NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh Order of Worship, Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10 AM

"All Saints Day is a reminder that the communion of saints is not just a past reality, but a present and future reality as well." —Fr. James Martin

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #560

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God, for God is good.

PEOPLE: GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

Leader: God has come to God's people with blessings and hope.

PEOPLE: PRAISE GOD FOR THE MANY WAYS GOD TOUCHES OUR LIVES. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

"All We Ever Needed"

"Goodness of God"

*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 #347 "Be Still, My Soul"

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 354

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 25:1-22

THE MESSAGE

"Why Appeal to Caesar?"

-The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

THE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Service of White Roses

Reflection and Symbolism

The Presentation of the White Roses

The Presentation of the Red Rose

The Presentation of the Yellow Rose

The Unison Prayer of Remembrance

God eternal, we celebrate the Communion of the saints of all ages in every place and among all peoples. We thank you for the promise of Christ, which they have seen fulfilled and for the living hope that we all share through Christ's words. God of Promise, we remember all who have lived by faith and died in your peace. We have named them in this service. We will keep them in our hearts. We will delight to see them again and celebrate with them in your kingdom. Amen.

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT "For All the Saints" No. 546

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Gloria Patri" No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #546 "For All the Saints"

^{*}Please stand if you are able

"The truest definition of a saint is not someone who never sins, but someone who sins and repents and keeps on trying." —Neal A. Maxwell

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop -Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph -Online Filming: Marcy Korb -Sound & Production: Ed Heintz -Nursery: Donna Crowe -Greeter: Phyllis Natskakula

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

TODAY IS ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY. All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day, Hallowmas, or Feast of All Saints in the Christian church, is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is celebrated on November 1 in the Western churches (or the first Sunday after November 1st). Those that have moved from the church militant to the church triumphant within the past year will be recognized today and include:

- Robert Baker
- Jack Braun
- Gloria Brogan
- Richard Keener
- Connie Muttart
- Rick Shoop

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Paul Before Agrippa," Acts 26.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us at 11 AM today, following worship, 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!

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.

- 11/05 Regular Meeting
- 11/12 Thanksgiving Food Scavenger Hunt (see insert)
- 11/19 Regular Meeting
- 11/26 Friendsgiving

WEEKDAY NURSERY SCHOOL is looking for volunteers to be on their school board! Currently we are seeking a treasurer 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 12th. Thank you for joining a mission that God has brought to our doorsteps.

POINSETTIAS: 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 no later than Sunday, November 12th. Plants will be available for pickup following the Christmas Eve service on the 24th.

COMING UP: Sunday, November 12th – 6-8 PM Thanksgiving Food Scavenger Hunt;

Poinsettia Order Forms Due

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day; Office Closed; No Informal Service

Saturday, November $25^{th} - 9$ AM Hanging of the Greens Friday, December $8^{th} - 7$ 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:

 DATE
 NEEDED
 RECEIPTS

 Oct. 29
 \$ 3,486.59
 \$ 859.80

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: NOVEMBER 5 – NOVEMBER 12

TODAY:

9:00AM - Adult Sunday School

10:00AM - Worship Service

11:00AM – Congregational Meeting

6:00PM - Youth Group Regular Meeting

MONDAY:

4:00PM - AFN Elementary

6:30PM – Couples Connect

TUESDAY:

4:00PM - AFN Elementary

WEDNESDAY:

4:00PM - AFN Elementary

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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