

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, December 24, 2023, 10 AM

“There was no room for them in the inn: This happened in a public place, with other travelers and residents. ‘Men were trafficking, and little children playing, and women gossiping beside the well – and lo! The kingdom of heaven was among them.’”

–Morrison

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #135

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – The Goldberg Family

Today we relight the green candle of creation which represents life. We relight the violet candle of the incarnation which represents royalty. We relight the red candle of the crucifixion which represents sacrifice. Now we light the blue candle of the resurrection which represents eternal life—the life we have through the coming of, the death of and the raising of God’s son, Jesus Christ.

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

PEOPLE: THAT SIGN IS IN THE ONE TO COME—THE ONE THAT GOD IS SENDING.

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God’s care.

PEOPLE: AND SO WE CRY TO THE HEAVENS IN OUR DISTRESS. OUR CRIES ARE HEARD! GOD IS RESPONDING IN LOVE AND HOPE.

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

PEOPLE: LET US BE READY TO RECEIVE THE BLESSED GIFT OF THE SAVIOR. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

“Good Christian Men Rejoice”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

*THE TIME OF CHRISTIAN GREETING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 – Roy and Ross Nelson

“What Child Is This?”

*THE DOXOLOGY

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:1-20

THEME

“Christmas Memories”

CHRISTMAS MEMORY #1 – Rick Harbaugh

THE CHRISTMAS HYMN #1

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

No. 131 (vs. 1)

CHRISTMAS MEMORY #2 – Marcy Korb

THE CHRISTMAS HYMN #2

“The First Noel”

No. 136 (vs. 1)

CHRISTMAS MEMORY #3 – Deb Lehew

THE CHRISTMAS HYMN #3

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

No. 132 (vs. 1)

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Emmanuel”

No. 134

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #164

“One Small Child”

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: Sunday, December 24th – 10 AM Worship; 7 PM Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 28th – No Informal Service
Saturday, January 27th – Women's Conference

CLERK OF SESSION: Deb Lehew – 724-664-1256

ELDERS: -Donna Crowe – 724-882-5003 -Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169
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WEEKLY FINANCIAL BUDGET TO RECEIPTS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
Dec. 10	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 1,407.80

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 24 – DECEMBER 31

*The Church Office will be closed this week. However, if you have an immediate need please call 724-224-7338, as we will be answering the phone during the week.

TODAY:

10:00AM – Worship Service
7:00PM – Christmas Eve Service

NEXT SUNDAY, December 31ST:

10:00AM – Worship Service