

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, September 11, 2022, 10 AM

“My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise.”

–Martin Luther

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #108

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (In Unison) “A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11”

**ALL: O GOD, OUR HOPE AND REFUGE,
IN OUR DISTRESS WE COME QUICKLY TO YOU.
SHOCK AND HORROR OF THAT TRAGIC DAY HAVE SUBSIDED,
REPLACED NOW WITH AN EMPTINESS,
A LONGING FOR AN INNOCENCE LOST.**

**WE COME REMEMBERING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON D.C., AND PENNSYLVANIA.**

**WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE SACRIFICE OF PUBLIC SERVANTS
WHO DEMONSTRATED THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL
BY LAYING DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR FRIENDS.**

**WE COMMIT THEIR SOULS TO YOUR ETERNAL CARE
AND CELEBRATE THEIR GIFTS TO A FALLEN HUMANITY.**

**WE COME REMEMBERING
AND WE COME IN HOPE,
NOT IN OURSELVES, BUT IN YOU.**

**AS FOUNDATIONS WE ONCE THOUGHT SECURE HAVE BEEN SHAKEN,
WE ARE REMINDED OF THE ILLUSION OF SECURITY.**

IN COMMEMORATING THIS TRAGEDY,

WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR YOUR PRESENCE

IN OUR TIME OF NEED

**AND WE SEEK TO WORSHIP YOU IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH,
OUR GUIDE AND OUR GUARDIAN. AMEN.**

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“In That Day”
“Above All”**

*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 – red hymnal #380

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down”

No. 14

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 3

THE MESSAGE

“Haman's Plot”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“God Will Take Care of You”

No. 47

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #600

“If You Will Only Let God Guide You”

*Please stand if you are able

“I may never know the answers to the questions that plagued me after 9/11. But I know if we lean on God and each other we will be guided to a better, brighter future.”

–MICHAEL HINGSON, 9/11 SURVIVOR

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Liturgist: Deb Lehew

-Nursery: Candice Gourley

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Greeters: The Gourley Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church. Thank you for joining us in worshipping our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

NEXT WEEK: Scripture - Esther 4; Message Title – “The Queen Must Help”

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 click 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!



UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Jack Braun. Linda Braun has updated us that Jack Braun is free of his pancreatic cancer! God truly does work miracles.

YOUTH GROUP begins on tonight! Join Toni Brooks from 6-8 PM if you are in 5th through 12th grade for study, worship, mission work and more!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

AN AFTER SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL group begins on Thursday, September 15th and will meet from 3-4:45 PM with Leah Irvine. Walk over after school and join us!

BIBLE BUNCH begins on Thursday, September 15th at 5:30 PM or come at 5:15 PM and join us for dinner. This group is for any kiddos in preschool through 4th grade and meets with Leah Irvine.

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 Fellowship Hall 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.

THURSDAY EVENING SERVICES are coming back! Can't make the Sunday service? Join us for an informal worship service on Thursdays at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall starting September 15th. Can't wait to see you then!

THE FALL EDITION of Our Daily Bread is now available! Pick up your copy today!

SOCIAL MEDIA: Did you know we have a Facebook page and a YouTube channel? Search "Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church" or scan the QR codes to take you directly to the pages.



COMING UP: Thursday, September 15th – 7 PM Thursday evening service begins
Sunday, September 18th – Communion

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>
9/4	\$ 4,079.98	\$2,208.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 11 – SEPTEMBER 18

TODAY:

9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
6:00PM – Youth Group

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

WEDNESDAY:

6:30PM – ONE

THURSDAY:

3:00PM – Middle School Group
5:30PM – Bible Bunch

NEXT SUNDAY, September 18th:

9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service