

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10 AM

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”—Psalm 51:10

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #250

**“Come, Holy Spirit”**

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Celebrate God’s love, which has been poured into your life!

**PEOPLE: FORGIVENESS, ENCOURAGEMENT, SUPPORT, AND HEALING ARE GIFTS OF GOD TO US.**

Leader: Reach out and care for those around you.

**PEOPLE: WE WILL BE PEOPLE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE.**

Leader: Shout for joy!

**PEOPLE: SING GOD’S PRAISES ALWAYS! AMEN.**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“You Never Let Go”**

**“Come as You Are”**

\*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 #275

**“How Firm a Foundation”**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

**No. 380**

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 24**

THE MESSAGE

**“Paul Before Felix”**

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

\*THE APOSTLES 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

**“Jesus Paid It All”**

**No. 210**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #292

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

\*Please stand if you are able

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*“...keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.” –1 Peter 3:16*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

- Pianist: Margie Shoop
- Online Filming: Marcy Korb
- Nursery: Jen Goldberg
- Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph
- Sound & Production: Ed Heintz
- Greeter: Ed Heintz

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

NEXT WEEK’S message title and scripture: “Festus Consults Agrippa,” Acts 25:13-22.

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

- 10/29 – 6-8pm Halloween Game
- 11/01 – 5pm Deliver Fall Craft to Platinum Ridge
- 11/05 – 6-8pm Regular Meeting

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS is on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> before you go to bed!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us at 11 AM, following worship, on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

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.

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 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for joining a mission that God has brought to our doorsteps.

COMING UP: Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – All Saints’ Sunday; Congregational Meeting; Daylight Savings  
Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed  
Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> – 9 AM Hanging of the Greens

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. 22	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,904.80

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



**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 5**

**TODAY:**

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

**MONDAY:**

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

**TUESDAY:**

Happy Halloween!

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

**WEDNESDAY:**

3:00PM – AFN Teen Spot

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

5:00PM – Youth Group Delivering Fall Craft

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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