsible for Communion set-up, decorating the church during Lent and Advent, and at other times when appropriate. We also host Fellowship Time three or four times each year, serve Breakfast to the Choir on Cantata Sunday and serve Dinner to the Choir in appreciation to their hard work at the end of the choir season; as well as serving dinner to the residents of the Pleasant Valley Shelter once a year. If the Lord is nudging you to get involved in the work at Northmont, don't hesitate. You will be received with open hands and glad hearts.

PIPER DEADLINE is February 12 for the March 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.

NORTHMONT is helping support the mission of North Hills Community Outreach by participating in their 2010 Citrus Sale. NHCO provides services to families in Northern Allegheny County who are experiencing crisis, hardship, or poverty. Help a neighbor in need and treat yourself by purchasing fresh, high quality citrus fruit. Large and small boxes of Florida temple oranges and ruby red Indian River grapefruit are being sold, along with honey tangerines and two specialty boxes. The Citrus Sampler contains navel oranges and grapefruit, while the Fresh Trio also contains Anjou pears. Order forms are available from Dick Spahr and in the church office.

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.

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 Alick Kennedy will be making hospital calls this week. If you have a special request, please call him at 724-935-6556. 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 Bob Falconer – Donna Mattys' brother, Rodgers family, Randy and Sue Stowe

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

Isabel Miller, UPMC Cranberry Place, 5 St. Francis Way, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

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

Christian Ed continues hosting the Adult Topics Class today. Please join us.



January 10, 2010

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

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

Monday, Jan. 11 *Heb. 1:1-12*

6:30p Youth Committee - YL
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH
7:00p Book Study - BR

Tuesday, Jan. 12 *Eph. 1:1-14*

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

Wednesday, Jan. 13 *Psalms 23*

9:30a Knitters - MR
6:00p Kids of the Kingdom - FH
7:00p Youth Group - YL
7:00p CDPC Board - Library
7:30p Choir - WR
Pleasant Valley Shelter - Spectrums

Thursday, Jan. 14 *Psalms 1*

6:30p Cub Den Meeting - FH
7:00p Stewardship & Finance - Library
7:15p Stephen Ministry - BR

Friday, Jan. 15 *Mark 2:1-12*

9:30a Project Linus - MR
3:45p Belles - WR

Saturday, Jan. 16 *Psalms 65*

11:00a Website Committee - Library

Sunday, Jan. 17 *Isa. 43:1-13*

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
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.

