



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2017 9:15 and 11:00 AM *Advent II*



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Greensleeves”
“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

arr. James Christensen

arr. Robert Elkjer

Introit

“He Came Down”
Soloist and congregation alternate verses

Hymn 137

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

*Call to Worship

Psalm 85:10-11

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

**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Come and let us worship the God of steadfast love,
faithfulness, righteousness, and peace!

*Opening Hymn

“People, Look East”

Hymn 105

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, God with us, God for us,
along this journey of faith, we confess our wanderings to you.**

**We ignore your presence in our lives
and fail to see the face of Christ in those we encounter along the way.**

**We are distracted by busyness
and neglect to prepare for the Christ Child.**

Forgive us, God. Draw near to us.

**By your grace help us receive you
with joy like the shepherds,**

**with obedience like Mary,
and with persistence like the Magi.**

Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come. Amen.

Silent Prayer

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

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 133

Verse 2

**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes, very God, begotten not created!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Words of Welcome

Anthem 9:15

“Antiphonal Deck the Hall”

Greg Gilpin

Time with Children and Lighting of the Advent Candles

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms. 11:00 Children pre-k 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

**Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son.
In the power of your Spirit and through the gift of your Word,
renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ
to fill our hearts, guide our thoughts, and claim our love.
In his holy name we pray. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

pg 34

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

pg 667

Sermon

“Revealed in Every Valley”

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

*Sermon Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

Hymn 87

*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.**

All things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church;

he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,

so that he might come to have first place in everything.

**For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,**

whether on earth or in heaven,

by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Offertory

“And the Glory of the Lord”
from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel
Isaiah 40:5

*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



Sending

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

*Closing Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Hymn 132

*Benediction

*Response

“Now May Your Servant, Lord”

Claude Goudimel

Choir sings verse 1, congregation sings verse 2



Choir 1 Now may your ser - vant, Lord, ac - cord - ing to your word,
Congregation 2 You did for all pre - pare this gift so great, so rare,



de - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
ful - fill - ing proph - ets's sto - ry— a light to show the way



for now my eyes have seen your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.
to Gen - tiles gone a - stray, and un - to Is - rael's glo - ry.



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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)

Shari Oosting (9:15)

Mark Edwards (11:00)

Joyce MacKichan Walker (11:00)

Time with Children

Nancy Lammers Gross

Dancers

Megan Woods, Artist-in-Residence

McKenzie Jones

Camille Ladendorf

Avery Morgan

Cassie Updegraff

Cover

“Trifol and Triquetra,” a linocut
by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

*Middle School Choir (9:15)**Choir 345 (9:15)**Carol Choir (9:15)*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

PPQ Ensemble

Michael Cooney, cello

Trish Davis, French horn

Carol Fagundus, clarinet

Kim Kleasen, flute

Je Oh, oboe

Leslie Young, bassoon

*Tending the Flock*Death—Margaret Migliore, wife of Dan, on November 30 in
Plainsboro.

Death—Lawrence Ivan, on December 2.

Death—Joann Westermaier, mother of Rebekah Sterlacci, on
December 5.

The Week Ahead

December 11 – 17

Monday, Dec. 11

- 9:00 AM *Children's & Family Ministry Committee*
Assembly Room
- 12:00 PM *Membership Committee*
Room 301
- 1:00 PM *Nassau Stitches*
Conference Room

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room
- 3:00 PM *Nassau Worship at Stonebridge*
Stonebridge
- 6:00 PM *Undergraduate Christmas Party*
Assembly Room

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- 9:00 AM *Cookie Bakers*
Kitchen
- 4:00 PM *Advent Craft Fair*
Assembly Room
- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 4:15 PM *Joyful Noise Choir*
Niles Chapel
- 5:15 PM *Choir 345*
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Dec. 14

- 9:00 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Meet on front steps
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 3:00 PM *Nassau Worship at Windrows*
Princeton Windrows
- 5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*
Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Sanctuary

Friday, Dec. 15

- 7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning Bible Study*
Contact Doodie Meyer
(609-275-9647)
- 7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Assembly Room

Saturday, Dec. 16

- 9:00 AM *Pageant Dress Rehearsal*
Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM *Lawrence Ivan Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 17

- 9:15 AM *Education for all ages*
Assembly Room & classrooms
- 9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 12:00 PM *Deacon Poinsettia Delivery*
- 4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Christmas Tea*
Assembly Room
- 5:30 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 7:00 PM *Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal*
Niles Chapel
- 8:00 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel
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Today at Nassau

Education for all ages
9:15 AM *Assembly Room & classrooms*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Mass Incarceration Task Force
12:15 PM *Conference Room*

Pageant Rehearsal
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Service of Remembrance
2:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Westminster Live Nativity
4:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Trenton

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 304*

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

Breaking Bread
8:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

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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