

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10 AM

*“Our Lord’s conception of discipleship is not that we work for God, but that God works through us.” –Oswald Chambers*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #451

**“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”**

THE WELCOME

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**PEOPLE: LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION!**

Leader: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving!

**PEOPLE: LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO GOD WITH SONGS OF PRAISE!**

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate God’s loving presence with us.

**PEOPLE: WE SING TO GOD WITH OUR HEARTS AND OUR SPIRITS. AMEN.**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Rock of Ages”  
“I Can Only Imagine”**

\*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR CONNECT GROUPS

–Denise Baker

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 #193

**“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**No. 380**

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

**Acts 6:1-15**

THE MESSAGE

**“More Chosen and More Arrested”**

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

THE APOSTLES CREED

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Be Still, My Soul”**

**No. 347**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #184

**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

\*Please stand if you are able

*“Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey.” –Pope Francis*

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

- Pianist: Margie Shoop
  - Online Filming: Marcy Korb
  - Liturgist:
  - Nursery: Candice Gourley
  - Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph
  - Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz
  - Greeter: Denise Baker
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME to NHPC! We are excited to share the Word of God with you this morning.

THE BULLETIN COVER was created by an anonymous youth group member.

NEXT WEEK’S sermon and scripture will be: Acts 7:1-53, “Stephen before the Sanhedrin.”

EASTER FLOWER FORMS are available on the tables in the Narthex. Please complete the form and return it with your payment no later than Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Easter flowers can be picked up following our Easter Sunday service. Thank you!

MUSIC: Margie is looking for a small group of singers to prepare a Lenten offertory together. Hoping for 4 parts to sing "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" but will consider other songs as well. Please call or text her at 412-715-5710 by March 12, or catch her at the piano!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: We are looking for a member of our congregation that would be willing to fix some of the chairs in our church’s fellowship hall. Some of the frames need to be re-welded together. If you are interested and can help us, please talk to Doug Deemer or Rick Harbaugh following the service.

AFN NEEDS A HAND: The teen after school program at NHPC is looking for one or two volunteers to help with tutoring. If you are interested or have any questions please call Jaadyn Hughes at 412-737-8589 or email her at [theteenspot@gmail.com](mailto:theteenspot@gmail.com). Thank you!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

AVAC will be opening the Family Promise House in our community in the near future. This will provide housing for the homeless in our area. Currently they are looking for people who are willing to provide meals for those who will live there. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 PM. If you are interested in volunteering a meal or your time to help serve the meal please call Maria Gerlach at 724-904-7035.

NHPC WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL registration is now open! If you have a potty trained child that will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1, 2023, consider registering him/her for our program. Our teachers are well qualified and experienced at drawing out the children as their talents merit, and as your child progresses through the program, you will witness this as well. Help us make our 66<sup>th</sup> year one to remember! Contact Jen Rigatti at the church at 724-224-7338, on her cell at 724-681-6035 (can text or call) or email her at nhpcsecretary@aol.com for more information or to request a form.

KEY FOBS: As we update our key fob system, we want to ensure we have all of the correct information from your fob on file. If you currently have a key fob for NHPC, please fill out the form on the table in the Narthex with your name and fob number. Thank you for helping us with this update!

THE SPRING EDITION of Our Daily Bread is now available!

COMING UP: Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Ordination and Installation of Elders; Easter  
Flower Forms Due  
Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Palm Sunday  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday

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

ELDERS: -Doug Deemer – 412-335-0185 -Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169  
-Chad Gourley – 412-443-0682 -Phil Grove – 724-224-4245

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
March 5	\$3,486.59	\$1,946.00

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**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH 12 – MARCH 19**

**TODAY:**

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

**MONDAY:**

- 3:00PM – AFN Teens
- 6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

**TUESDAY:**

- 3:00PM – AFN Teens
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 3:00PM – AFN Teens
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 6:30PM – ONE Group

**THURSDAY:**

- 3:00PM – Middle School After School Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 5:15PM – Bible Bunch
- 7:00PM – Informal Service

**FRIDAY:**

- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary

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