

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10 AM

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” –John 8:12

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #59

“I Sing the Might Power of God”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today God’s word will be spoken to your hearts.

PEOPLE: OPEN OUR EARS AND OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE GOD’S WORD.

Leader: Today God’s love will be poured into your life.

PEOPLE: PREPARE US, LORD, TO RECEIVE YOUR LOVE.

Leader: Hallelujah!

PEOPLE: HALLELUJAH!

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“I Will Follow”
“God Will Make a Way”**

*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 #3

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

No. 296

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 26

THE MESSAGE

“Agrippa Says Paul Is Innocent”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

No. 575

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #26

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Please stand if you are able

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” –Martin Luther King, Jr.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Nursery: Jen Goldberg

-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.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS DUE TODAY: If you would like to order poinsettias, please pick up the green form in the Narthex, fill it out and return it with your payment to the offering plate or to the church office. Orders are due TODAY. Plants will be available for pickup following the Christmas Eve service on the 24th.

THE FOOD SCAVENGER HUNT is tonight! You can still sign up using the yellow form found in your bulletin, and youth group will be around this evening to collect your items from your porch. Your donations will support Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Food Bank. 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.

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Shipwreck," Acts 27:13-44.

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.

- 11/12 – Thanksgiving Food Scavenger Hunt (see insert)
- 11/19 – Regular Meeting
- 11/26 – Friendsgiving

INFO FOR THE DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER is due no later than Wednesday, November 22nd. Thank you!

THE HANGING OF THE GREENS will be held on Saturday, November 25th at 9 AM. Join us in decorating our church for the Christmas season. Light refreshments will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: On Friday, December 8th at 7 PM, NHPC will host its annual Community Christmas Concert. Featuring local groups, the concert is sure to be a great way to kick off the holiday season with music that is sure to be delightful! While there is no admission fee for the concert, we do request that you bring a nonperishable food item or monetary donation for the Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Food Bank. Following the concert, please join us in the fellowship hall for a cookie reception!

COOKIE DONATIONS NEEDED: NHPC will need cookies for our cookie reception following the Community Christmas Concert. If you are able to donate cookies for this event, we would be so grateful. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you can help with this.

JOIN US IN PRAISING OUR GREAT GOD! This year we are going to arm ourselves with the power of praise. Come expecting to experience the presence of God and the love of Christ that is palpable in the presence of your sisters in Christ at the *This Is Us* Women's Conference January 27th, 2024. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-is-usarmed-with-praise-registration-684794868887?aff=oddttdtcreator>



COMING UP: Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed; No Informal Service
Saturday, November 25th – 9 AM Hanging of the Greens
Friday, December 8th – 7 PM Community Christmas Concert

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>
Nov. 5	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 3,083.00

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 19

TODAY:

Poinsettia Order Forms Due Today!

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School

10:00AM – Worship Service

6:00PM – Youth Group Food Scavenger Hunt

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect

TUESDAY:

4:00PM – AFN Elementary

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4:00PM – AFN Elementary

6:30PM – 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, November 19th:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School

10:00AM – Worship Service

6:00PM – Youth Group Regular Meeting