

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 15, 2023, 10 AM

“God wants every believer to be a witness for Christ to those who do not know Him.”

–Billy Graham

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #485

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look around at this wondrous world!

PEOPLE: GOD’S MIGHTY ACTS IN CREATION ARE MAGNIFICENT!

Leader: Look around at the diversity of God’s people!

PEOPLE: DIVERSITY IS TO BE CELEBRATED FOR WE HAVE MUCH TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER.

Leader: Come, let us offer praise and prayer to God.

PEOPLE: LET US CELEBRATE ALL GOD’S GOODNESS, FOR EVEN IN THE MIDST OF THE HORRIBLE STORM, GOD IS WITH US. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Trading My Sorrows”

“Break Every Chain”

*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 – red hymnal #284

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 2

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 22:1-29

THE MESSAGE

“Paul’s Address to the Crowd”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

No. 428

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #283

“We Are God’s People”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“To be a witness means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” –Madeleine L’Engle

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Greeter: Donna Crowe

-Nursery: Amber Delaney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

NEXT WEEK’S message title and scripture: “Paul Before the Sanhedrin,” Acts 23:1-22.

DRIVERS NEEDED TONIGHT: The youth group party last Sunday evening was wildly successful with 50-60 community youth attending. They were all given youth group schedules and invited to this evenings youth group event, Fields of Faith, hosted at Kiski High School. Back-up drivers are needed so we are able to transport and have enough adults with us to keep watch on every youth that joins us tonight. We leave the church at 5 PM and travel to Kiski. As a back-up driver, you must have your clearances on file with NHPC. Come to the church around 4:45 PM and if we need you, you come with us and transport youth. If we have enough drivers, you don’t have to come but are more than welcome to join this experience and witness to the next generation.

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.

- 10/15 - 5pm NO REGULAR meeting - Fields of Faith
- 10/21 – 7pm Halloween Outing
- 10/22 - 6-8pm Regular Meeting
- 10/29 - 6-8pm Halloween Game night

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!!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us at 11 AM, following worship, on Sunday, November 5th for a congregational meeting. The meeting should only last 15-20 minutes for a vote to approve the new bylaws for NHPC. If you are a church member, please join us for this short amount of time, as we need a quorum in order to vote. Thank you!

HOMELESS MISSION OPPORTUNITY - We have a cooperative mission we are engaging with Sheldon Park leadership. They are putting together homeless persons personal care bags. The goal is to put together 500 bags and do a direct distribution to our homeless community in downtown Pittsburgh in January. This initiative will also benefit our local homeless with bags being given to AVAC’s Family Promise House, Lazarus House, and the Hope Center. Items such as toothpaste, toothbrush, mouth wash, body wash, deodorant, etc. can be placed in the box in the narthex through November 12th. Thank you for joining a mission that God has brought to our doorsteps.

WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL is looking for volunteers to be on their school board! Currently we are seeking a treasurer, nursery school coordinator, and fundraising coordinator. If you are interested in any of these positions, or looking for more details, please contact Jen Rigatti at 724-681-6035 (call or text) or email her at nhpcsecretary@aol.com.

COMING UP: Sunday, October 22nd – World Mission Sunday; Candy Donations Due
Saturday, October 28th – Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 5th – All Saints’ Sunday; 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>
Oct. 8	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 2,309.00

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 22

TODAY:

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

5:00PM – Youth Group NO REGULAR meeting - Fields of Faith

MONDAY:

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

6:30PM – Couples Connect

TUESDAY:

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

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

SATURDAY:

7:00PM – Youth Group Halloween Outing

NEXT SUNDAY, October 22nd:

****Last day for candy donations****

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School

10:00AM – Worship Service

6:00PM – Youth Group regular meeting