

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 2, 2022, 10 AM

“Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. He made a pit and dug it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.” –Psalms 7:14-16

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #344

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Come, and praise God! In the company of the God’s people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: GREAT ARE THE WORKS OF GOD, FULL OF GLORY AND MAJESTY.

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

PEOPLE: OUR GOD IS MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING

Leader: Our God is faithful and trustworthy,

PEOPLE: OUR GOD IS JUST AND GOOD.

Leader: So come, let’s worship God together.

PEOPLE: GOD’S PRAISE WILL LAST FOREVER!

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”
“Mighty to Save”**

*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION

THE RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

(Please pass the friendship pads down the pew. We invite all to sign names and write down contact info. Please pass the book back to the middle aisle when you’re finished. Thanks!)

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

“God of the Ages”

No. 568

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Love Lifted Me”

No. 505

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7

THE MESSAGE

“Haman’s Downfall”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

No. 364

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #74

“Majesty”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“The death of a substitute satisfied the wrath of the king. In the case of Mordecai and Haman, it was the guilty dying in the place of the innocent; in the case of Jesus and us, it is a matter of the innocent dying in the place of the guilty.” –David Guzik

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Liturgist:

-Nursery: Donna Crowe

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Greeter: The Harbaugh Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to NHPC! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.

NEXT WEEK: Scripture – Esther 8; Message Title – “Esther’s Request”

THE SECOND COLLECTION today is for the Food for Families fund. The purpose of this fund is to help those going through a difficult time with food by providing a grocery store gift card. Your donations are greatly appreciated to help with this endeavor.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS of new or slightly used school supplies, craft supplies, and children's books for the After School Program. We are so excited to partner with the Allegheny Family Network at bringing this program to our church. There is a box in the Narthex for these items. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Doug Deemer, Marcy Korb, Deb Lehew, or Pastor Rick. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SCHOOL DAY: Bring Your Bible to School Day is a nationwide, student-led movement to read and treasure Scripture as God’s Holy Word, to encourage others with the hope we have in Christ Jesus, and to celebrate our religious freedoms in the United States. This year, the celebration will be October 6th! This event empowers Christian students of all ages to speak God’s grace and truth into the culture around them, starting with two simple steps — bringing their Bibles to school and sharing what God’s Word means to them. NHPC is challenging your students to participate in this event. Sign up at focusonthefamily.com to receive step-by-step instructions, Scripture cards and more!



BIBLE BUNCH HELP NEEDED: We are asking for a hand with meals again this year. If you are able to help out, consider signing up for a meal at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv9mo1> or scan the QR code provided. Any help is greatly appreciated! (If you need help signing up, you can call the office at 724-224-7338.) If you are unable to help with meals, but would like to help out at the meeting, please let us know! We are always looking for some helping hands.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

YOU'RE INVITED to Harvest Church (143 Reed Road, Kittanning) for a one day conference entitled "Who's Raising Your Kids? Battling for the Hearts and Minds of our Children!" on Saturday, October 29th from 9 - 4 PM (doors open at 8 AM). Join Hilary Morgan Ferrer and her Mama Bear Apologetics team as well as members of the PA Family Council to understand the influences that impact your kids every day and what you can do about it! For those that were in the Mom Connect Group, we read and worked through Mama Bear Apologetics! If you are interested in attending the cost is \$20 (sack lunch provided), and you can register at harvestpa.org/events. If you want to go as a group to, please contact Leah Irvine at 724-882-5413.

OUR EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS SOME HELP! Some of our kids in Bible Bunch and Youth Group are experiencing some stress at home with their mom being sick. Cary, the mother of these children, has recently been hospitalized and is currently in the ICU with unexpected, life-threatening issues. Her expected recovery time is a minimum of six days in the hospital, but there are still many tests to be done. There are six children at home, and the dad works full-time. We would love to help this family in any way we can. If you are interested in lending a hand with this, please contact Denise Baker at 724-448-7628. We also ask for prayers for this family at this difficult time.

WANT TO MAKE A DONATION but don't have cash or a check on you? Consider checking out our website at www.nhpcusa.com and clicking on "Give;" this will take you to the site where you can make an online donation. To take yourself directly there with your cell phone, scan the QR code!



CLERK OF SESSION: Deb Lehew – 724-664-1256

ELDERS: -Mike Lassinger – 724-316-1665 -Doug Deemer – 412-335-0185
 -Chad Gourley – 412-443-0682 -Jon Bouchat – 724-681-8881
 -Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169 -Phil Grove – 724-224-4245

WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
9/25	\$ 4,079.98	\$1,019.80

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 2 – OCTOBER 9

TODAY:

- 9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
- 9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00AM – Worship Service
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 6:00PM – Men's Group

MONDAY:

- 6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

WEDNESDAY:

- 6:30PM – ONE

THURSDAY:

- *Take your Bible to school day
- 3:00PM – Middle School Group – Pizza Challenge!
- 5:15PM – Bible Bunch

NEXT SUNDAY, October 9TH:

- 9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
- 9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00AM – Worship Service
- 6:00PM – Youth Group
- 6:00PM – Men's Group