



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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February 26, 2017 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. *Transfiguration Sunday*



# Gathering

God calls us together to offer praise, acknowledge sin,  
and celebrate our adoption as forgiven children.

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Prelude

“Choral Dorien”

Jehan Alain

Choral Introit

“The God of Heaven”

music Norman Warren  
text Psalm 29, para. Michael Perry

The God of heaven thunders, whose voice in strident echoes  
resounds above the waters, and all the world sings, “Glory, glory, glory!”

The desert writhes in tempest; wind whips the trees to fury;  
the lightning splits the forest and flame diffuses glory, glory, glory!

The mighty God eternal is to the throne ascended,  
and we who are God’s people, within these walls cry, “Glory, glory, glory!”

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 99

At the sign \* you may stand. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

The Lord is great in Zion; the Lord is exalted over all the peoples

**Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is the Lord!**

Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have established justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**Extol the Lord our God; worship at God’s footstool. Holy is the Lord!**

**Extol the Lord our God and worship at God’s holy mountain,  
for the Lord our God is Holy.**

Come and worship the Lord!

\*Opening Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Hymn 4

*Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

Prayer of Confession

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,  
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.**

**We confess that we speak when we should listen,  
and act when we should wait.**

**Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.**

**Grant us wisdom to live in your light  
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ,  
hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.**

\*Response of Praise            “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Hymn 750

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours; victory is ours, through God who loves us.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.**

### Words of Welcome

Anthem    11:00

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument”

music Jonathon Willcocks  
text St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, may there be union,  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, let there be hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, may there be joy!



## **Proclaiming the Word**

We encounter the Word in speech and song  
as we interpret and expound scripture.

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### Time with Children

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms. 11:00 Children pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
Through the gift of your Word read and proclaimed,  
give us faith to perceive his glory,  
that being strengthened by his grace  
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Exodus 24:12-18 pg 70

Psalm “Why Do the Nations Rage” Psalter 67 A  
pg 412

*Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.*

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 17:1-8 pg 18

Sermon “Six Days Before Glory” David A. Davis



**Thanksgiving**

We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table,  
lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.

\*Sermon Hymn “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” Hymn 190

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

“Dazzling as the Sun”

music Gwenyth Walker  
text Delores Dufner, OSB

Dazzling as the sun, the face of Jesus on the mountain,  
like the face of Moses coming down from Sinai  
ready, strong to lead his people out of bondage into freedom,  
to the promised land.

Transfigured for disciples’ eyes, God’s servant who would suffer  
as Isaiah prophesied. Revealed in garments glistening white,  
the glorious Son of Man whom Daniel had foretold.

Then the cloud of presence, then the voice of witness:  
“This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests.  
Listen to him.” Hear him!

Gazing on the Lord by radiant light transfigured,  
see the pattern of our lives: cross embraced to Easter splendor.  
Claim the Gospel vision wondrous: we are God’s beloved ones.  
Claim the transformation promised: destiny of glory!

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\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise God all creatures here below,  
praise God above, ye heav’nly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Common text Lord’s Prayer, hymnal pg 11; traditional text, pg 35; Spanish, pg 40; Korean, pg 48



# Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with  
God's blessing to lives of service and love.

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\*Closing Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
Hunger Offering

Hymn 630

\*Benediction

\*Response

“Go with Us, Lord”

Hymn 748

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

Postlude

“Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux”  
Les Corps Glorieux

Olivier Messiaen

*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.*

—Matthew 13:43

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Musicians

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters

Bill Philippe (9:15)

Joyce MacKichan Walker (11:00)

*Choir 345 (11:00)*

*Middle School Choir (11:00)*

*Cantorei (11:00)*

Patty Thel, director

Time with Children

Nancy Lammers Gross

Samuel Weinglass, violin

Mark Loria, organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carole Messersmith and those people before her who helped make her the person she was, by her husband Jim Messersmith and family.

Cover

“Three Tents/Tabernacles,” a linocut by  
Elizabeth Steele Halstead

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# The Week Ahead

February 27 – March 5

## MONDAY, FEB. 27

1:00 PM

*Nassau Stitchers*  
Conference Room

7:30 PM

*Small Group - Harmon*  
Harmon Home, Princeton

7:30 PM

*Small Group - Wehrheim*  
Wehrheim Home, Skillman

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## TUESDAY, FEB. 28

7:30 PM

*Small Group - Parker*  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Library

7:30 PM

*Worship & Arts Committee*  
Kelsey Home

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## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1

6:30 AM

*Small Group - Davis*  
Conference Room

9:30 AM

*Walk Talk Pray*  
Meet on front steps

12:00 PM

*Ash Wednesday*  
*Communion Worship*  
Niles Chapel

1:00 PM

*Ash Wednesday Lunch*  
Assembly Room

2:00 PM

*Small Group - Saito*  
King Home - The Windrows

4:00 PM

*Lenten Craft Fair*  
Assembly Room

4:15 PM

*Carol Choir*  
Music Room

4:15 PM

*Joyful Noise*  
Niles Chapel

5:15 PM

*Choir 3-4-5*  
Music Room

6:00 PM

*Ash Wednesday*  
*Communion Potluck*  
*Dinner*  
Assembly Room

7:30 PM

*Adult Choir Rehearsal*  
Music Room

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## THURSDAY, MAR. 2

9:30 AM

*Small Group - Walker*  
Music Room

10:00 AM

*Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

5:00 PM

*Nassau Ringers I*  
Sanctuary

6:00 PM

*Nassau Ringers II*  
Sanctuary

7:30 PM

*Human Resources*  
*Committee*  
Davis Study

7:30 PM

*Small Group - Coogan*  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Library

7:30 PM

*Small Group - Walthall*  
Conference Room

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## FRIDAY, MAR. 3

7:00 AM

*Women's Early Morning*  
*Bible Study*  
Contact Doodie Meyer  
(609-275-9647)

7:30 AM

*Men's Breakfast*  
Assembly Room

7:00 PM

*Club 3-4-5*  
Assembly Room

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## SATURDAY, MAR. 4

No scheduled events

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## SUNDAY, MAR. 5

8:00 AM

*Church School Teacher*  
*Breakfast*  
Conference Room

9:15 AM

*Education for all ages*  
Classrooms

9:15 AM

*Worship - Communion*  
Sanctuary

9:30 AM

*Inquirers Class*  
Niles Chapel

9:30 AM

*Small Group -*  
*Hope for the Future*  
Room 302

10:15 AM

*Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

11:00 AM

*Worship - Communion*  
Sanctuary

12:15 PM

*Mass Incarceration*  
*Task Force*  
Niles Chapel

5:00 PM

*Cantorei*  
Music Room

5:00 PM

*Middle School Fellowship*  
Room 304

5:00 PM

*Small Group - Dorrow/*  
*Pulimood*  
Pulimood Home, Princeton

6:00 PM

*Youth Fellowship Dinner*  
Assembly Room

6:40 PM

*Middle School Choir*  
Music Room

6:40 PM

*Senior High Fellowship*  
Room 304

7:00 PM

*Breaking Bread Music*  
*Rehearsal*  
Niles Chapel

8:00 PM

*Breaking Bread*  
Niles Chapel

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## Today at Nassau

Education for all ages

9:15 AM *Classrooms*

Worship

9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship

10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Picture-taking for the  
online directory

10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei

5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship

5:00 PM *Room 304*

Small Group - Dorrow/Pulimood

5:00 PM *Pulimood Home - Princeton*

Youth Fellowship Dinner

6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Middle School Choir

6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship

6:40 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Lenten Small Group

7:00 PM *Office Conference Room*

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal

7:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Breaking Bread

8:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

## Welcome to Nassau Church

*Children.* Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Lower Level), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes for age 2 and grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 10:30 AM.

Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 4 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

*Order CDs of the service.* Stop by the sound room.

*Connect to our online community life.* Visit [nassauchurch.org](http://nassauchurch.org) for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram feeds (@nassauchurch) for news, recaps of events, and snapshots of life at Nassau.

*Connect to pastors or staff.* Contact the office.

*Online giving.* See "Give Now" on the website.

*Accessibility.* The church lot has reserved parking, and there are six reserved street spaces on Sundays. Ramp access to the building is from the parking lot. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device, a large-print bulletin or hymnal, an accessible pew, or a wheelchair. Ushers can also direct you to the elevator to access other floors.

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