

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 9, 2022, 10 AM

“There was an urgency to get the word out about this important decree of the king. Christians should show a similar urgency when it comes to being heralds of the decree that the justice of God has been satisfied for us in Jesus Christ.” –David Guzik

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #590

“This Is the Day”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

PEOPLE: WITH SHOUTS OF JOY WE CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S LOVE.

Leader: Open your hearts to the warmth of God’s redeeming love.

PEOPLE: GOD HAS Poured SUCH WONDER INTO OUR LIVES!

Leader: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

**PEOPLE: LET OUR PRAISE RING TO THE RAFTERS AND ASCEND TO THE HEAVENS!
AMEN.**

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Build Your Kingdom Here”
“Indescribable”**

*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 #235

“At the Name of Jesus”

–Tune: King’s Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 26

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 8

THE MESSAGE

“A Decree Revised”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

No. 64

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #228

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” –Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Liturgist: Deb Lehew

-Nursery: Jen Goldberg

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Greeters: Pam Clark & Denise Baker
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEXT WEEK: Scripture – Esther 9; Message Title – “Enemies Defeated”

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held during Harrison Township’s Trick or Treat night again this year! Join us with a decorated trunk and treats in our parking lot from 6-8 PM on Saturday, October 29th. Let Pastor Rick know if you will be attending in person. Not able to decorate your trunk and attend? No worries! Consider donating a bag of candy for us to pass out for you! Candy donations can be left on the table in the Narthex.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: NHPC will be hosting the Community Christmas Concert again this December! Join us on the 10th at 7 PM to welcome local choirs and groups as a kick off to our holiday season. The concert will once again benefit Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Food Bank. While there is no cost to attend the concert, we do ask for donations of nonperishable food items or a monetary donation for the food bank. Put this date on your calendar and we will see you there!

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 available for these items at the church. If you have any questions, please find Doug Deemer, Marcy Korb, Deb Lehew, or Pastor Rick. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Would you like to donate chancel flowers in loving memory or honor of a loved one? For a \$25 donation, flowers are displayed during Sunday’s service. Contact the office at 724-224-7338 or nhpcsecretary@aol.com to do so!

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.

COMING UP: Sunday, October, 16th – Communion
Saturday, October 29th – Trunk or Treat from 6-8 PM
Sunday, November 6th – All Saints' Sunday
Saturday, December 10th – Community Christmas Concert at 7 PM

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>
10/02	\$ 4,079.98	\$2,112.00

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!



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 9 – OCTOBER 16

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:

- 3:00PM – Middle School Group
- 5:15PM – Bible Bunch

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- 9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
- 9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00AM – Worship Service
- 5:00PM – Youth Group Fields of Faith Night
- 6:00PM – Men's Group