

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, December 25, 2022, 10 AM

*“The birth of Jesus made possible not just a new way of understanding life but a new way of living it.” –Frederick Buechner*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #132

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

THE WELCOME

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.

**PEOPLE: FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Good Christian Men Rejoice”**

**“Little Drummer Boy”**

\*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

**“O Holy Night!”**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**No. 145**

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 2:1-21**

THE MESSAGE

**“The Birth of the Messiah”**

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Joy to the World!”**

**No. 125**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Emmanuel”**

**No. 134**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #138

**“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”**

\*Please stand if you are able

*“The birth of Jesus is the grandest light of history, the sun in the heavens of all time. It is the pole-star of human destiny, the hinge of chronology, the meeting-place of the waters of the past and the future.” –Charles Spurgeon*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Charlotte Rudolph

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Liturgist: Deb Lehew

-Greeter: Carl & Kathy Dolon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEXT WEEK'S sermon text and title will be: Luke 2:41-52, "Jesus at The Temple."

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER - Marianna's Hoagies & Pizzas: You again have an opportunity to bless two ministries in the church with one fundraiser. First the proceeds of your purchase will go to the Youth Group Mission trip fund. And secondly you can purchase additional hoagies to donate to the Women's Conference This is Us...On the Rock that will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>. We provide a soup and sandwich lunch and these will be our sandwiches. The cost for hoagies and pizzas are \$9. Orders and money are due 1/10/23. Pick up will be 1/19/23 11:30am-12:00pm & 5pm-5:30pm. There is an order form in the narthex or you can email Toni at nhpcyg@yahoo.com with your order and for Venmo or Zelle payment options.

DONATIONS for 2022 need to be in the office no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> to be included on your statement for this past year. Thank you for your help with this!

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO give back in our local community? Platinum Ridge is in need of volunteers for various programs. Contact Karla Langer at 724-224-9200 or [klanger@platinumridgenursing.com](mailto:klanger@platinumridgenursing.com) to schedule a time to stop in and help. Opportunities include activities such as watering plants, helping with parties, reading the Bible and more! There is something for everyone! For more details please see the flyer in the Narthex or contact Karla. Thank you!

THIS IS US...ON THE ROCK: Sat, January 21, 2023, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM - Doors open at 8:30! Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> annual women's conference as we stand firmly on the Rock of Ages together! This year we are going to give Him all the glory, honor and praise! We will be remembering what God has done for us in the past, share what God is doing in the present and celebrate what God is going to do in the future. Come see what God will do this year through the power of the Holy Spirit. He never fails to show up!

- Live Worship Band throughout the Day
- Morning Refreshments and Lunch Provided (Please let us know dietary restrictions.)
- Bible Based Speakers
- Breakout Sessions
- Relaxed Environment Full of Christian Fellowship, Love, and Support.

Scan the code or talk to one of our team members to register:

Denise Baker  
Amy Brenner  
Toni Brooks  
Marcy Korb  
Margie Shoop



**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

BIBLE BUNCH will NOT be meeting on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be an informal service on Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will NOT meet on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

MARRIAGE RESTORATION/REFRESHMENT MINISTRY: You made a commitment to your spouse and to God when you got married and marriage is not easy. But a marriage done God's way is the most fulfilled and successful marriage you can have. If you would like more information, please email [MarriageRefreshment@yahoo.com](mailto:MarriageRefreshment@yahoo.com).

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!

COMING UP: Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10 AM New Year’s Day Service  
Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 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>
12/18	\$ 4,079.98	\$1,701.80

**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 25 – JANUARY 1**

**TODAY:**

10:00AM – Worship Service

**MONDAY:**

6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

6:30PM – ONE

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>:**

10:00AM – Worship Service

SCAN THE QR CODE to make a donation from your phone!

