

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. [Isaiah 53:3-5]



*Our mission is to reach out in Christian discipleship to people throughout the world, in our community, and within our congregation through: caring ministry, spiritual growth and Christian fellowship.*

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**WORSHIP SERVICE** **March 7, 2010** **8:30 & 11:00a**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	"Jesus, Life of My Life"	J. S. Bach
	"Only to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"	J. S. Bach
[11:00]	"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	arr. Wagner
	Northmont Belles	

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Moment for Mission - Prism

**APPROACH TO THE WORD**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** [Psalm 63:1-4]

Liturgist: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Congregation: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Liturgist: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Congregation: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

Unison: Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN** "Lift High the Cross" No. 371

**\*PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Work your miracle of life within our lives, O God, we pray. Touch us in your mercy, that in our weakness we may know your love. Lift us out of the darkness of despair into that place of hope where the dawn is breaking; through Jesus Christ our Lord, risen from the dead and alive forever more. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Lift High the Cross" [vs. 4] No. 371

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, O Lord, for our impatience when things are not working out as we think they should; for our failure to remember vows of loyalty made and the gifts of love received; for times when we have betrayed family, friends and strangers. Strengthen us for faithful service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Moment for silent prayer]

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

"We Are Forgiven"

Hopson

**TEXT**

**ANTHEM**

"Magnify the Lord"  
Northmont Belles

Story

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

[11:00] Dr. Lolla

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 55:1-9

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**NEW TESTAMENT**

Luke 13:1-9

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**SERMON**

"Fruitful Prayer"

Rev. Dr. John J. Lolla

*Luke: 13:6 Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard;  
and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.'*

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN**

"O Lamb of God Most Holy!"

No. 82

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

[Lord's prayer sung responsively, Cantor Glen Wissner]

**OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** [8:30] "Let There Be Peace on Earth" arr. Wagner  
Northmont Belles

[11:00] "He Did It Just for Me" arr. Joubert  
Sue Swick, piano, Glen Wissner, baritone, Latifu Onaje, tenor

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation  
Prayer of Sanctification and Lord's Prayer  
Distribution of the Bread and Cup  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

**\*HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" No. 379

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE** A Hymn of Dismissal J. Vajda  
[sung to the Welsh tune: *All Through the Night*]  
Congregation

**POSTLUDE** "Preserve Us, By Thy Word" 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 John Russell; at the 11:00 Alick Kennedy will be in the front  
of the sanctuary.*

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.

ELDERS	8:30	Jean Eckert
	11:00	Frank Caputo
USHERS	8:30	Jack Swick, Jim Bodfish
	11:00	Joe Acker, Dick Spahr
USHERS	8:30	Tom Englert (head usher), Dick Krotzer, James Nicola, Dave Stanton
	11:00	Bill English (head usher), Jean McClymonds, Larry Wichterman, Tara Stoufflet

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.

HEARING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE to aid in hearing the worship services. Please see an usher before worship begins if you are interested.

***WELCOME EVERYONE***

If you are visiting with us, and you are looking for a caring church...where you will be loved and accepted 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](http://www.northmontchurch.org)

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Bob and Kathi Patterson in loving memory of their parents. Flowers are also given by Rachel and Christopher Rosenthal in loving memory of their grandparents, Dolores Gable Paul and James Gable.

PLEASE NOTE: We ask everyone when signing the Friendship Pads at the 11:00a worship service to sign on the same sheet that the congregation signed on at the 8:30a worship service when possible. We will continue this practice every week.

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

NORTHMONTERS WHO ORDERED FRUIT from North Hills Community Outreach can pickup their fruit orders today after each service in the Malawi Room.

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.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF KIDS OF THE KINGDOM OR YOUTH GROUP, but there never seems to be enough time to get homework done, eat and get to the church, we would like to help you out! On Wednesday Nights starting at 6:45p we will be serving dinner to those who are involved in Wednesday Night programs and anyone else who wants to join in! We will be taking a 'love

offering' to help cover the cost of the dinners. If you would like to help please contact Liz Bowers (412-720-7229).

NEXT SUNDAY, ON MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual North Hills Interfaith Gathering will be held at 3:00p at St. John's Lutheran, on Cumberland Road across from the Library. The event, hosted by Northmont in 2004, lasts about 2 hours and features separate presentations by Christians, Jews, Muslims, Mormons, Hindus, Buddhists, Baha'i, and Unitarian Universalists. Each group repeats a 20 minute presentation 3 times and people attending pick which 3 presentations they want to listen to. After that, everyone gathers in the sanctuary for a 15 minute closing event, followed by a brief social where refreshments and a variety of (delicious!) ethnic foods are provided. This year's theme is "Celebrating our Diversity, Overcoming Intolerance." Some of the presentations are conducted by the youth of the different faiths and the event is planned with the intent of being an enjoyable and interesting experience for young and old alike. As Rev. Lolla indicated at last week's service, this is a great way for our youth to learn more about other faiths, as well as becoming more grounded in their own. Care for little ones is provided. For more information, please contact Ted Mills (412-364-4002).

THERE IS STILL TIME to hear the Pittsburgh Concert Chorale perform Honegger's "King David" today at Fox Chapel; Presbyterian Church at 4:00p. Tickets are available at the door.

LUNCH BUNCH is going to Siebs Pub (Irish) located on Babcock Blvd. on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet at the church parking lot at 11:30a to carpool. Contact Pat Krotzer to make reservations by Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

GOD SAYS GO. Please check the bulletin board at the lower level church entrance for details on the WMI Conference to be held at Pittsburgh Seminary on March 19 and 20. Northmont's Mission Ministry has paid the registration fee to make it possible for as many Northmont members who wish to attend to pay only for meals they choose. This is a special opportunity to learn about what the PCUSA is doing and how we at Northmont might become more involved in the mission of the church at home and worldwide. Part time attendance is encouraged if you cannot be there for the entire conference. Any questions call Dianna Hollo 412-367-3757 or Jean Stultz 412-364-7217.

THE NEXT SESSION OF DINAH'S BOOK CLUB will be held on Saturday morning, March 27<sup>th</sup> in the Malawi Room. The focus book will be A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolridge. 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).

AMAZING HAITI EMERGENCY KIT NEWS!! Following our collaboration with 2nd Presbyterian and completing 511 kits, a team from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance leaving immediately for Haiti contacted the Pittsburgh Presbytery with a plea for emergency kits for up to 600 people sheltered at a school there. Deb Warner of 2nd Presbyterian was able to tell them that we had 511 full kits, plus 70 more partial kits!! Deb took them all to the Presbytery the next day and in the following few days, they were on their way to Haiti. Thanks so much everyone for your contributions and divinely inspired timing! Thanks, also, to those who have put additional kit items in the box under the Mission Bulletin Board in the back stairwell. Keep it coming! We'll continue to assemble more kits as more items come in.

LANDSCAPING HELP WANTED! We all want to be proud of the way our church and grounds appear to us and to others. There is a constant need to not only preserve what we have but also there is the need to further upgrade and enhance our "curb appeal." The Facilities Management Committee needs your help. There is so much to do outside between the warm months of May through October. If you feel that you can volunteer a bit of your time to help out and want additional information, please call Glenn Matthews at 724-687-0886.

THE MILITARY LIST is available on the board outside Kelly's office.

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.

PIPER DEADLINE is March 12 for the April 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 – canned fruit. All items are very much appreciated.

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 Helen Traynor at 412-364-2287.

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: Marty Snyder, Helen Haberlein

TO BE REMEMBERED WITH CARDS AND PRAYERS

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

Kathy Zink, Manor Care, 1105 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Art Groweg, Passavant Hospital

Warren Johnson, Wexford House

Ed Weaver, Vincentian Home

Bill Held, Passavant Hospital

Peggy Gray, Shadyside Hospital

Judith Shifrin, Allegheny General Hospital

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – 9:45a Sunday

Malawi Room

ADULT TOPICS CLASS – 9:45a Sunday

Berean Room

Today, Carl Baughman of Samaritan Counseling joins us for the last of a 3 week series on Dreams in the Bible and Today.

## March 7, 2010

### **Sunday, March 7** *Deut. 11:18-28*

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

### **Monday, March 8** *Jer. 1:1-10*

6:30p Youth Committee - YL  
7:00p Boy Scouts - FH  
7:00p Partnering - MR

### **Tuesday, March 9** *Rom. 1:1-15*

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

### **Wednesday, March 10** *Psalm 25*

9:15a Knitters - MR  
5:45p Kids of the Kingdom - FH  
6:30p Book Study - BR  
7:00p Youth Group - YL  
7:30p Choir - WR  
Pleasant Valley Shelter - Deacons

### **Thursday, March 11** *John 5:1-18*

7:00a Stewardship Committee - Library  
7:15p Stephen Ministry - BR

### **Friday, March 12** *Rom. 2:12-24*

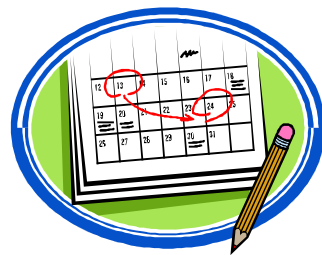
3:45p Belles - WR  
7:00p Bridge - off site  
Piper Deadline - Noon

### **Saturday, March 13** *Psalm 105*

### **Sunday, March 14** *Jer. 5:20-31*

8:30a Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30a Sunday School  
11:00a 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 – 2011**

Larry Anderson  
Tom Mazula  
Judith Shifrin  
Kathy Wissner

### **CLASS – 2012**

Dianna Holla  
Jennifer Irvin  
Lee Karayusuf  
Jeff Morris

### **CLASS - 2013**

Bill H. English  
Betty Fraley  
George Pearsall  
Joanne Zaletsky

## **DEACONS**

Glen Wissner  
Kim Englert  
Cyndie Greenleaf  
Rhonda Horton  
Carolyn Perry  
John Russell

Kevin Greenleaf  
Lori Holloway  
Linda Richard  
Jeanne Russell  
Ken Yoest  
Marlene Yoest

Duane Bowers  
Liz Bowers  
Sylvia Campbell  
Craig Garver  
Pat Krotzer  
Ruthanne Springer

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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).*



