

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 1, 2023, 10 AM

“When I think of World Communion Sunday, I get excited about the fact that tens of thousands of Christian brothers and sisters around the world are coming to the Lord's Table to remember our Lord and to proclaim his final victory to the world.”

–Rev. Frank Schaefer

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #2

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Welcome to God’s house! We are delighted to have you here!

PEOPLE: WE HUNGER FOR GOD’S WORD OF HOPE.

Leader: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

PEOPLE: WE THIRST FOR GOD’S HEALING IN OUR LIVES.

Leader: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Eye of the Storm”

“Do It Again”

*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHILDREN’S CHURCH – Children ages 3 through 12 may go upstairs to the Sunday School room for Children’s Church.

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

“Behold the Lamb”

–arr. by Getty, Getty, and Townend

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Immortal, Invisible”

No. 25

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 19:23-41

THE MESSAGE

“Riot in Ephesus”

–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

“God of the Ages”

No. 568

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #275

“How Firm a Foundation”

*Please stand if you are able

ONE GROUP will begin meeting again on Wednesday, October 4th at 6 PM. They will continue to meet every other Wednesday throughout the program year. At our first meeting on the 4th, our group will determine what subject or book of the Bible we would like to cover. The topics are covered via Bible storying. Interested in checking out the group or have any questions? Contact Denise Baker at connectcenter333@gmail.com for more details.

KICK OFF PARTY: NHPC's Sunday evening youth group, The Lampstand, is holding a kick-off party on Sunday, October 8th at 6 PM. Do you have children in grades 5 - 12 in your home? Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors? Please share this announcement with them. Come and see what NCPC's youth group, The Lampstand, is all about, meet some new people, play some games, and enjoy snacks. To learn more contact group leader Toni Brooks at: 724-766-1950. *"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:15-16

AS THE COOL NIGHTS SET in with the Fall Season, it is time to start thinking about "Trunk or Treat". Please consider donating candy and treats to this event, and we would love to have you participate by dressing up and parking your car with us! Donations will be taken until October 22nd, and the event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023. (More details to follow). Last year we had well over a hundred children come by with their families! We will serve hot chocolate as well!!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you love kids, consider helping out with this ministry. All we need is one hour of your time, once a month (or less if we have lots of volunteers). If you need volunteer hours for school, this is also a great way to get them! Keep track of your hours and you will receive a letter for helping. Clearances are required for anyone 18 years or older. Contact the office if you are interested!

COMING UP: Sunday, October 8th – Congregational Meeting
Saturday, October 28th – Trunk or Treat

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:		
DATE	NEEDED	RECEIPTS
Sept. 24	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,239.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 8

TODAY:

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

MONDAY:

- 3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 6:30PM – Couples Connect

TUESDAY:

- 3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 6:00PM – Celebration Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

- 3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 6:00PM – ONE Group

THURSDAY:

- 3:00PM – Middle School After-School Youth Group
- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary
- 5:15PM – Bible Bunch
- 7:00PM – Informal Service

FRIDAY:

- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary

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