

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, April 9, 2023, 10 AM

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*“The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.” –Anonymous*

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #586

**“Jesus, Stand Among Us”**

THE WELCOME

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Welcome today! Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

**PEOPLE: WE WALKED THE SEASHORE AND THE HILLS WITH JESUS; WE WENT TO THE UPPER ROOM AND TO THE GARDEN OF SORROWS, WE STOOD AT THE CROSS AND HID IN A ROOM OUT OF OUR FEAR.**

Leader: Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

**PEOPLE: EVERYTHING IS BURSTING WITH LIFE. JESUS IS ALIVE! HE IS RISEN!**

Leader: Hallelujah!

**PEOPLE: HALLELUJAH! AMEN.**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“This Is Amazing Grace”  
“Jesus Messiah”**

\*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 – NHPC Chorale

**“Restore My Soul”**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**No. 217**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 28:1-15**

THE MESSAGE

**“Two Different Stories”**  
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Because He Lives”**

**No. 213**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #379

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

\*Please stand if you are able

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*“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” –Martin Luther*

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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: Deb Lehew

-Greeter: Donna Crowe

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME to our church on this Easter morning. We are grateful you are here to celebrate that Christ is risen!

THIS WEEKS COVER was created by youth group alumnus Kiley Karolkoski.

NHPC’S CHORALE: Amy Brenner, Alto; Mark Brenner, Baritone; Diana Nelson, Alto  
Ross Nelson, Tenor; Roy Nelson, Bass; Kim Richards, Soprano—thank you all for sharing your talent with us this morning!

THE NURSERY IS CLOSED this morning so our volunteers can enjoy the Easter service with their families. The room is still available if you need to go in with your child.

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 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.

BIBLE BUNCH has 7 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>

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	

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:</b>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
April 2	\$3,486.59	\$2,993.00

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



**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 9 – APRIL 16**

**TODAY:**

Easter

- 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:**

- 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

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 16:**

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