

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

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

“It is true that a prayer that comes from the heart can move mountains, it increases your faith, and brings you closer to God.” –Rebecca Small

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #72

“We Will Glorify”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: God scatters the seeds of reconciliation and love, and waits...

PEOPLE: SO MUCH OF IT LANDS ON FLAT PATHWAYS OR ROCKY ROADS AND WON'T TAKE ROOT...

Leader: God scatters the seeds of healing and hope, and waits...

PEOPLE: SHALLOWNESS AND FEAR CLAIM THE SEEDS AND THEY CANNOT LIVE.

Leader: God scatters the seeds of redemption and peace, and waits...

PEOPLE: THESE ARE THE PLACES OF DEEP GROWTH WHERE THE SEED WILL CAST DOWN STRONG ROOTS.

Leader: Welcome this day to a seed-scattering station!

PEOPLE: MAY OUR HEARTS BE THE RICH SOIL IN WHICH GOD'S LOVE TAKES ROOT. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Honey in the Rock”
“Cornerstone”**

*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #66

“To God Be the Glory”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Freely, Freely”

No. 447

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 6:5-15

THE MESSAGE

“Why and How We Pray”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

No. 620

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #551

“Soon And Very Soon”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“Prayer is the forerunner of mercy. Turn to sacred history, and you will find that scarcely ever did a great mercy come to this world unheralded by supplication.”

–Charles Spurgeon

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Liturgist: Chad Gourley

-Nursery: Amber Delaney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to NHPC! We are thankful you are here to worship with us this morning.

NEXT WEEK'S sermon title: "The Apostle's Creed."

ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER: Join us in raising much-needed funds for Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Family Promise. All proceeds will help to feed the people utilizing AVAC's program. Check out the board for more details! Questions? Contact Denise Baker at 724-448-7628 or connectcenter333@gmail.com. **Current donations have totaled \$220 in gift cards and \$568 in cash! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project!**

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO "HERO HOTLINE," and we are so EXCITED! NHPC Vacation Bible School is just two weeks away! We hope you will join us and be a part of the sharing of God's word with all of the children and youth who will be joining us in this wonderful ADVENTURE! Bible School will be Sunday, July 30, 2023 through Thursday, August 3, 2023 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

If you would like to help us "set the scene" with decorating and set up, please text or call Deb Lehew at 724-664-1256 if you will join us during these times:

- Friday, July 21, 2023 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM
- Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM
- Thursday, July 27, 2023 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM
- Friday, July 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM until ?
- Saturday, July 29, 2023 TBD

We need extra help this year as the AFN Summer Program ends right before Bible School begins!!

ADULTS AND KIDS, SHARE YOUR TALENT with us! We are looking for more bulletin covers, created by you! If you'd like to participate, pick up a sheet of blank paper provided for your cover. Please use pen or marker, as sometimes pencil does not show up well if it is not done darkly. Be sure to sign your name on your artwork and place in the offering plate or turn into the office when you are finished.

THERE WILL BE NO Informal Service on Thursday, July 27th or Thursday, August 3rd. Please feel welcome to stop by the church on the 27th to help set up for VBS and on the 3rd to see the closing program by the VBS kiddos!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

DO YOU HAVE A MUSICAL TALENT? Would you be interested in singing solo, with a group or sharing another musical talent for one of our offertories this summer? If so, contact Margie Shoop! Thank you!

COMING UP: 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>
July 9	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 2,345.00

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JULY 16 – JULY 23

TODAY:

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

NEXT SUNDAY, July 23rd:

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

MONDAY:

10:30AM – 2:30PM – AFN Elementary
3:00PM – 6:00PM – AFN Teens
6:30PM – Couples Connect Group

TUESDAY:

10:30AM – 2:30PM – AFN Elementary
3:00PM – 6:00PM – AFN Teens

WEDNESDAY:

10:30AM – 2:30PM – AFN Elementary
3:00PM – 6:00PM – AFN Teens

THURSDAY:

10:30AM – 2:30PM – AFN Elementary
7:00PM – Informal Service