

**NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**An Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, November 26, 2023, 10 AM

*“We must learn to share the gospel in ways that show it is both GOOD and NEWS. The gospel is about what God has done for us and what we can become in Christ.”*

*–Rick Warren*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #572

**“America, the Beautiful”**

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

**PEOPLE: MANY DUTIES AND TASKS SEEK TO LAY CLAIM ON OUR LIVES.**

Leader: This day, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

**PEOPLE: THIS DAY, IN THIS PLACE, WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS TO GOD.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

**PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO SUSTAINS AND NURTURES OUR LIVES. AMEN.**

\*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“The Lord Is Our Salvation”  
“Give Thanks”**

\*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 **“Let Us Worship Lord Jehovah” –Kirk Dearman, arr. By Tom Keene**

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

**“To God Be the Glory”**

**No. 66**

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Acts 28:17-31**

THE MESSAGE

**“Paul Arrives in Rome”**  
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

\*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT (with Kim Richards & Ross Nelson leading)

**“The Solid Rock”**

**No. 404**

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**“Gloria Patri”**

**No. 623**

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #561

**“We Gather Together”**

\*Please stand if you are able

*“God’s plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple—one person telling another about the Savior. Yet we’re busy and full of excuses. Just remember, someone’s eternal destiny is at stake. The joy you’ll have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel.” –Charles Stanley*

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz

-Nursery: Amber Delaney

-Greeter: Ed Heintz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Paul Arrives in Rome," Acts 28:17-31.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: It is with heavy hearts that the difficult decision was made to cancel our Community Christmas Concert this year. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are unable to host the event. If you would still like to make a donation or bring in a nonperishable food item for the Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Food Bank, please leave your items in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate with "AVAC" listed on the envelope or in the check memo.

ANGEL TREE: Our Angel Tree has been put up again this year! We are asking for your help to make Christmas extra special for students in Highlands School District. 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 10<sup>th</sup> (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.

CHRISTMAS EVE IS ON SUNDAY this year and we are planning some wonderful opportunities for worship both in the morning and evening. It is our hope that you will join us for both services. For the morning service we are looking to do something special and share in the beauty of the season. We will be sharing "Christmas Memories" together as well as a Hymn/Carol Sing together. You can be a part of this special service by sharing your favorite Christmas memory with our church family and guests. If you would like to share your special Christmas memory with the church, please let Pastor Rick know. We would like to have five or six memories with our singing in between and are excited to have you share yours with us!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

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.

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

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER - MARIANNA'S HOAGIES & PIZZAS: You again have an opportunity to bless *two* ministries in the church with *one* fundraiser. First the proceeds of your purchase will go to help our youth to be able to help pay for their portion of retreat and activity fees. And secondly you can purchase additional hoagies to donate to the Women's Conference *This is Us...Armed with Praise* that will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We provide a soup and sandwich lunch and these will be our sandwiches. The cost for hoagies and pizzas are \$10. Orders and money are due 1/7/24. Pick up will be 1/24/24 10:00am-10:30am and 5pm-5:30pm. There is an order form in the narthex or you can email Toni at nhpcyg@yahoo.com with your order and for Venmo or Zelle payment options. Thank you for your support of our ministries here at NHPC!

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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/this-is-usarmed-with-praise-registration-684794868887?aff=oddtcreator>



COMING UP: Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – Angel Tree Gifts Due Today  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM Worship; 7 PM Christmas Eve Service  
Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Women's Conference

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:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
Nov. 19	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,664.60

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



**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 3**

**TODAY:**

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

**MONDAY:**

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

**TUESDAY:**

- 4:00PM – AFN Elementary

**WEDNESDAY:**

- 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, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

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