



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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May 7, 2017 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.



# Gathering

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

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Prelude 9:15 “Two Renaissance Dances” Kevin McChesney

Prelude 11:00 “Let All Things Now Living” arr. Cathy Moklebust

\*Call to Worship Psalm 116:1–2, 12–13

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

I love the Lord.

**The Lord has heard my voice and my supplications.**

God has inclined God’s ear to me.

**Therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.**

What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord’s bounty to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

\*Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King” Hymn 15

Verse 1 – all

Verse 4 – all

Verse 2 – treble voices

Verse 5 – choir alone

Verse 3 – lower voices

Verse 6 – all

## Prayer of Confession

**God of grace, love, and communion,  
we confess that we have failed to love you  
with all our heart, soul, and mind;  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**We ignore your commandments,  
stray from your way, and follow other gods.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive our sin and raise us to new life  
that we may serve you faithfully  
and give honor to your holy name.**

**In Christ’s name we pray. 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.**

## Words of Welcome

Anthem 9:15 “A Time for Singing” music Pat Messick  
text Song of Solomon 2:11–12

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth and the time of singing of birds has come.  
The time of singing has come.  
O God, give us ears to hear the music of the earth around.  
O God, give us voices to be a part of all earth’s joyful sound.

Anthem 11:00 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Augustus Toplady



## 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

Psalm Psalm 116: A Responsorial Setting Psalter 116 D  
PG 734

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

Scripture Lesson Acts 2:42–47 pg 120

Sermon “Day by Day” David A. Davis



# Thanksgiving

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

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\*Sermon Hymn

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn 525

Offertory

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

music Harold Friedell  
text Percy Dearmer

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

## Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to the table. Pass the tray to your neighbor, who will hold it for you as you receive the bread and grape juice. Cups on the bread tray hold gluten-free bread.

## Invitation

## Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels  
and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### Sharing of the Bread and Cup

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life!”

music Ralph Vaughan Williams  
text George Herbert

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

## Concluding Prayer



## **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

“Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen”

Hymn 536

\*Benediction

Postlude

“Chorale in E Major”

Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Len Scales

Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)

Joyce MacKichan Walker (11:00)

Musicians

*Nassau Ringers II* (9:15)

*Nassau Ringers I* (11:00)

Robert Lamb, director

*Choir 345* (9:15)

Patty Thel, director

John Lane, flute

*Trenton Children's Chorus*

*Intermediate Choir* (11:00)

John Floyd, director

Emily Vite, accompanist

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

William Walker, soloist

Mark Loria, organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our mothers, Keng Hua Lim and Eng Hua Lim, and all mothers, by Shuang R. Huang and Yak-Fa Cheung.

Cover

“Sun of Righteousness,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

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HOLY WEEK SERIES TAPESTRIES

In the chancel hang the three tapestries of the Holy Week series by Armando Sosa, a master weaver and our Artist-in-Residence. Each is 26 by 60 inches, with a red warp, in cotton and silk.

On the left, the Palm Sunday tapestry shows the palms that provided branches for Jerusalem to greet Jesus' arrival for the Passover festival. The three crosses foretell the tragic violence that awaits the Prince of Peace and spotless Lamb.

On the right, an olive tree and a field of roses accompany Jesus in his anguished prayer in the garden on Maundy Thursday. The olive tree bespeaks the hope and peace that will flow from this night of grief, and the roses remind us that Jesus' sacrificial death continues the fulfillment of the promises given at the night of his birth.

The great promises reach their glorious completion on Easter Sunday, when, with the two women, we witness Jesus' resurrection and defeat over death in the empty burial shroud. From the hollow tomb we are pressed on to the road to Galilee, which here runs through artfully-woven wheat and lilies. Here we meet the risen Jesus, who tells us, “Go and make disciples of all nations... And remember, I am with you until the end of the age” (Matt. 29:18–20).

The tapestries will hang until Pentecost Sunday.

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# The Week Ahead

May 8 – 14

## MONDAY, MAY 8

1:00 PM  
*Nassau Stitchers*  
Conference Room

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## TUESDAY, MAY 9

9:30 AM  
*Staff Devotions*  
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM  
*Staff Meeting*  
Conference Room

1:00 PM  
*Grace Note Singers*  
Boyd Home

6:00 PM  
*Weaving Classes with  
Armando Sosa*  
Assembly Room

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

9:30 AM  
*Walk Talk Pray*  
Meet on front steps

4:30 PM  
*Combined Choir  
Open House*  
Music Room

5:15 PM  
*Choir Family Dinner*  
Assembly Room

7:00 PM

*Louise Penny  
Mystery Book Group*  
Conference Room

7:30 PM

*Adult Choir Rehearsal*  
Music Room

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## THURSDAY, MAY 11

10:00 AM  
*Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

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## FRIDAY, MAY 12

7:00 AM  
*Women's Early Morning  
Bible Study*  
Contact Doodie Meyer  
(609-275-9647)

7:30 AM  
*Men's Breakfast*  
Assembly Room

5:30 PM  
*Club 3-4-5*  
Assembly Room

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## SATURDAY, MAY 13

10:00 AM  
*First Aid & CPR Training*  
Assembly Room

## SUNDAY, MAY 14

9:15 AM  
*Education for all ages*  
Classrooms

9:15 AM  
*Worship - Blanket Sunday*  
Sanctuary

10:15 AM  
*Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

11:00 AM  
*Worship - Blanket Sunday*  
Sanctuary

5:30 PM  
*Cantorei*  
Music Room

6:00 PM  
*Senior Send-Off*  
Assembly Room

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 - Communion

9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship

10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Listening for God's Call  
Before Pentecost: A Time of Prayer

10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship - Communion

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

All-Church Lunch with  
ASP Presentation

12:15 PM *Assembly Room*

Mass Incarceration Task Force

12:15 PM *Niles Chapel*

ASP Team Meeting

1:30 PM *Assembly Room*

Youth Off-Site - Hike the Sourlands

4:00 PM *Sourlands Preserve*

Sourlands Mountain Preserve

421 E. Mountain Road

Hillsborough Township, NJ

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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