

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10 AM

“Patience is a form of faith. It says, ‘I trust God. I believe that God is bigger than this problem.’” –Rick Warren

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #561

“We Gather Together”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of difficulty, the Lord sets a table of rejoicing for us.

PEOPLE: THOUGH THE WORLD SEEMS FOCUSED ON TURMOIL, YET WILL WE PRAISE GOD!

Leader: Our lives should be witnesses to God’s goodness and power.

PEOPLE: OUR HEARTS SHOULD ENCOMPASS COMPASSION AND SERVICE TO GOD’S PEOPLE.

Leader: Help us to be your workers and witnesses in today’s world, O Lord.

PEOPLE: ENABLE US TO BE FAITHFUL AND STRONG FOR YOU. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Not Afraid”
“Cornerstone”**

*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 – Amy Brenner, Ross Nelson, James Njorge & Kim Richards

“Let Us Worship Lord Jehovah” –by Kirk Dearman, arr. by Tom Keene

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 58

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 27:13-44

THE MESSAGE

“Shipwreck”

–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Order for New Members

- Judy Jarosinski
- Holly Swartzlander
- Jeff Swartlander
- Paul Valasek

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy? *I do.*

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel? *I do.*

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ? *I do.*

Do you promise to serve Christ in His Church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability? *I do.*

Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this Church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church? *I do.*

Prayer for New Members

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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit; 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 **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”** **No. 559**

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE **“Gloria Patri”** **No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #572 **“America, the Beautiful”**

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*Please stand if you are able
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*“Patience means choosing to trust God even when the circumstances haven’t changed
yet.” –Victoria Osteen*

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PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop *-Praise Band Leader:* Kevin Rudolph
-Online Filming: Marcy Korb *-Sound & Production:* Ed Heintz
-Nursery: Candice Gourley *-Greeter:* Ed Heintz
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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: “Paul Arrives in Rome,” Acts 28:17-31.

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.

- 11/19 – Regular Meeting
- 11/26 – Friendsgiving
- 12/03 – Regular Meeting
- 12/10 – Caroling

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.

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.

ANGEL TREE: Our Angel Tree has been put up again this year! We are asking for your help to provide gifts for kiddos in Highlands School District who might not otherwise have presents under their tree on Christmas morning. Simply pick an ornament, sign the form with your name and phone number next to the ornament number you have chosen, and return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 10th (this is to ensure the kids receive their gifts on Christmas day). If you’d like to help but are unable to shop, consider making a donation and we can shop and wrap for you; contact Jen Rigatti at

724-681-6035 (text or call) to set this up. We thank you for your help with this project and appreciate you helping the children in our very own community.

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=oddtcreator>



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
 Sunday, December 10th – Angel Tree Gifts Due Today
 Sunday, December 24th – 10 AM Worship; 7 PM Christmas Eve Service

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| 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 – 724-272-4787 |

| WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS: | | |
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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NEEDED</u> | <u>RECEIPTS</u> |
| Nov. 12 | \$ 3,486.59 | \$ 1,220.00 |

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 26

TODAY:

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

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect

SATURDAY:

9:00AM – Hanging of the Greens

NEXT SUNDAY, November 26th:

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