

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, September 10, 2023, 10 AM

“Trust wholly in Christ; rely altogether on His sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by His righteousness. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation.” –John Wycliffe

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: Come out of the darkness of despair into the brightness of God’s transforming love.

PEOPLE: WE PRAISE GOD FOR GOD’S PRESENCE WITH US!

Leader: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God’s mercy and healing.

PEOPLE: WE THANK GOD FOR GOD’S MERCY TOWARD US.

Leader: Come, let us praise and worship God who is always with us.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP **“Rescuer”**
“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

*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 – Kim Richards & Ross Nelson

“Behold the Lamb”

–Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Be Still, My Soul”

No. 347

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:16-40

THE MESSAGE

“Paul and Silas in Prison”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

No. 380

*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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“Salvation cannot be bought with the currency of obedience; it is purchased by the blood of the Son of God. Thinking that we can trade our good works for salvation is like buying a plane ticket and then supposing we own the airline. Or thinking that after paying rent for our home, we now hold title to the entire planet earth.” –Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Chancel Flowers

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*In Loving Memory of my mother,
Shirley Perroz
Given by Donna Crowe*

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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

-Nursery: Candice Gourley
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME to Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church! Thank you for joining us for worship today.

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Paul in Athens," Acts 17:16-34.

TODAY IS RALLY DAY and the start of our program year. Join us as we kick off the year with a picnic after our worship service. Enjoy fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of a new chapter at NHPC.

YOUTH GROUP begins this evening at 6 PM. If you are in 5th through 12th grade, you can join in the fun! Friends are welcome!

GREETERS are needed for Sunday mornings. If you'd like to help out, please sign up on the sheet provided.

ANGEL BOARD: Thank you to everyone who donated to our boards! Bible Bunch received \$95 and gift cards for McDonald's and Eat-N-Park to help with their meals this year. If you have any envelopes from any of the boards we had up, please return them as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Denise Baker at 724-448-7628 or connectcenter333@gmail.com. Thank you!

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

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). Clearances are required. Contact the office if you are interested!

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Starting September 17th, we are excited to announce children’s church will be held this year during the Sunday service at 10 AM. Children ages 3 through 12 will worship with their families and then head upstairs for children’s church with Leah Irvine, following the pastoral prayer. Any adults interested with helping with the lesson, craft, or games please reach out or sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex. You must have your clearances turned in to help out—if you’re not sure what you need, please contact the office at 724-224-7338 for more information.

CELEBRATION MEETING: Tuesday, September 26th the session is inviting all education leadership to meet together at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the program year, share and learn about all the education programs that are running in the church, and have open floor discussions to build support and bridges between the programs. All current leaders will find a flyer in your folder. If you are considering getting involved in education leadership, please feel welcome to join us.

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

COMING UP: Sunday, September 10th – Rally Day; Picnic; Youth Group Begins
Sunday, September 17th – Children’s Church 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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
September 3	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,409.80

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 17

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:00AM – Rally Day Picnic
6:00PM – Youth Group

MONDAY:

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
4:00PM – AFN Elementary

TUESDAY:

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
4:00PM – AFN Elementary

WEDNESDAY:

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot
4:00PM – AFN Elementary

THURSDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

4:00PM – Elementary

NEXT SUNDAY, September 17th:

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

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

ELDERS:	-Donna Crowe – 724-882-5003	-Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169
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