



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Tiffaney Hsia

Choral Introit

Gregorian Chant
Matthew 2:2

Alleluia.

Vidimus stellam eius in Oriente,
et venimus cum muneribus
adorare Dominum.

Alleluia.

*We have seen his star in the East,
and we have come with our gifts
to worship the Lord.*

♦ Call to Worship

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

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

**The peoples who live in the land of deep darkness,
on them the light has shined!**

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

**In his time righteousness will flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things.

♦ Opening Hymn

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn 143

Verses 1, 2, 3

Hymn indicates the red pew hymnal Glory to God.

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.**

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

**We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory,
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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 “Angels from the Realms of Glory” Hymn 143
 Verse 4

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising: to th’ eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

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

**Illumine our hearts, O God,
with the radiance of the Word made flesh,
that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

“The Heart’s Adoration”

Benedetto Marcello, music
Reginald Heber, text

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, gems from the mountain
and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
Richer by far is the heart’s adoration, dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon

“Los Tres Reyes: Did We Miss a Holiday?”

Eric Barreto

**Thanksgiving**

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“We Three Kings of Orient Are”

Hymn 151

Offertory

“The Infant King”

Basque carol, arr. David Willcocks
Sabine Baring-Gould, text

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now reclining: Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Angels are watching, stars are shining
over the place where he is lying: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping: Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon will come sorrow with the morning,
soon will come bitter grief and weeping: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-doing: Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not wake the Infant King.
Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing,
then in the grave at last reposing: Sing lullaby!

Sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby!
Hush, do not stir the Infant King.
Dreaming of Easter, gladsome morning,
conquering Death, its bondage breaking: Sing lullaby!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to the table. Pass the tray to your neighbor, who will hold it for you as you receive the bread and grape juice. Cups on the bread tray hold gluten-free bread.

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with the communion of saints and the great cloud of witnesses and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

“Präludium”

Dmitri Shostakovich

Sharing of the Cup

“Étude for Two Violins”

Henryk Wieniawski

Concluding Prayer



♦ Closing Hymn	“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”	Hymn 141
♦ Benediction		
♦ Response	“Raise a Song of Gladness” Soloist first, followed by all	Hymn 155
Postlude	“Prélude”	Jacques Lemmens

Preacher

Eric Barreto

Liturgists

David A. Davis

Len Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our family—those who have passed and those who are present—by Pam and John Kelsey.

Musicians

Adult Choir

Maria Palombo, soloist

Marissa Chalker, soloist

Noel Werner, director and organist

Michael Cooney, organist (postlude)

Tiffaney Hsia, violin

Joey Hsia, violin

Cover

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

The Week Ahead

January 8 – 14

Monday, Jan. 8

- 1:00 PM *Nassau Stitchers*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Children's & Family
Ministry Committee*
Assembly Room

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room
- 1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- 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 *Louise Penny Book Group*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Jan. 11

- 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
- 6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Room 202
- 7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Conference Room

Friday, Jan. 12

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

Saturday, Jan. 13

- 9:30 AM *Adult Choir Rehearsal*
Music Room

Sunday, Jan. 14

- 9:15 AM *Education for all ages*
Niles Chapel & classrooms
- 9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Mission Fair*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 12:15 PM *Mass Incarceration Task
Force*
Conference Room
- 5:00 PM *Combined Youth Choirs*
Music Room
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Today at Nassau

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

Worship – Communion
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship – Communion
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Interfaith Stickers
2:00 PM *Assembly Room*

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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