



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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February 25, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM *Lent II*



## Gathering

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

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Prelude

“When We Are in Deepest Need”

J. S. Bach, BWV 668A

Choral Introit 9:15

“Be Still and Know/Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

J. Bell, M. Burkhardt

Be still and know that I am God

Though the mountains quake, and the oceans roar, be still and know that I am God.

The Lord of hosts is with us, God is our refuge and strength!

Praise, praise, praise the Lord, praise God’s Holy name, alleluia!

♦ Introit 11:00

“Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace”

Hymn 425

Choir sings verse 1

Congregation sings verses 2–3

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

♦ Call to Worship

Luke 8 : 48; John 12 : 26

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Come, all of you, into the presence of the Lord  
where the Word of God speaks peace

**to those who reach out in faith.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**for where he is, we would be also.**

Let us worship the God who speaks peace.

♦ Opening Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

Hymn 213

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One,**

**We confess that we are half-hearted followers  
of your full-hearted son.**

**We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
preferring old habits to risky change.**

**God of truth and grace,  
 forgive our unfaithfulness.  
 Help us to be born anew into the life of Christ.  
 In your persistent Word,  
 in our buried longing for life,  
 in each wild and broken place,  
 wash us clean,  
 remind us whose we are,  
 and give us your work to do.**

Silent Prayer

Response "You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy"

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!  
 You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!  
 You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Text: trad. liturgical, rev. *The Worshipbook*, 1970; Music: Appalachian folk melody, arr. Richard D. Wetzel, 1972; reprinted for convenience from *Glory to God* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press.

Assurance of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,  
 to all who turn to God in hope,  
 this is God's Word of grace:  
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
**This gift we have from God.  
 Thanks be to God.**

## Words of Welcome

Anthem 11:00

“Soon and Very Soon”

Andraé Crouch  
arr. Rollo Dilworth



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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### 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

**God of all peoples and nations, may your Word read and proclaimed  
reveal to us the One who came and is to come,  
the Good Shepherd who was and is faithful to you in all things.  
Show us the whole example he gave us in his life and death,  
so that we may recognize his voice always,  
follow more closely, and serve more faithfully. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3 : 1–12

pg 50

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 8 : 43–48

pg 68

Sermon

“When Jesus Notices”

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn

“I Waited Patiently for God”

Psalter 40 B  
pg 249

*Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.*

♦ Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS 1977, PCUSA 1985)

**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people,  
yet he made no use of power to protect himself.  
He healed those who were sick in body and mind,  
yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.  
He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him  
above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant.  
Jesus taught with authority,  
challenging many time-honored customs and ideas,  
yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf.  
He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners.  
We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.  
He did what only God can do.**

Offertory

“Let Nothing Ever Grieve You”

Johannes Brahms, music  
Paul Flemming, text

Laß dich nur nichts nicht  
dauren mit Trauren,  
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,  
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

Was willst du heute  
sorgen auf morgen?  
Der Eine steht allem für,  
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel,  
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,  
das ist und heißt das Beste. Amen.

*Let nothing  
ever grieve you;  
be still. Whatever God ordains,  
accept it gladly, my soul!*  
*Why do you today  
worry about tomorrow?  
The One who is Lord of all,  
also gives you that which is yours.*  
*In all things, be not inconstant;  
Stand firmly. What God ordains  
is and signifies the best. Amen.*

♦ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is recited in the language closest to your heart. The common English text may be found in the hymnal on pg 11, the traditional, pg 35; Spanish, pg 40; and Korean, pg 45.



# Sending

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

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♦ Closing Hymn

“Immortal Love, Forever Full”  
Hunger Offering

LAND OF REST  
John Greenleaf Whittier, text

**Immortal love, forever full, forever flowing free,  
forever shared, forever whole, a never ebbing sea.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steps to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps for Him no depth can drown.**

**But warm, sweet, tender, even yet a present help is He;  
and faith has still its Olivet, and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress is by our beds of pain;  
we touch him in life's throng and press, and we are whole again.**

**Alone, O love ineffable, thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell; to walk with thee is heaven.**

**O Lord and Master of us all, whate'er our name or sign,  
we own Thy sway, we hear Thy call, we test our lives by Thine!**

♦ Benediction

♦ Choral Response

“Sevenfold Amen”

John Stainer

Postlude

“If Thou But Trust in God To Guide Thee”

J. S. Bach, BWV 642

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Andrew Scales (9:15)

Len Scales (9:15)

Mark Edwards (11:00)

Emily Yeh (11:00)

Time with Children

Joyce MacKichan Walker

Musicians

*Carol Choir* (9:15)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

*Joyful Noise* (9:15)

Emily Vite, director

*Cantorei* (11:00)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Sam Ward, bass

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of our  
parents Mary and Robert  
Toppmeyer, Mary Louise  
Hilkert, and our friend Tom  
Kearney, from Deb Toppmeyer  
and Bob Hilkert.

Cover

“Cross (Ethiopian)” a linocut by  
Elizabeth Steele Halstead

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# The Week Ahead

February 19 – 25

Lenten Small Groups take place throughout the week. See *My Nassau* or the web calendar for the schedule.

## Monday, Feb. 26

1:00 PM *Nassau Stitches*  
Conference Room

## Tuesday, Feb. 27

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*  
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meetings*  
Conference Room

1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*  
Kingston Presbyterian Church

7:30 PM *Mission & Outreach  
Committee*  
Music Room

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

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

6:00 PM *Mission Dinner Meeting*  
Conference Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, Mar. 1

9:00 AM *Thursday Yoga*  
Room 301

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*  
Room 202

6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*  
Room 202

## Friday, Mar. 2

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

7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Assembly Room

## Saturday, Mar. 3

No scheduled events

## Sunday, Mar. 4

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

9:15 AM *First Corinthians Class  
with George Hunsinger*  
Maclean House

9:15 AM *Lapsley Small Group*  
Room 202  
Sunday morning drop-in group

9:15 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*  
Room 302

12:30 PM *Teacher Appreciation  
Lunch*  
Assembly Room

5:00 PM *Cantorei*  
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*  
Room 304

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*  
Assembly Room

6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*  
Music Room

6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*  
Room 304

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*

First Corinthians Class  
9:15 AM *Maclean House*

Lapsley Small Group  
9:15 AM *Room 202*  
Sunday morning drop-in group.  
For other small groups, see web calendar.

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Inquirers Class  
9:30 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Session - Receive New Members  
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Immigration Task Force  
Sanctuary Discussion  
12:15 PM *Niles Chapel*

Nassau Book Group  
12:15 PM *Room 202*

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](http://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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