

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, May 28, 2023, 10 AM

“The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.” –Matt Chandler

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #571

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

THE WELCOME

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

PEOPLE: SET THE BLAZES OF HOPE THAT BURN AWAY FEAR!

Leader: Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

PEOPLE: CAUSE THE WINDS OF CHANGE TO BLOW AWAY DOUBT AND ALIENATION!

Leader: Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

PEOPLE: LET US WORSHIP AND REJOICE, FOR GOD IS CHALLENGING AND EMPOWERING US THIS DAY!

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Church On Fire”
“This I Believe”**

*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 #249

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Spirit of the Living God”

No. 247

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11:1-18

THE MESSAGE

“Peter Explains”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

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.

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“America, the Beautiful”

No. 572

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #602

“God Be with You”

*Please stand if you are able

“God wants ALL your family saved—even those you can’t imagine He would want!”
–Jesse Duplantis

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop *-Praise Band Leader:* Kevin Rudolph
-Nursery: Donna Crowe *-Sound & Production:* Eli Irvine & Ed Heintz
-Liturgist: Jack Miller *-Online Filming:* Marcy Korb

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE BULLETIN COVER was created by Jayson Ankney, a Youth Group member.

OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO Pastor Dan Muttart on the translation into heaven of his wife, Connie Muttart. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 1st from 7 to 9 PM at Smith Funeral Home, 310 W Neshannock Ave., New Wilmington, PA 16142, and Friday, June 2nd from 3 to 5 PM at the same location. The Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, June 3rd at New Bedford Evangelical Church, 151 Woodland Drive, Pulaski, PA 16143 at 11:00 AM. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Muttart will be officiating to honor Connie’s life and her eternal life, with a luncheon to follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her Connie’s name to the City Rescue Mission, New Castle, PA.

THE SUMMER OUR DAILY BREAD is now available!

CHURCH NURSERY: This summer we are in need of an additional volunteer or two for our church nursery. If you need volunteer hours for school, this is a perfect opportunity to earn an easy hour. If you like hanging out with kiddos, this is your chance to do so. Clearances are required if you are 18 years of age or older. If you are interested please contact the office at 724-224-7338, nhpcsecretary@aol.com or text/call 724-681-6035.

GREETERS are needed for Sunday morning worship. If you’d like to help out in this manner, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP PAD: Please remember to fill out your information, especially if you are new or it has changed, on our Ritual of Friendship Pads. This helps us keep our info up-to-date. Thank you!

AN OUTDOOR CLEANUP will take place on Wednesday, May 31st 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 on June 11th! If you are graduating from high school, college or another form of education this year let us know. We'd love to recognize you during 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 30th through Thursday, August 3rd 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: Wednesday, May 31st, 6-8 PM – Church Outdoor Cleanup
 Sunday, June 11th – Communion
 Sunday, June 11th – Graduation Sunday
 Sunday, July 30th – Thursday, August 3rd – 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>
May 21	\$3,486.59	\$ 1,380.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY 28 – JUNE 4

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

4:00PM – AFN Elementary
7:00PM – Informal Service

FRIDAY:

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

NEXT SUNDAY, June 4th:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service