

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, May 7, 2023, 10 AM

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*“Out of defeat can come the best in human nature. As Christians face storms of adversity, they may rise with more beauty. They are like trees that grow on mountain ridges—battered by winds, yet trees in which we find the strongest wood.”*

*—Billy Graham*

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GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #350

**“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**

THE WELCOME

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: In you, Lord, I have taken refuge.

**PEOPLE: LET ME NEVER BE PUT TO SHAME. DELIVER ME IN YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Leader: Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue.

**PEOPLE: BE MY ROCK OF REFUGE, A STRONG FORTRESS TO SAVE ME.**

Leader: Since you are my rock and my fortress,

**PEOPLE: LEAD AND GUIDE ME, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR NAME.**

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant.

**PEOPLE: SAVE ME IN YOUR UNFAILING LOVE!**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Rescuer”  
“Redeemed”**

\*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 #277

**“The Church’s One Foundation”**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“Behold the Lamb”**

**No. 179**

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

**Acts 9:20-31**

THE MESSAGE

**“Saul’s Ministry and Peter’s Witness”**

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Gracious Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Administration of the Elements

The Prayer of Appreciation

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**“Great Is the Lord”**

**No. 31**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #204

**“Rock of Ages”**

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\*Please stand if you are able

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*“If we are to live as disciples of Jesus, we have to remember that all noble things are difficult. The Christian life is gloriously difficult, but the difficulty of it does not make us faint and cave in, it rouses us up to overcome.” –Oswald Chambers*

*Chancel Flowers*

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**In Loving Memory of  
John W. Darrell, Jr.  
Given by his wife, Janet Darrell**

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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

*-Nursery:*

*-Greeter:*

*-Liturgist:*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WELCOME to our church! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning.

THIS WEEKS COVER was created by Middle School Youth Group and Sunday School member, Eli Irvine.

NEXT WEEK’S scripture is from Acts 10:1-23 and the message title is “Peter's Vision.”

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will finish up on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for the summer. It will pick up again in the fall.

BENEFIT CONCERT: On Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

BIBLE BUNCH thanks all of you who have signed up, donated and provided meals for them this past program year. Your help with keeping our kiddos fed is truly appreciated!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

ONE GROUP will have their last meeting before their summer break on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be finishing up the season of The Chosen that they are watching. If you're interested in joining this group for the fall or to find out more info about the group, please contact Denise Baker.

AN OUTDOOR CLEANUP will take place on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 PM. Stop by NHPC to pull weeds, trim bushes and do some cleanup of the church grounds. We thank all of you in advance for helping to keep our church outdoors look tidy and clean!

GRADUATION SUNDAY, to celebrate our graduates, will be held in June! If you are graduating from high school, college or another form of education this year let us know. We'd love to recognize you doing our service and celebrate your achievements. Please contact the office at 724-224-7338 or nhpcsecretary@aol.com with your name, institution you are graduating from, any degrees you may be receiving, and any future plans you have (i.e. jobs or further education).

VBS: We are so excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for the summer of 2023! "Hero Hotline: Calling Together to Serve God!" is our theme, and we need all of you "heroes" out there to make this the best summer ever! Vacation Bible School will be held here at our church on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM each evening. Please take time to check out our list of needs when you are at church, and we hope you will sign up to be a part!! We are looking to touch the lives of many children and youth this summer, but being a part will touch your heart as well! Stay tuned for more information in the month of May! If you have any questions, please call Deb Lehew (724-664-1256). Thanks again for considering this wonderful opportunity to grow your faith and have fun as well!

NHPC WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL registration is now open! If you'd like a form, please contact Jen Rigatti at nhpcsecretary@aol.com, 724-224-7338 (church) or 724-6816035 (cell). Thank you!

COMING UP: Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – Risen to Save Benefit Concert  
Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6-8 PM – Church Outdoor Cleanup  
Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Vacation Bible School

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

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

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
April 30	\$3,486.59	\$ 1,943.80

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



**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY 7 – MAY 14**

**TODAY:**

- 9:00AM – Youth Sunday School
- 9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
- 10:00AM – Worship Service
- 6:00PM – Youth Group Final 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

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup>:**

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