

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, September 24, 2023, 10 AM

“Wherever you go, God is with you - watching over you, protecting you, and providing the truth you need for every situation. The question is, will you open your heart to His Word, apply it to your life, and allow God to change you so that He can use you in ways far greater than you can imagine?” –Charles Stanley

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #371

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Open your hearts to God’s loving mercy.

PEOPLE: LORD, COME INTO OUR HEARTS THIS DAY.

Leader: Having received God’s mercy, bring that love to others.

PEOPLE: LORD, BE WITH US AS WE REACH OUT TO OTHERS IN COMPASSION.

Leader: Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

PEOPLE: LORD, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS WHICH YOU POUR INTO OUR LIVES. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Our God”

“Enough”

*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

“Majesty”

–arr. by Jack W. Hayford

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Amazing Grace”

No. 202

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 18:1-17

THE MESSAGE

“Priscilla and Aquila”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 43

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #213 Refrain

“Because He Lives”

*Please stand if you are able

“Frequently remind yourself that God is with you, that He will never fail you, that you can count upon him. Say these words, ‘God is with me, helping me.’”

–Norman Vincent Peale

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Nursery: Jen Goldberg

-Liturgist:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

NEXT WEEK’S message title and scripture: “Riot in Ephesus,” Acts 19:23-41.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: This week, our Adult Sunday School Class is beginning a study in the book of Hebrews. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at 9 AM in the library. If you have any questions please ask Rick Harbaugh after the service.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS are held on Sunday evenings for those in 5th through 12th grades. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Brooks at 724-766-1950.

- 9/24 - 5pm NO REGULAR meeting - Ignition See you at the pole kick off
- 10/1 - 6-8pm Regular Meeting
- 10/8 - 6-8pm Regular Meeting
- 10/15 - 5pm NO REGULAR meeting - Fields of Faith
- 10/22 - 6-8pm Regular Meeting
- 10/29 - 6-8pm Halloween Game night

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

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!



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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The session of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church requests the presence of all members of the congregation to join us for a special congregational meeting on October 8, 2023 directly after the worship service for the purpose of reviewing and voting on the revised by-laws. If you are a regular attender, please join us to learn more but please be aware you will be unable to vote.

This experience will be an excellent way to know and understand the governing rules and standards of our church as it pertains to being a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. It highlights items such as church purpose, organization, membership, voting eligibility, session structure, property use, and more.

We ask that you review the current by-laws and revised by-laws document prior to the congregational meeting to allow thoughtful prayer and consideration of any questions you may wish to present during the meeting. If you do not receive these documents upon arriving at worship on September 24 or October 1, please see a session member or contact the church office to request a copy.

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!

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
 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:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
Sept. 17	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,699.80

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 24 – OCTOBER 1

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
 10:00AM – Worship Service
 5:00PM – Youth Group; NO REGULAR meeting - Ignition See you at the pole kick off

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

4:00PM – Elementary

NEXT SUNDAY, October 1st:

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

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