



Nassau Presbyterian Church

November 12, 2017 9:15 and 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude 9:15

“Bind Us Together”

arr. Joel Raney

Prelude 11:00

“Just As I Am”
“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. John A. Behnke

arr. Behnke

*Introit

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

At the sign * you may stand.

Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

Response

and all that is with - in me, bless God's ho - ly name!

Leader

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

Response

and for - get not all God's ben - e - fits.

Text: Adapt. Psalm 103:1-2; Music: Appalachian folk melody; arr. Richard D. Wetzel in *The Worshipbook* ©1972 The Westminster Press; reprinted from convenience from *Glory to God* ©2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

*Call to Worship

I Corinthians 15:54b-58

*Opening Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

Hymn 463

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

Prayer of Confession

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret — **forgive us;**
for the things we have failed to do that we regret — **forgive us;**
for all the times we have acted without love — **forgive us;**
for all the times we have reacted without thought — **forgive us;**
for all the times we have withdrawn care — **forgive us;**
for all the times we have failed to forgive — **forgive us.**
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,
for unfinished tasks, and unfulfilled hopes,
God of all time,
forgive us and help us
to lay down our burden of regret.
Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Verses 1 and 3

Hymn 475

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s unchanging love!
O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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 pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

pg 696

Psalms

Psalms 37: A Responsorial Setting

Psalter 37 B

pg 238

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Epistle Lesson

I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

pg 204

Sermon

“With the Lord Forever”

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

*Sermon Hymn

“When All Is Ended”

Hymn 376

On verse 3, treble voices On verse 4, lower voices

*Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.53-9.56)

**God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life:
social and cultural, economic and political,
scientific and technological, individual and corporate.**

It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin.

**It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled
under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.**

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,

such as a heavenly city, the household of God,

a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day

culminate in the image of the kingdom.

**The kingdom represents God’s triumph
over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation.
Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in all people
and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world.
It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.
Now to him who by the power within us is able
to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Offertory

“Bright Morning Stars”

trad. Appalachian song
arr. Shawn Kirchner

Bright morning stars are rising,
Bright morning stars are rising,
Bright morning stars are rising,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear fathers,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.
They are down in the valley praying,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear mothers,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.
They have gone to heaven shouting,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear children,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.
They’re upon the earth a-dancing,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.

Bright morning stars are rising,
Day’s a-breaking in my soul.

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia,
praise God above, ye heav’nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

Hymn 744

*Benediction

*Choral Response

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Peter Lutkin
Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. Amen.

Postlude

“Little Prelude in C Major”

BWV 553

J. S. Bach

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are
given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Henry S.
Broad by his wife Barbara.

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Marissa Chalker, soloist

Elem Eley, soloist

Michael Ryan, student organist

Nassau Ringers I (9:15)

Nassau Ringers II (11:00)

Robert Lamb, director

Cover

“Alpha and Omega,” a linocut by
Elizabeth Steele Halstead

The Week Ahead

November 13 – 19

Monday, Nov. 13

- 1:00 PM *Nassau Stitches*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Children's and Family
Ministry Committee*
Assembly Room
- 7:30 PM *NPC Sermon Archive
Small Group*
PTS Library

Tuesday, Nov. 14

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room
- 1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian Church
- 6:30 PM *Presbytery of New
Brunswick*
Covenant Presbyterian Church
- 7:30 PM *Discipleship Small Group*
Edwards Home, Kingston

Wednesday, Nov. 15

- 6:30 AM *Listening Ahead of Time
Small Group*
Conference Room
- 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 *Choir Family Co-op
Dinner*
Assembly Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

7:30 PM *Just Mercy Small Group*
PTS Library

Thursday, Nov. 16

- 9:00 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Meet on front steps
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 12:00 PM *Waking Up White
Small Group*
Conference Room
- 12:15 PM *Westminster Conservatory
Recital*
Niles Chapel
- 4:00 PM *Cemetery Committee*
Assembly Room
- 5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*
Room 202
- 6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Room 202
- 7:00 PM *Session*
Assembly Room

Friday, Nov. 17

- 7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning
Bible Study*
Contact Doodie Meyer
(609-275-9647)
- 7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Assembly Room
- 5:30 PM *Club 345*
Assembly Room

Saturday, Nov. 18

No scheduled events

Sunday, Nov. 19

- 9:15 AM *Education for all ages*
Assembly Room & classrooms
- 9:15 AM *First Corinthians Class
with George Hunsinger*
Maclean House
- 9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 12:15 PM *Pageant Rehearsal*
Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM *New School for
Music Study*
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304
- 6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*
Room 303
- 6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room
- 6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 301
- 7:00 PM *Breaking Bread
Thanksgiving Dinner*
Assembly Room

Today at Nassau

Education for all ages
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First Corinthians Class
9:15 AM *Maclean House*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Deacon Education & Training
12:15 PM *Room 303*

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

Pageant Rehearsal
12:15 PM *Music Room*

Senior Adult Lunch
12:15 PM *Assembly Room*

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

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*

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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