



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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July 16, 2017 10:00 a.m.



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

“Prélude sur le nom d’Alain”  
Op. 7/1

Maurice Duruflé

\*Introit

“Make Your Face to Shine”  
Choir sings first time  
All sing second time

Hymn 811

At the sign \* you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 147

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving:

**God prepares rain for the earth,  
God makes grass grow on the hills.  
We praise you, Lord of all Creation.  
Come, let us worship God!**

\*Opening Hymn

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

Hymn 299

Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, our true vine,  
you command us to bear the fruit of your love in the world.  
We confess that we have heard your voice, but we have not obeyed.  
The cares of this world and the lure of wealth  
obscure your Kingdom from our sight.  
Forgive us when we plug our ears against the cries of our neighbor,  
and when we turn our gaze toward selfish pursuits.  
May your Holy Spirit clear away everything that chokes your Word,  
so that your steadfast love may take root and flourish in us. 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



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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### Time with Children

Children, age two to rising grade two, may leave for Summer Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

### Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God,  
your word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.  
Teach us your ways,  
so that we may walk in your truth. Amen.**

### First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:10–13

pg 686

### Anthem

“Happy Are They Who Walk in God’s Wise Way”

Thai melody

Psalm 1 (Thailand), tr. & para. Erik Routley

Happy are they who walk in God’s wise way; happy who shun the sinful choice;  
happy who find their pleasure in God’s law; happy who heed God’s righteous voice.

Theirs is the life where duty and delight nourish each other blissfully;  
as when beside a broad and generous stream proudly stands ever green the tree.

Fretful and anxious are the sinner’s days, barren and lonely is their path;  
like wind on dust the judgment of the Lord scatters their pride in sudden wrath.

Lord, in your mercy spare me, keep me still; let me not choose the sinner’s way;  
promise and law you equally have given: let them be my delight today.

### Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

pg 13

### Sermon

“Taking Root”

Andrew Scales



# Thanksgiving

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

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\*Sermon Hymn

“A Sower Came from Ancient Hills”

Hymn 171

Choir sings verse 1, all sing verses 2–4

\*Affirmation of Faith

Belhar Confession Sec. 10.5

**We believe that God has entrusted the church  
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;  
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth  
and the light of the world,  
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,  
that the church is witness both by word and by deed  
to the new heaven and the new earth  
in which righteousness dwells.**

Offertory

“Send Out Thy Light”

M. A. Balakireff, music

Psalm 43:2, 6

Send out thy light, O send thy truth,  
that they may lead me, O Lord, to thy holy hill.  
My soul shall trust in God the Lord; for I will yet give thanks to God,  
who is the help of my countenance and my God.  
Send out thy light, O send thy truth,  
that they may lead me, Lord, to thy dwelling place.

\*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

Lord’s Prayer common text, hymnal pg 11; traditional, 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

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Hymn 546

\*Benediction

\*Response

“Alleluia, Amen”

anon. Haiti

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jah Hal - le - lu - jah A - men.

Postlude

“Prélude sur le nom d’Alain”

Maurice Duruflé

Op. 7/2

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Preacher

Andrew Scales

Liturgist

Joyce MacKichan Walker

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

*Summer Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Mark Loria, organist

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“Vine and Branches,” a linocut by  
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# The Week Ahead

July 17 – 23

**MONDAY, JUL. 17**

No scheduled events



**TUESDAY, JUL. 18**

No scheduled events



**WEDNESDAY, JUL. 19**

No scheduled events

**THURSDAY, JUL. 20**

10:00 AM

*Al-Anon*

Conference Room

7:30 PM

*Breaking Bread*

*Summer Book Club*

Conference Room



**FRIDAY, JUL. 21**

7:00 AM

*Women's Early Morning*

*Bible Study*

Contact Doodie Meyer

(609-275-9647)



**SATURDAY, JUL. 22**

No scheduled events

**SUNDAY, JUL. 23**

9:00 AM

*Summer Choir*

Music Room

10:00 AM

*Worship*

Sanctuary

11:00 AM

*Fellowship*

Front Plaza

11:15 AM

*Adult Education*

Assembly Room

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9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship  
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship  
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Adult Education  
11:15 AM *Assembly Room*

## 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) during the service.

Summer Church School classes begin following “Time with Children.” Children ages three to four attend class in Room 07 (Lower Level). Children rising kindergarten to grade two may go to a story and activity time in Room 04 (Lower Level).

Visit the website for more information about our September-to-May Church School program.

*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 or give via the Church Life app.

*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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