

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, September 17, 2023, 10 AM

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” –1 John 3:1

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE **“Eternal Father Strong to Save”**

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Those who love God,

PEOPLE: GOD WILL DELIVER.

Leader: Those who know God by name,

PEOPLE: GOD WILL PROTECT.

Leader: Those who call out to God,

PEOPLE: GOD WILL ANSWER.

Leader: We gather this morning,

PEOPLE: AS THOSE WHO TRUST GOD.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP **“Rise Up and Praise Him”
“Word of God Speak”**

*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 **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION **“Holy, Holy, Holy”** **No. 262**

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS **Acts 17:16-34**

THE MESSAGE **“A Trip to Athens”**
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT **“Faith of Our Fathers”** **No. 279**

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Gloria Patri”** **No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE **“For All These Saints”**

*Please stand if you are able

“I believed that there was a God because I was told it by my grandmother and later by other adults. But when I found that I knew not only that there was a God but that I was a child of God, when I understood that, when I comprehended that, more than that, when I internalized that, ingested that, I became courageous.” –Maya Angelou

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Natalie Cowley

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Nursery: Donna Crowe

-Liturgist: Kim Richards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO NHPC! Thanks for joining us for worship this morning.

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Aquila and Priscilla," Acts 18:1-17.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped to make Rally Day a success. We appreciate all of the good food and good fellowship that we were able to have. This was such a wonderful way to kick off our program year!

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 begins today! 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.

INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER is due to the office by Friday, September 22nd.

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.

BIBLE BUNCH will begin again on September 28th. Kiddos in preschool through 4th grade are welcome to attend on Thursdays at 5:15 PM. 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

MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP begins on Thursday, September 28th. If you are in 5th through 8th grade, stop by after school at 3 PM for a snack, music, games and lessons. For more details, reach out to Leah Irvine.

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

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

COMING UP: 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>
Sept. 10	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,601.80

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 24

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
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 24th:

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