



Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 20, 2017 10:00 a.m.



Gathering

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

Prelude

*Introit

“Spirit of the Living God”

Hymn 288

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 119:1-3, 6

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

You know when we sit down and when we rise up;

you discern our thoughts from far away.

You search out our path and our lying down,
and are acquainted with all our ways.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for us;

it is so high that we cannot attain it.

Let us worship the God who knows us
more than we know ourselves.

*Opening Hymn

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Hymn 641

Verse 1 – all

Verse 2 – treble voices

Verse 3 – all

Verse 4 – lower voices

Verse 5 – all

Prayer of Confession

Romans 8:12-25

Merciful God,

your creatures cry and creation groans, but we turn away;

we surround ourselves with noise.

We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility:

we are young, we are old, we are tired, we are busy.

It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference.

Life-giving God, wash us clean.

Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

**Let your courage and compassion flow through us
until we love with abandon
and our hands reach out in blessing,
for the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God. 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 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Hymn 654

Words of Welcome

Sacrament of Baptism

Katherine Eleanore Dianne VanLaningham
Daughter of Katherine Taub and Erik VanLaningham



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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, as we hear your Word this day,
send your Spirit to equip and inspire us,
that your grace-filled hospitality may be
the center of our lives. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Romans 8:34–35, 37–39 pg 158



Thanksgiving

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

*Sermon Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Hymn 39

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar (10.5-6), 1986

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.**

**We believe 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.**

**We believe that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit have conquered the powers
of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,
that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.**

**We believe that the credibility of this message is seriously affected
and its beneficial work obstructed
when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian,
but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis
promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred, and enmity.**

**We believe that any teaching
which attempts to legitimate such forced separation
by appeal to the gospel,
and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation,
but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness, and unbelief,
denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel,
must be considered ideology and false doctrine.**

Preacher

Tom Kort

Our preacher, the Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Kort, is a Presbyterian minister and currently serves as Associate Vice President for Advancement at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Liturgist

David A. Davis

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Cover

“Cross (Ethiopian),” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

Musicians

Summer Bell Choir

Robert Lamb, director

Summer Choir

David Hogue, director and organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda’s sister Gail Hixon Main from the Gilmore family.

The Week Ahead

August 21 – 27

MONDAY, AUG. 21

No scheduled events

TUESDAY, AUG. 22

No scheduled events

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23

No scheduled events

THURSDAY, AUG. 24

10:00 AM

Al-Anon

Conference Room

FRIDAY, AUG. 25

7:00 AM

Women's Early Morning

Bible Study

Contact Doodie Meyer
(609-275-9647)

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

8:30 AM

Loaves & Fishes

St. Mary's Cathedral, Trenton

SUNDAY, AUG. 27

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

11:30 AM

Church School Teacher

Orientation

Room 301

Today at Nassau

Summer Bell Choir
9:00 AM *Sanctuary*

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11:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Vergene Wieman, on August 9 in Princeton.

Death—Anne Stokes Brown, wife of Carl, on August 12 in Mitchellville, Maryland.

Birth—Landon Nicholas Nielsen, son of Catherine and Jason Nielsen, grandson of Caroline Tompkins, nephew of Glenn and Sarah Fratangelo, cousin of Aiden and Reed, on August 15 in Scotch Plains.

Death—Susan Thompson, on August 16 in Princeton.

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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