



Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2017 10:00 a.m.



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Violin Sonata No. 2 in A minor”
Grave

J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Psalms 105:1–6

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

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name,
make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

**Sing to God, sing praises to God;
tell of all God’s wonderful works.**

Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

**Seek the Lord and the Lord’s strength;
seek the Lord’s presence continually.**

Remember the wonderful works God has done,
the miracles, and the judgments God uttered,

O offspring of the Lord’s servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.

Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

Hymn 839

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

Prayer of Confession

**God of mystery, God of life,
we imagine that we are capable judges
of power and wisdom and goodness.**

**We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize;
we mark the performance of others.**

We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.

We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.

**Gracious God, hidden and manifest,
transform our withered imaginations
until we yield the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. 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 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” Hymn 582

Words of Welcome

Anthem “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring” J. S. Bach



Proclaiming the Word

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

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

**Spirit of life,
we do not know how to pray as we ought.
Meet us in words written, in words spoken;
intercede for us with sighs too deep for words,
until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts,
for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Psalm Psalm 119:137–144 Psalter 119 M
A Responsorial Setting pg 784

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

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 pg 15

Sermon “How Much Do We Really Want To Understand?” John White



Thanksgiving

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

*Sermon Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Hymn 451

*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

“Violin Sonata No. 2 in A minor”
Andante

J. S. Bach

*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.

*Closing Hymn

“O for a World”

Hymn 372

*Benediction

*Response

“Alleluia, Amen”

anon. Haiti

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

Postlude

“Little Prelude and Fugue in C major”

J. S. Bach

Preacher

John White

The Rev. Dr. John E. White is the dean of students and vice president for student relations at Princeton Theological Seminary. From 1992 to 2000 he was pastor of the Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.

Liturgist

Joyce MacKichan Walker

Time with Children

Nancy Lammers Gross

Musicians

Summer Choir

Noel Werner, director and organist

Joey Hsia, violin

Michael Cooney, cello

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor and celebration of the first anniversary of Henry and Sarah Behnke by Henry and Marie Behnke.

Cover

“Seven Doves,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

The Week Ahead

July 30 – August 6

MONDAY, JUL. 31

No scheduled events

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

No scheduled events

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2

No scheduled events

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

10:00 AM

Al-Anon

Conference Room

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

7:00 AM

Women's Early Morning

Bible Study

Contact Doodie Meyer
(609-275-9647)

SATURDAY, AUG. 5

No scheduled events

SUNDAY, AUG. 6

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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Worship
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Fellowship
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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 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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