



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2017 11:00 a.m.

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 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Hymn 654

Words of Welcome

Children pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers
in Room 302.



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Loving Lord, illuminate us.
Open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Psalm 66:8–20 pg 528

Second Scripture Lesson Acts 17:16–31 pg 137

Sermon “The Unknown God” Mark Edwards



Thanksgiving

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

*Sermon Hymn

“Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

**Eternal light, shine in my heart: eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal pow’r, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

**Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me:**

**Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.**

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Offertory

“Speak, O Lord”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth; plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail –
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us –
truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises,

and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
and the earth is filled with your glory.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia,
praise God above, ye heav'nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Sacrament of Baptism

Anna May Ling Birge

Act of Confirmation

Defend, O Lord, your servant with your heavenly grace,
that she or he may continue yours forever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more,
until she or he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.



Sending

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

*Closing Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

Hymn 450

*Benediction

*Response

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”
Zulu first, followed by English

Hymn 853

Postlude

“Pièce d'Orgue”
BWV 572

J. S. Bach

Preacher

Mark Edwards

Liturgists

David A. Davis

Lauren J. McFeaters

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Mark Loria, organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the near century connection between the Willis family and Nassau Presbyterian Church from Sallie Willis Jesser.

Cover

“Vine and Branches,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

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.

The Week Ahead

May 22 – 28

MONDAY, MAY 22

1:00 PM
Nassau Stitchers
Conference Room

TUESDAY, MAY 23

6:00 PM
Weaving Classes
with Armando Sosa
Assembly Room

7:30 PM
Mission Committee
Music Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

9:30 AM
Walk Talk Pray
Meet on front steps

THURSDAY, MAY 25

10:00 AM
Al-Anon
Conference Room

FRIDAY, MAY 26

All-Church Retreat
North Bay

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

7:30 AM
Men's Breakfast
Assembly Room

SATURDAY, MAY 27

No scheduled events

SUNDAY, MAY 28

10:00 AM
Worship
Sanctuary

11:00 AM
Fellowship
Front Plaza

11:15 AM
Adult Education
Assembly Room

Today at Nassau

Education for all ages

9:15 AM *Classrooms*

Worship - Teacher Recognition

9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Confirmation Class Gathering

9:30 AM *Conference Room*

Fellowship

10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Listening for God's Call before

Pentecost: A Time of Prayer

10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship - Confirmation

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Confirmation Brunch

12:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Interfaith Stitcheres

2:30 PM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Ruby Meyer, mother of
Doodie, on May 7 in San Antonio, TX.

Death—Doris Dorrow, mother of Dan,
on May 10 in Bethlehem, PA.

Death—Carolann Imhoff, mother of
Glenn, on May 10 in Burlington.

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 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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