

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, October 8, 2023, 10 AM

“It is easy to do – and a source of trouble – when we add our interpretation or application to what is thought to be a word from God, often thinking that it is also from the Lord. We often find it too easy to judge God’s will for someone else.”

–David Guzik

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #188

“At the Cross”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

Leader: Welcome to God’s house! We are delighted to have you here!

PEOPLE: WE HUNGER FOR GOD’S WORD OF HOPE.

Leader: You have come to the right place. Here you will be fed on the life-giving love of God.

PEOPLE: WE THIRST FOR GOD’S HEALING IN OUR LIVES.

Leader: At the table of the Lord, you will be fed and your thirst quenched.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD WHO PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

“You Are the One”

*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 #51

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 26

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 21:17-40

THE MESSAGE

“Paul’s Arrested”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Behold the Lamb”

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*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #52

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Please stand if you are able

“God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go.”

–Tony Evans

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Greeter: Karen Van Den Heuval

-Nursery: Amber Delaney

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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: "Peter Talks to the Crowd," Acts 22:1-21.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Adult Sunday School Class has started 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY: The session of Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church requests the presence of all members of the congregation to join us for a special congregational meeting today, 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, please see a session member to request a copy.

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.

- 10/8 - 6-8pm Kick-off Party
- 10/15 - 5pm NO REGULAR meeting - Fields of Faith
- 10/22 - 6-8pm Regular Meeting
- 10/29 - 6-8pm Halloween Game night

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

KICK OFF PARTY: NHPC's Sunday evening youth group, The Lampstand, is holding a kick-off party on Sunday, October 8th at 6 PM. Do you have children in grades 5 - 12 in your home? Grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors? Please share this announcement with them. Come and see what NCPC's youth group, The Lampstand, is all about, meet some new people, play some games, and enjoy snacks. To learn more contact group leader Toni Brooks at: 724-766-1950. *"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:15-16

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!!

COMING UP: Sunday, October 22nd – World Mission Sunday
Saturday, October 28th – Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 5th – All Saints' Sunday

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. 1	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,808.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 15

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:00AM – Congregational Meeting
6:00PM – Youth Group – Kick-Off Party

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:

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

NEXT SUNDAY, October 15TH:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
11:00AM – Congregational Meeting
5:00PM – Youth Group NO REGULAR meeting - Fields of Faith

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

