



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 17, 2017 9:15 and 11:00 AM *Advent III*



Gathering

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

Prelude 9:15 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Susan E. Geschke

*Introit 9:15 “He Came Down” Hymn 137
Soloist and congregation alternate verses
At the sign * you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

Prelude 11:00 “Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming” arr. Anna Laura Page
“Angel Tidings” Cynthia Dobrinski

Choral Introit 11:00 “Keep Your Lamps” African-American spiritual
arr. André Thomas

*Call to Worship from John 1:1, 3-5

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.**

The light shines in the darkness.

And the darkness did not overcome it.

People of God, come, let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hymn 83

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, God with us, God for us, God beside us,
along this journey of faith, we ignore your presence in our lives.
We 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. Draw near to us.**

**By your grace help us receive you
with joy like the shepherds,
obedience like Mary,
and 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”
Verse 3

Hymn 133

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Words of Welcome

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.**

Anthem

“Behold the King of Glory”

J. Bert Carlson, music
Georg Weissel, text, Catherine Winkworth, trans.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
 behold the King of glory waits!
 The King of kings is drawing near,
 the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart,
 make it a temple set apart
 from earthly use for heaven’s employ,
 adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
 our hearts to thee we open wide,
 let us thine inner presence feel,
 thy grace and love in us reveal.

Second Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

pg 691

Sermon

“Revealed in Him”

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

*Affirmation of Faith

Scriptural Affirmation

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand,
 and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
 that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
 and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
 and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*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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Anthem

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

arr. David Cherwein

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

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 119

*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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Postlude

“Toccata on ‘O Come, All Ye Faithful’ ”

David Hegarty

The Week Ahead

December 18 – 24

Monday, Dec. 18

No scheduled events

Tuesday, Dec. 19

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Roomy

Wednesday, Dec. 20

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Dec. 21

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room

Friday, Dec. 22

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. 23

6:00 PM *Cantorei and Alumni Choir Fellowship*
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Bell Peal Rehearsal*
Sanctuary

7:00 PM *Cantorei & Alumni Choir Rehearsal*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Church Mouse Reception*
Conference Room

3:00 PM *Christmas Eve - Family Worship*
Sanctuary

7:00 PM *Christmas Eve Communion Worship*
Sanctuary

10:00 PM *Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship*
Sanctuary

Reminder: The church office will be closed until Tuesday, January 2.

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Eric Barreto

Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)

Joyce MacKichan Walker (11:00)

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Cover

“Throne,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

Musicians

Nassau Ringers II (9:15)

Nassau Ringers I (11:00)

Robert Lamb, director

Cantorei (11:00)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Joshua Stucky, cajon

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Marissa Chalker, soloist

Michael Ryan, student organist

Ian Willick, snare drum

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*

Deacon Poinsettia Delivery
12:00 PM

Beyond Malibu Information Meeting
12:30 PM *Room 304*

Christmas Pageant
4:00 PM *Sanctuary*

Christmas Tea
5:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei
5:30 PM *Music Room*

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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