

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, April 16, 2023, 10 AM

“Without the Spirit of God, we can do nothing. We are as ships without wind. We are useless.” –Charles Spurgeon

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #209

“We Are the Reason”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: My heart is glad!

PEOPLE: MY SOUL REJOICES, AND MY BODY RESTS SECURE!

Leader: For you do not abandon me.

PEOPLE: YOU GIVE ME COUNSEL.

Leader: You are at my right hand.

PEOPLE: YOU SHOW ME THE PATH OF LIFE.

Leader: Your presence is sheer joy.

PEOPLE: YOU ARE MY GOD; APART FROM YOU, I HAVE NO GOOD. BLESSED IS YOUR NAME!

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Lord Reign in Me”
“At the Cross”**

*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 #216

“Christ Arose”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“There Is a Fountain”

No. 196

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:1-25

THE MESSAGE

“Persecution and Conversion”
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

No. 379

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #222

“Easter Song”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, yet when the Spirit comes, He is loaded with packages! He desires to release much more in us and through us than we could ever imagine. These gifts are given for delivery, not for accumulation. We receive them to pass them on to others.” –Jack W. Hayford

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz

-Liturgist: Jack Miller

-Greeter: Denise Baker

-Nursery: Candice Gourley

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to NHPC! Christ is risen! Rejoice with us this morning.

THIS WEEKS COVER was created by youth group member, Carson Ankney, and leader, Toni Brooks.

NEXT WEEK’S scripture is from Acts 8:26-40 and the message title is “The Ethiopian Eunuch.”

MAY NEWSLETTER information is due to the office no later than Friday, April 21st.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held at NHPC again this year. Join us at 7 PM on Thursday, May 4th for this community service, hosted by Allegheny Valley Association of Churches.

BENEFIT CONCERT: On Sunday, May 21st at 2 PM, Trinity Methodist Church will be featuring Risen to Save. Join them for contemporary Christian music with a free will offering to benefit Allegheny Valley Association of Churches.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

BIBLE BUNCH has five weeks left before their summer break. We could use your help to fill the meal train for them. These meals feed our elementary students when they come to our church for this group. Please sign up by going to the link provided or contacting Leah Irvine. Thank you! <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv9mo1>

COMING UP: Thursday, May 4th – National Day of Prayer Service
Sunday, May 7th – Communion
Sunday, May 21st – Risen to Save Benefit Concert

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>
April 9	\$3,486.59	\$2,850.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 16 – APRIL 23

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
4:00PM – AFN Elementary
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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