

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh
Order of Worship, Sunday, January 7, 2024, 10 AM

“The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed.” –Hudson Taylor

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #167 **“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”**

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to worship this day!

PEOPLE: WE HAVE COME SEEKING GOD’S BLESSINGS AND LOVE.

Leader: They shall be given to you.

PEOPLE: WE HAVE COME SEEKING FORGIVENESS AND HEALING.

Leader: These will be offered to you. Open your hearts to receive God’s Good News.

PEOPLE: WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO ALL OF GOD’S WORDS AND WAYS FOR US. AMEN.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“Lord Reign in Me”
“Simple Kingdoms”**

*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 #568

“God of the Ages”

*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

Matthew 28:16-20

THE MESSAGE

“Blessed by Teaching”
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

No. 76

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Emmanuel”

No. 134

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #162

“The Birthday of a King”

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*Please stand if you are able
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“A great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission will grow a great church.” –Rick Warren

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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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO Natrona Heights Presbyterian Church this morning, and thank you for joining us in worshipping our Lord and Savior.

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

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Blessed by Repairing" 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

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.

- 1/07 – Regular Meeting
- 1/12-15 – Youth Group Retreat
- 1/14 – No Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER DUE TODAY - ORDER AND MONEY FOR MARIANNA'S HOAGIE AND PIZZA FUNDRAISER! Toni will be in the library after the service and can accept cash, check, Venmo or Zelle payments. 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 and pay for their portion of the 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 27th. 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 TODAY. 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, call or text Toni at nhpcyg@yahoo.com or 724-766-1950 with your order and for Venmo or Zelle payment options.

INFO FOR THE NEWSLETTER is due to the office by Friday, January 19th. Thank you!

A DIVINE CHRISTMAS GHOST STORY's third book has just been released. The first three books of the six titles in the holiday series can be ordered through the church office. These books, written by Rev. Cam Malcolm, are similar in genre to Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*. Also, copies of Cam's book "Mary Magdalene: New Testament Eve" can be ordered through the church office. All four books can be purchased for \$19.95 apiece.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

PLEASE FIND YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPES on the table in the narthex. If yours are not there or you do not currently receive envelopes but would like to, please contact the church office at 724-224-7338 or nhpcsecretary@aol.com. Thank you!

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, January 7th – Hoagie Orders and Money Due
Wednesday, January 24th – Hoagie Pickup (10-10:30 AM & 5-5:30 PM)
Saturday, January 27th – Women’s Conference
Sunday, January 28th – Congregational Meeting

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>
12/24 10 AM	\$ 3,486.59	\$ 2,619.80
12/24 7 PM	--	908.01
12/31	\$ 3,486.59	1,079.80

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 14

TODAY:

Hoagie Orders and Money Due
9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
7:00PM – Youth Group Meeting

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect

WEDNESDAY:

6:30PM – ONE Group

THURSDAY:

3:00PM – Middle School After-School Youth Group
5:15PM – Bible Bunch
7:00PM – Informal Service

FRIDAY:

Youth Group Retreat (1/12-1/15)

NEXT SUNDAY, January 14th:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service

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