

NATRONA HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

Order of Worship, Sunday, February 18, 2024, 10 AM

“We are called to be the means by which God teaches the universe a lesson, and a beautiful lesson.” –David Guzik

GATHERING TO WORSHIP THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PRELUDE – red hymnal #497

“Near to the Heart of God”

THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND A MOMENT FOR MISSION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There are some journeys for which we long.

PEOPLE: BUT THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS LOOKS AS THOUGH IT WILL BE DIFFICULT.

Leader: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

PEOPLE: WE WOULD PREFER SOMETHING EASIER. WE ARE NOT READY FOR THIS TRIP.

Leader: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

PEOPLE: PERHAPS WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS TRIP. AT LEAST WE WILL TRY THE FIRST STEP.

*PROCLAIMING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

**“He Reigns”
“Holy Forever”**

*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 – red hymnal #492

“It Is Well with My Soul”

*THE DOXOLOGY – red hymnal #625

*THE OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Amazing Grace”

No. 202

THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-13

THE MESSAGE

“God’s Plan for Gentiles”
–The Rev. Richard Harbaugh

SCATTERING TO SERVE OUR RISEN SAVIOR

*THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 185

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 623

THE POSTLUDE – red hymnal #1

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

*Please stand if you are able

“It is as if a great drama is being enacted. History is the theatre, the world is the stage, and the church members in every land are the actors. God himself has written the play, and he directs and produces it. Act by act, scene by scene, the story continues to unfold. But who are the audience? They are the cosmic intelligences, the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.” –Stott

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:

-Pianist: Margie Shoop

-Praise Band Leader: Kevin Rudolph

-Online Filming: Marcy Korb

-Sound & Production: Ed Heintz & Eli Irvine

-Nursery: Jen Goldberg

-Greeter: Donna Crowe

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to NHPC! Thanks for worshiping with us this morning.

THE BULLETIN COVER was created by Toni Brooks, youth group leader.

NEXT WEEK'S message title and scripture: "Unity In Christ" Ephesians 4:1-16.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will not meet on today or Sunday, February 25th.

THE ANKNEY FAMILY UPDATE: Thank you to those who are praying for Kerry Ankney. Mitch has found that he can donate part of his liver to help his mom. The transplant surgery date was February 16th. While they both recover, the family could use help with food. If you can supply a meal, please go to the link for dates available. Thank you for your prayers and support. <https://mealtrain.com/roz0z7>

NEWSLETTER info is due no later than Friday, February 23rd. 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.

- 2/18 – Regular Meeting
- 2/23 – Lock In
- 2/25 – Regular Meeting

LITURGISTS NEEDED! Are you available to be a liturgist on a Sunday morning? We need you! If you'd be able to lend a hand during worship, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please check in with Jack Miller.

ANGEL BOARD: Please take note that the angel board is back, and will be benefiting the Promise House. The Promise House is located in Brackenridge and is part of AVAC. It will be used to house displaced families on a temporary basis until they are able to secure permanent residency. The donations will be collected weekly. All envelopes can be either gift card or cash. The amount on the envelope is a suggested donation; it can be higher or lower. The envelope marked supplies will be used for containers and such in order to freeze our prepared meals for our new connect group called HOPE. The envelopes marked cash will be used to purchase food for the meal prepping here at the church. You may also donate nonperishable foods for us to use during meal prepping i.e. canned fruits and veggies, rice, etc.

HOPE: (Helping Other People Eat) This new connect group, led by Denise Baker, will begin on Wednesday, February 21st from 4-8 PM. HOPE will meet every other Wednesday opposite of ONE, after the first get together. While we will be here for four hours to prepare the meals, please feel welcome to come late or leave early if you're unavailable for the entire time. Not only will we be preparing meals to freeze and donate to the Promise House, but you can expect worship music and singing and dancing (for those that feel like belting out the music or moving with the beat). This is a wonderful opportunity for those who do not currently have a connect group and love to cook, to come out and lend a hand. Our first meals will be Italian themed, and the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. If you are unable to prepare, feel welcome to donate to our Angel Board or sign up on our sheet in the Narthex to help provide supplies/food items needed. Items may be donated during worship or dropped off during Church Office Hours (Tuesday-Thursday 8 AM-2 PM). Let's keep these families fed with a little HOPE from NHPC. "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:16). Questions? Contact Denise at 724-448-7628.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please join us on Sunday, March 3rd following worship for a Congregational Meeting. We must have a quorum in order to vote. This meeting will be brief, as your personal time is important to us. Thank you!

LUNCH AND LEARN: In 2024, we will be offering new Christian Education opportunities. The focus is to discover ourselves, our church, our work for the Kingdom, and then loop around and see where we can improve in 2025.

- All four education opportunities will take place directly after church. Plan a few hours as we share a meal, learn, and fellowship together.
- Invite friends, family members, coworkers, neighbors of all ages. Anyone you would like.
- Lunch will be potluck so please bring your favorite dish to share.
- Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the four lunch and learn opportunities in 2024.

March 3, 2024 - Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts – You will be given multiple spiritual gifts surveys, and we will complete one together. Why more than one? Confirmation is assuring and when you get the same results multiple times, that's confirmation.

June 2, 2024 - Vision and Mission – Who, What, Why, Where, How – You have heard the vision and mission referred to. Come and learn how it started and what God has already done through our church to breathe life into our specific vision and mission. While you follow God’s leading for the specific mission laid on your heart, learn how and why to support the vision and mission of the church collective.

September 22, 2024 - Evangelism – Why and How? – We are tasked with the Great Commission not because we are a local church of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), but because it is what our Lord and Savior tells us to do in Scripture. Evangelism often feels daunting and scary. Come and learn what it’s all about and gain some tools to deliver your witness and testimony.

November 3, 2024 - Cultivating a Culture of Ministry Health – It is important that we move, work, worship, lead, and love as one body of Christ. Unity is not just a nice notion. It is something that we need to work towards on a continual basis. Let’s learn together what we think about ourselves, our church, and the work which God prepared in advance for us to do. Let’s do it together.

If you’d like to learn more about these events please contact Marcy Korb 412-334-1173.

COMING UP: Wednesday, February 21st – 4-8 PM, First HOPE meeting
 Sunday, March 3rd – 11 AM, Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, March 3rd – Lunch and Learn
 Sunday, March 10th – Easter Flower Order Forms Due
 Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday; Communion
 Thursday, March 28th – Maundy Thursday Communion Service
 Sunday, March 31st – Easter

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

ELDERS: -Donna Crowe – 724-882-5003 -Marcy Korb – 412-334-1173
 -Chad Gourley – 412-443-0682 -Jack Miller – 724-272-4787
 -Kevin Gourley – 724-596-2169

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 25

TODAY:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
10:00AM – Worship Service
7:00PM – Youth Group Meeting

MONDAY:

6:30PM – Couples Connect

THURSDAY:

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

FRIDAY:

6:30PM – Lock-In

NEXT SUNDAY, February 25th:

9:00AM – Adult Sunday School
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7:00PM – Youth Group Meeting

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