

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

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

“To glorify God is not just to do so in religious worship, singing praise and enacting the traditional rites of the church. To glorify God is to reveal his character by being who we were created to be—the embodiment of the image of God in human form.”

—James W. Sire

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #137

“What Child Is This?”

THE WELCOME

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – Kim Richards and Rebekah Gribble

Today we relight the green candle of creation, which represents life. We also relight the violet candle of the incarnation, which represents Christ’s true royalty. Now as we light the red candle of the crucifixion representing sacrifice, we are reminded that while our hearts are saddened at the birth of the one born to die, we are yet filled with joy as we proclaim His advent and prepare to celebrate His coming into our lives for our salvation.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Come, let all who love the Lord enter God's house for worship!

PEOPLE: BUT MANY ARE POOR AND WOUNDED AND DO NOT KNOW OF CHRIST'S LOVE.

Leader: Then we must proclaim for all to hear the news of Jesus the Christ.

PEOPLE: AND WHAT SHALL WE TELL THE POOR AND WOUNDED IN THE WORLD?

Leader: Christ died so ALL might have life and is coming again to lift them up.

ALL: BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD!

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“I Saw Three Ships”
“Mary Did You Know”**

*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 #164

“One Small Child”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 133

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-56

THE MESSAGE

“Mary’s Song”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“The First Noel”

No. 136 (vs 1-3)

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Emmanuel”

No. 134

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #145

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Please stand if you are able

“Our high and privileged calling is to do the will of God in the power of God for the glory of God.” –J. J. Packer

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

-*Pianist:* Margie Shoop

-*Praise Band Leader:* Kevin Rudolph

-*Online Filming:* Marcy Korb

-*Liturgist:* Jack Miller

-*Nursery:* Donna Crowe

-*Sound & Production:* Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-*Greeter:* Denise Baker
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to NHPC! Thank you for joining us for worship during this season of advent.

THE BULLETIN COVER was created by Clarissa and Jesse, members of youth group.

LIGHTING OUR ADVENT CANDLES this week is Kim Richards and her daughter, Rebekah Gribble. These two ladies have been attending NHPC for some time now. Both volunteer to help out as greeters for our church. Kim has helped with being liturgist in the past as well. Thank you so much for worshipping with us today and for lighting our candles for Advent.

NEXT WEEK'S sermon text and title will be: Luke 1:57-80, "Zechariah's Song"

MASON JARS: The Allegheny Family Network after school program is in need of 12 mason jars and lids for a craft. If you have some extra jars at home and would be willing to donate them, please let Pastor Rick, Doug Deemer or Marcy Korb know. Thank you!

BIBLE BUNCH will NOT be meeting on December 8th, 22nd or 29th. Thank you!

JOE CORBI FUNDRAISERS can be picked up on Wednesday, December 14th. You can pick up items at 11:30 AM, 12:30 PM, or 3 PM during pick up/drop off for school. If one of these times does NOT work for you, please contact Jen at 724-681-6035 (text or call) to arrange for a different time. All items come frozen and will need to be kept cold. Thank you for your support of NHPC Weekday Nursery School!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will NOT meet on December 18th, 25th or January 1st.

WINTER OUR DAILY BREADS are now available!

PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be an informal service on Thursday, December 22nd or Thursday, December 29th. Please join us on Sunday for worship instead on these days!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ANGEL TREE GIFTS are due today! If you have forgotten to bring yours in this morning, please contact Jen Rigatti at 724-681-6035 to arrange for another time to drop it off. Thank you to all who participated this year in making a child’s Christmas magical.

FINANCES: This past year has been a struggle for so many people, and like many of you, NHPC has also struggled financially. We are greatly “in the red” for 2022 regarding receipts to budget. We would like to first thank everyone who has donated to our church. Your donations are keeping us going, and it is so greatly appreciated. We also would like to ask for your help. In order to continue running, to provide updates to the building and grounds, to keep our lights on, and to continue running all of our programs, we need your assistance. No donation is too small—any amount we are truly grateful for. If you are unable to help us financially, please think about donating your time. Volunteers are always needed to help things run smoothly at NHPC. Lastly we ask for prayers. Pray that we will be blessed in finances and volunteers to keep going, pray that we will be able to bring people to Christ, and pray that we would make a difference in the world for the glory of God. Thank you!

CAM MALCOLM BOOKS: The sequel in the five-book “A Divine Christmas Ghost Story” series is in print and available for sale. Orders are being taken in the church office (724-224-7338 or nhpcsecretary@aol.com) for all three of the Reverend Malcolm’s books: “Mary Magdalene: New Testament Eve,” “A Divine Christmas Ghost Story: Book I,” and “A Divine Christmas Ghost Story: Book II.” The Christmas Ghost story books are faith-based novellas hauntingly set in the Christmas season. All books sell for \$19.95.

COMING UP: Saturday, December 24th – 7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25th – 10 AM Christmas Day Service
Sunday, January 1st – 10 AM New Year’s Day Service; 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>
12/04	\$ 4,079.98	\$2,358.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 11 – DECEMBER 18

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:

- 3:00PM – AFN High School Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary Group
- 6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

TUESDAY:

- 3:00PM – AFN High School Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary Group

WEDNESDAY:

- *Joe Corbi Fundraiser pick up
- 3:00PM – AFN High School Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary Group
- 6:30PM – ONE

THURSDAY:

- 3:00PM – Middle School After School Youth Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary Group
- 5:15PM – Bible Bunch

FRIDAY:

- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary Group

NEXT SUNDAY, December 18th:

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

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