

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, August 27, 2023, 10 AM

*“The apostles did not go into these cities to do miracles, and then to preach. Rather, it was the other way around: They went to preach; then sometimes there were healings.”
–Boice*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE –red hymnal #88

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

PEOPLE: WE LOOK AROUND AND WONDER WHERE GOD IS.

Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

PEOPLE: GOD SURROUNDS US WITH LOVE AND COURAGE.

Leader: Come, let us praise God for God’s abiding presence.

PEOPLE: LORD, THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING WITH US, EVEN WHEN WE DON’T RECOGNIZE YOUR LOVING PRESENCE. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Only a God Like You”
“Holy Forever”**

*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 #96

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“God Is So Good”

No. 41

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 14:8-20

THE MESSAGE

“Mistaken Identity”
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Immortal, Invisible”

No. 25

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #228

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*Please stand if you are able

“God’s kindness to all men (in giving rain and fruitful crops) should be seen as a witness of His love and power, something theologians sometimes call common grace.”

–David Guzik

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

THE BULLETIN COVER was created by Carson Ankney, a member of the youth group.

NEXT WEEK’S message title and scripture: “The Jerusalem Council,” Acts 15:1-21.

THE NURSERY IS CLOSED for the service today. If you are interested in joining our team of volunteers all we ask for is one hour of your time on a Sunday once a month or so, and clearances! Contact the office at 724-224-7338 if you are interested in helping out.

ANGEL BOARD: Our last board for the year will support our church family, Bible Bunch. By providing a gift card or cash, you will be helping us feed our kids dinner; please plan for at least 20 kids. All proceeds will be used for meals. If you would prefer to cook a meal for the group, please check out the link for the meal train in the bulletin. Questions? Contact Denise Baker at 724-448-7628 or connectcenter333@gmail.com.

BIBLE BUNCH will begin again in September. If you’d like to help with providing meals for the kids, please sign up on the meal train at <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv9mo1> or scan the QR code provided. Questions? Reach out to Leah Irvine at 724-882-5413. Thank you in advance for all of your help!



RALLY DAY PICNIC: Sunday, September 10th kicks off our program year! Join us after the service for a picnic and fellowship on the lawn. We will provide burgers, hot dogs and beverages. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share—a sign-up sheet will be available at the church!

PLANNING TO PURCHASE FALL MUMS? Consider getting them from NHPC Weekday Nursery School! Two different sizes, pansies, and kale are all available for purchase. Funds raised will go directly to supporting the nursery school. Orders are due no later than Tuesday, September 4th. Checks, written out to NHPCWNS, or cash can be placed in the envelope provided with the form on the table. Plants will come in on September 19th for you to pick up. Questions? Contact Jen Rigatti at 724-681-6035. Thank you for your help and support of our school!

THE FALL EDITION OF Our Daily Bread is now available around the church.

CELEBRATION MEETING: On Tuesday, September 26th at 6 PM, Session is requesting the leaders of NHPC to come together for a Celebration Meeting. If you are a connect group leader, a leader within Allegheny Family Network, or a Nursery School leader, please join the celebration on the 26th!

COMING UP: Sunday, September 10th – Rally Day; Picnic; Youth Group Begins
Tuesday, September 26th – Celebration Meeting
Thursday, September 28th – Bible Bunch Begins; Middle School After-School Youth Group Begins
Sunday, October 1st – World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 8th – Congregational Meeting

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>
August 20	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 939.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 3

TODAY:

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

THURSDAY:

7:00PM – Informal Service

NEXT SUNDAY, September 3rd:

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