

# Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 24, 2017 10:00 AM *Advent IV* 



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

Prelude

"People, Look East"

arr. Jeremey Young

\*Introit

"He Came Down"

Hymn 137

Soloist and congregation alternate verses

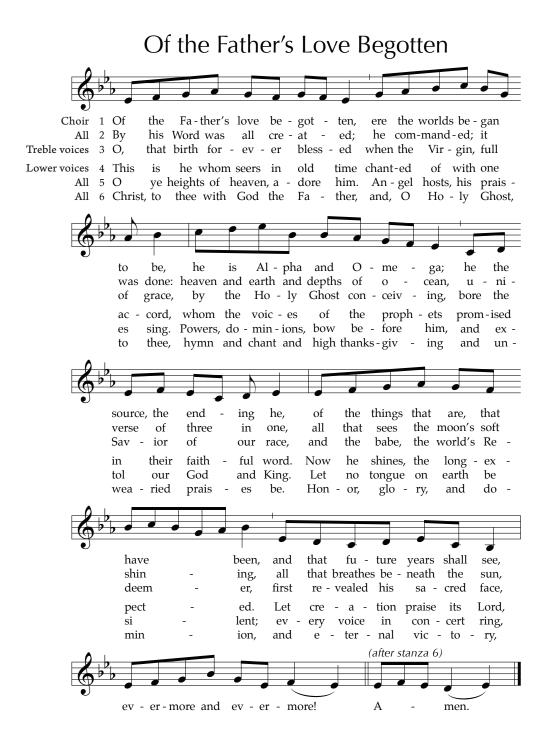
At the sign \* you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

*Call to Worship			
Bold text is read in unison.			
The Lord has done gr	eat things for us!		
And we are filled wit	h joy!		
Our God has turned v	veeping into singing,		
and our tears into so	ngs of joy!		
O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,			
and remain in us for	ever.		
We gather as a people who say			
yes to Emmanuel,			
yes to love among us	· ·		
yes to the wholeness	of God.		
Let us worship God.			
*Opening Hymn	"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Verse 1 – choir	arr. Michael Burkhardt	

Verse 2 – all

Verses 5-6 - all

Verse 3 – treble voices Verses 4 – lower voices



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, and we fail to see the face of Christ in those we encounter along the way. We are distracted by busyness. We 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"	Hymn 133		
	Verse 4			
Yea. Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:				

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given, Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! 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

Children age three to grade one may go to a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 (Lower Level). All children are also always welcome in the service.

#### Anthem

"Christmas Eve Carol"

Jeffrey Rickard, music Charles Wesley, text

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our sins and fears release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Hodie Christus natus est, Salvator apparuit. Today Christ is born. The Savior appears.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, born today.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king; born to reign in us forever, angels in the heavens sing.



## (X) Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

Lord Jesus Christ, our deliverer, your birth shakes the foundations of our world. May we open ourselves to the light of scripture with eagerness and hope and so welcome you with our "Alleluias!" Amen.

Thanksgiving	We respond by presenting our offerings, setting the table, lifting prayers, and praising the triune God.	
Sermon	"For Unto You Is Born This Day"	Lauren J. McFeaters
Gospel Lesson	Luke 2:8-20	pg 58
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 58:8-12	pg 688

\*Sermon Hymn

"Love Has Come"

Hymn 110

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of humanity, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. Thanks be to God.

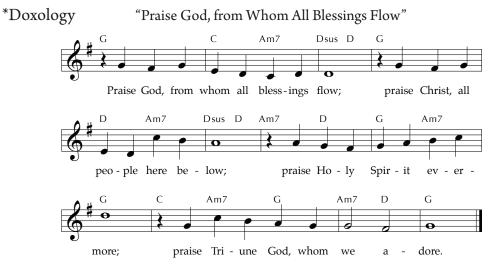
Offertory	"Let Our Gladness Know No End"	I	Bohemian	carol
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arr. Hermann Schroeder

Let our gladness know no end, hallelujah! Unto earth did Christ descend, hallelujah! On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to save us.

See the loveliest blooming Rose, hallelujah! From the branch of Jesse grows, hallelujah! On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to save us.

Into flesh is made the Word, hallelujah! 'Tis our Refuge and our Lord, hallelujah! On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to save us.



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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	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Hymn 136	
*Benediction			
Postlude	"In Dulci Jubilo" вwv 729	J.S. Bach	

#### Today at Nassau

Worship 10:00 Am Sanctuary

Fellowship 11:00 AM Assembly Room

Church Mouse Reception 11:00AM Conference Room

Christmas Eve Family Worship 3:00 pm Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Communion Worship 7:00 рм Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship 10:00 PM Sanctuary

Reminder: the church office is closed until Tuesday, January 2.

Preacher Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgists David A. Davis Len Scales

Time with Children Joyce MacKichan Walker

Musicians Adult Choir Noel Werner, director and organist John Lane, flute Kim Kleasen, flute Michael Cooney, cello Carol Fagundus, handbells Lynn Ann Cornell, handbells

Cover "Branch, Stump of Jesse," a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

### 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).

We invite children age three to grade one to a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 (Lower Level).

Church School for children and youth, preschool age to grade 12, resumes on Sunday, January 7.

*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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