

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, March 26, 2023, 10 AM

“The presence of the Holy Spirit is the keystone of all our hopes.” –John Nelson Darby

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #385

“Near the Cross”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence can be ours.

PEOPLE: THE GRIEF FELT AT LAZARUS’ DEATH WAS OVERCOME BY THE REASSURANCE OF JESUS.

Leader: He said, “I am the resurrection and the life.”

PEOPLE: IN RAISING LAZARUS, JESUS DEMONSTRATED THAT DEATH IS NOT BEYOND THE HOPE FOUND IN RESURRECTION.

Leader: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of Jesus.

PEOPLE: WE ARE GIVEN COURAGE AND CONFIDENCE BY THE POWER OF GOD TO OVERCOME OUR WORST FEARS. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Blessed Be Your Name”
“In Christ Alone”**

*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR MISSION

–Kara Finkel & Jaadyn Hughes, Allegheny Family Network After-School Programs

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 #178

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

No. 211

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:31-60

THE MESSAGE

“The Stoning of Stephen”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

No. 371

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #76

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Please stand if you are able

“When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, He will show you things to come; you will no longer be in the dark. You will no longer walk in confusion but live each day in the light. You will face the future with faith and confidence. He is the Spirit of reality, Hallelujah!”

–Chris Oyakhilome

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Greeter: Denise Baker

-Nursery: Leah Irvine

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

NEXT WEEK'S scripture and message title will be: Matthew 21:1-11, "Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King."

DUE TO SOME LOCAL issues, the police have advised us to remind everyone to please lock car doors when entering the church for services and events, as well as at other local venues. Thank you!

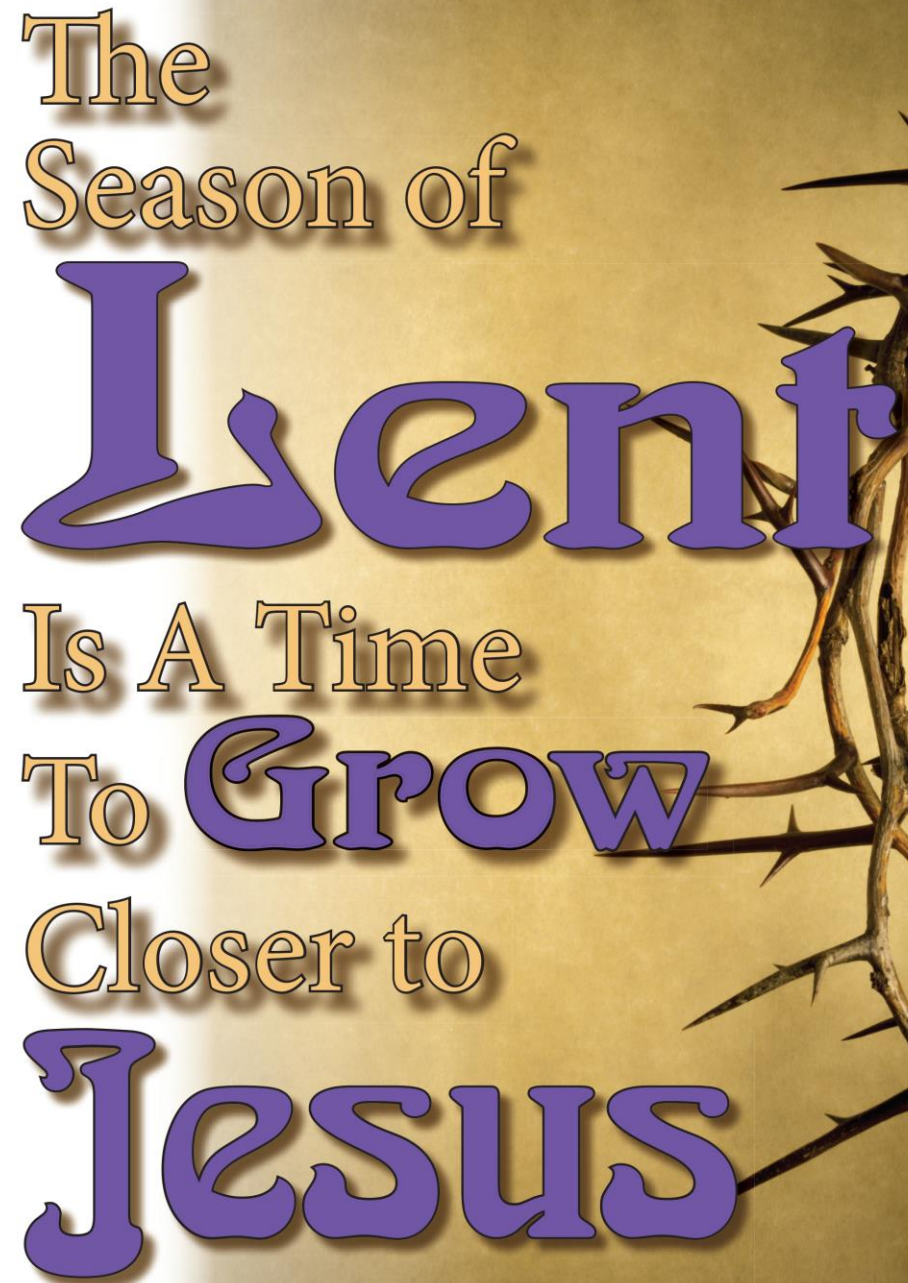
PALM SUNDAY: Sunday, April 2nd is Palm Sunday. Join us for this special service and to pick up your palms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We will be hosting our traditional Maundy Thursday Tenebrae and Communion service on Thursday, April 6th in our sanctuary. Join us at 7 PM for this unique service.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: You are invited to attend the Community Good Friday Service at Trinity United Methodist Church! The service on Friday, April 7th will be held from noon till 3 PM and will feature many pastors and musicians from the Allegheny Valley area. We hope to see you there!

THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM is looking for donations of toilet paper rolls and cardboard egg cartons. The kiddos will be doing some planting this spring and could use help with donations of these supplies! Please leave all donations in the Narthex on the table. Thank you.

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 66th 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.



The
Season of
Lent
Is A Time
To **GROW**
Closer to
Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

COMING UP: Sunday, April 2nd – Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 6th at 7 PM – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion Service
Friday, April 7th at 12 PM – Community Good Friday Service at Trinity United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 9th – Easter Sunday

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

ELDERS: -Donna Crowe – 724-882-5003 -Phil Grove – 724-224-4245
-Doug Deemer – 412-335-0185 -Marcy Korb – 412-334-1173
-Chad Gourley – 412-443-0682 -Jack Miller – 724-295-6548
-Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169

WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
March 12	\$3,486.59	\$1,834.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH 26 – APRIL 2

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

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

THURSDAY:

7:00PM – Informal Service

FRIDAY:

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