



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 24, 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.

Prelude

Sonata No 2 in C Minor:
I. Grave; II. Adagio

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*Introit

“Be Still and Know That I Am God”

Hymn 414

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1, 5

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God’s presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God,

whose mercy is everlasting;

and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

*Opening Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn 35

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be,

so that we may walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 “Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil” Hymn 750

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time with Children

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms. 11:00 Children age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Solo “O Be Joyful in the Lord” Leo Sowerby
Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Prayer for Illumination

God of all wisdom
send us your Spirit
and open our hearts to hear your Word
so that we may know and follow Christ.
Amen.

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
 Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
 God is faithful still.**

**With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

“Cantate Domino”

Giovanni Croce
 Psalm 96:1,2

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
 cantate Domino omnis terra.
 Cantate Domino,
 et benedicite nomini ejus:
 annunciate de die in diem salutare ejus

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 Sing to the Lord,
 and bless the Lord’s name:
 tell from day to day the Lord’s salvation.*

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-
 more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

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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



*Closing Hymn

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought”
Hunger Offering

Hymn 712

*Benediction

*Response

“Siyahamba”

Hymn 853

**Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos.
We are marching in the light of God.**

Postlude

Sonata No. 2 in C Minor:
III. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Preacher

Len Scales

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters &

John Thurber (9:15)

David A. Davis &

Joyce MacKichan Walker (11:00)

Time with Children

Nancy Lammers Gross

Musicians

Adult Choir

Elem Eley, soloist

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

Cover

“Throne,” a linocut by Elizabeth
Steele Halstead

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are
given to the glory of God and in
memory of Frank S. Fagundus Jr.
on the 100th anniversary of his
birth by Carol Fagundus.

Tending the Flock

Death—The Rev. Dr. Thomas Parker,
father of John, father-in-law of Cynthia,
grandfather of Sarah, Christian, and Will,
on September 13, in Henderson, NC

The Week Ahead

September 25 – October 1

Monday, Sep. 25

1:00 PM *Nassau Stitchers*
Conference Room

Tuesday, Sep. 26

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room

1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian
Church

7:30 PM *Mission & Outreach
Committee*
Music Room

7:30 PM *Worship & Arts
Committee*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Sep. 27

4:00 PM *Homework Hangout*
Assembly Room

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

4:15 PM *In Choir Bible Study*
Conference Room

4:15 PM *Joyful Noise Choir*
Niles Chapel

5:15 PM *Choir 345*
Music Room

5:15 PM *Drop-In Dinner*
Assembly Room

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Fellowship*
Music Room Foyer

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Sep. 28

9:00 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Meet on front steps

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room

5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*
Room 202

5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Room 202

Sunday, Oct. 1

9:15 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room

9:15 AM *First Corinthians Class
with George Hunsinger*
Maclean House

9:15 AM *New Deacon Training*
Church Office

9:15 AM *Worship - World
Communion*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship - World
Communion*
Sanctuary

12:15 PM *International Student
Lunch*
Assembly Room

12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202

4:00 PM *Fresh Air*
Small Group
Pulimood Home - Princeton

Friday, Sep. 29

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

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

Saturday, Sep. 30

No scheduled events

5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*
Assembly Room

6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room

6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 301

7:00 PM *Breaking Bread Music
Rehearsal*
Niles Chapel

8:00 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel

Today at Nassau

Education for All Ages
9:15 AM *Assembly Room & Classrooms*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Communion Preparation for K/1 & 2
9:30 AM *Classrooms*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Deacon Retreat
12:15 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Middle School Choir
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 301*

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal
7:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

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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 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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Nassau Generations

Weekly News & Events at Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 24, 2017

ADULT EDUCATION

TODAY

Old Problems for a New Administration

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Sandra Matsen

ADULT EDUCATION ONGOING

IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY

First Corinthians

9:15 AM, Maclean House, George Hunsinger
Ongoing through May 13

NEXT WEEK

Art and the Reformation

9:15 AM, Assembly Room, Holly Borham

The “image question” was a central one in the Reformation. When Martin Luther and John Calvin critiqued altars, relics, pilgrimages, and visual opulence, they struck at the heart of Catholic practice and its system of sacred economy. To what exactly were these reformers objecting, and how did their followers interpret their statements about religious imagery? Did Luther and Calvin free us from superstition? Did they unleash ugly, destructive tendencies, or did they invent “art” as we know it today — an aesthetic object which we contemplate, rather than worship? Explore these provocative questions by looking carefully at texts, paintings, prints and sculptures from the sixteenth century in order to evaluate the Reformation’s impact on the arts.

Hunger Offering

Today we will receive the monthly Hunger Offering, a designated special offering for alleviating hunger in our community and around the world. The Mission Committee thanks all who contributed to the Hunger Offering for August, which totaled \$1,964, and asks for your continued support and prayers to end hunger, especially through the work of the following organizations benefiting from this offering:

- Bread of Life, PC(USA)
- HomeFront, Trenton
- Send Hunger Packing, Princeton
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen
- Uniting Reformed Church, Stellenbosch, South Africa

Inquirers Class for Prospective Members

Come explore the meaning of Christian faith, church membership, and the foundations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in classes on Sundays, October 8, 15, and 22. Classes are 9:30–10:30 AM in Niles Chapel. They are open to anyone wanting to discover more about our church and are required for those who wish to become church members. Your presence and membership mean everything to us!

Contact

Lauren McFeaters (lauren@nassauchurch.org, 609-924-0103 x102)

Join the Mass Incarceration Task Force and Make a Difference

Bring your skills, compassion, and support to the Mass Incarceration Task Force. Become a pen-pal or tutor, plan and organize Adult Education series on mass incarceration, and learn about a new mentoring project. The Task Force meets in Niles Chapel the second Sunday of each month, October to May, 12:15–1:15 PM. Learn more at nassauchurch.org or contact co-chairs Jonathan Shenk and Mary Beth Charters.

Contact

Jonathan Shenk (jshenk@greenleafpainters.com)
Mary Beth Charters (marybeth.charters@ptsem.edu)

Coffee with Princeton Presbyterians

Calling all undergraduates, graduate students, and young adults. Princeton Presbyterians meets students on the Front Plaza outside the church at 10:20 AM to walk across the street to Chez Alice Café. Get to know us and your fellow students between the 9:15 and 11:00 AM services, and we’ll buy you a treat. If you have any questions about Princeton Presbyterians, get in touch with Andrew Scales.

Contact

Andrew Scales (ascales@princeton.edu)

International Student Lunch

On Sunday October 1st come to our International Student Luncheon in the Assembly Room following the 11:00 AM service - a wonderful way to welcome students from around the world who have come to study at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton University, and other educational institutions. Lunch is \$8/person and free for international students and their families. All are welcome to join the fun.

Youth Fellowship

All youth are invited to Fellowship and Dinner tonight. See "Today at Nassau" on the bulletin back page for times.

Breaking Bread

College students, young adults, and all are invited to Breaking Bread, a community of saints and sinners who gather around Jesus' table to worship, share stories, and grow as the beloved community. We worship in Niles Chapel at 8:00 PM.

Music at Nassau

Membership in our musical groups is always open. Check the website for information about rehearsal times and worship service responsibilities. To learn more, contact Lauren Yeh (x106, lauren.yeh@nassauchurch.org).

Prayer Chain

To request prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend through the Prayer Chain, contact Deacon Debbi Roldan (4droid2010@gmail.com). All concerns are confidential. You may also write your request in the prayer book in the Narthex. If you wish to participate in the chain, Debbi can add your email or phone number to the list.

Nassau-Westminster Partnership

Volunteers needed for the English School at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information, contact Bill Stoltzfus (w.a.stoltzfus@gmail.com, 609-577-7110).

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Sign Up for Children & Youth

If your child is participating in Church School, Fellowship, Choir, or any church programs this year, it's time to submit the annual registration form. It's required and it ensures that our information is up-to-date. See recent news on the website for the new, easy-to-use form — it's mobile-friendly, by the way.

A (Small) Community of Faith

Offering an opportunity for fellowship and conversation, small groups return to Nassau with a myriad of offerings, each of which, in its own way, provides you with the opportunity for renewal.

Small groups are about being transformed, learning something new, binding ourselves together in a community of faith as we become different people in the process.

Pick up a brochure from the literature rack to read more about the groups. Sign-up continues today in Fellowship.

Continued Disaster Relief

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) continues to help all affected by hurricanes and natural disasters across the US. To support the efforts of PDA, you may make a check to the church with "PDA" in the memo. Or visit the Give Now page on the website and select the Disaster Relief Fund. All funds will go directly to PDA.

Next Sunday as we celebrate World Communion, our Peace & Global Witness Offering will be dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Send Hunger Packing Princeton (SHUPP)

TODAY from 1:30 to 3:30 on Hinds Plaza, SHUPP, will hold their annual benefit, Salsa and Salsa. SHUPP is one of the recipients of Nassau's monthly hunger offering and, during the event, Nassau will be recognized for our support. Please come to join in the fun and provide your support.

See News on the church website for more details and ticket purchase information.

Coats for Chilly Seminarians

Princeton Theological Seminary is opening its doors to "The Coat Shop." Every year many international students arrive in New Jersey without adequate protection against our harsh winters. We need men's and women's light jackets, heavy coats, fleece pullovers, and winter accessories, unused or gently worn. Please bring your items to the collection bin by the ramp-entrance door by Thursday, October 12. To help out at the shop, please contact Arie Manchen.

Contact

Arie Manchen (956-466-0118, alcerbin@aol.com)

Stitchers for Peace

Central NJ Interfaith Stitchers for Peace will meet Sunday, October 8, 2:00-4:00PM at All Saints Episcopal Church in Princeton. All stitchers, would-be stitchers, and non-stitching helpers are welcome.

Contact

Juanell Boyd (juanellbo@aol.com)

Nassau Book Group

Sunday, October 1 at 12:15PM in Room 202, gather to discuss Leo Tolstoy's masterpiece of literature, *Anna Karenina*. Bring a sack lunch and we will supply coffee and hot water for tea, and disposable plates, etc. Our next book is TBA. All are welcome!

Contact

Ginger August (609) 924-6391.

Conference Room Art Show

Joanne Yang, a Middlesex county resident since 1960, specializes in landscape painting and calligraphy using the traditional technique of a brush dipped in black ink and colored pigments. Her subject matter includes sweeping landscapes of mountains, trees, rivers, and waterfalls to more serene and intimate paintings of flowers, birds, and fish. The October art show in the Conference Room begins on October 1 with a chance to meet the artist the following Sunday, October 8, between morning services and at an afternoon reception from 1:30-3:30PM.