



Nassau Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM *Lent IV*



Gathering

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

Prelude

Prelude no. 6

Frederick Frahm

♦ Introit “Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace” Hymn 425

♦ Call to Worship

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Slow to anger and abounding in love.

The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

We are God’s people; the Lord is our God.

Let us worship God.

♦ Opening Hymn “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn 223

Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

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

We are a people who still love darkness rather than light.

Forgive us, we pray.

**Bring us into your light that we may
see ourselves rightly.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
know ourselves loved.**

**Bring us into your light that we may
live more fruitful lives.**

**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”

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "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!"

Chord progressions above the notes are: Em D Em Am Em D Em; Am D C D Em C Em; Em D G Am Em D E.

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



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

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word
open to being surprised.
Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions;
cast out our casual detachment.
Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears;
penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word;
and give us the strength to follow on the path you set before us.
We know that you can, we pray that you will,
and we wait with great anticipation. Amen.**

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| First Scripture Lesson | Ephesians 2 : 1–10 | pg 192 |
| Psalm | “Come, One and All, from Near and Far” Verse 1 – soloist Verse 2 – choir Verse 3 – all Verse 4 – choir Verse 5 – all | Psalter 49 B pg 312 |
| Second Scripture Lesson | Luke 18 : 18–30 | pg 81 |
| Sermon | “When Jesus Disappoints” | David A. Davis |



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Hymn 697

♦ Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (PCUS 1977, PCUSA 1985)

Jesus was what we should be.

He served his Father with complete trust and unwavering obedience.

He loved all kinds of people and accepted their love.

In constant dependence upon the Holy Spirit,

**Jesus allowed no temptation or threat to keep him from loving God
with his whole being and his neighbor as himself.**

We recognize in Jesus what God created us to be.

He exposes our failure to live as he lived.

He demonstrates the new humanity

God promises to give us through him.

Offertory

“On God Alone My Hope I Build”

Felix Mendelssohn, music
Martin Luther, text

On God alone my hope I build, not in my works confiding;
in God my heart will rest fulfilled, at home, in grace abiding.
Lord, speak to me your priceless word, my comfort true,
my faithful guard: I trust your constant guiding.

♦ 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.



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| ♦ Closing Hymn | “Be Thou My Vision” | Hymn 450 |
| ♦ Benediction | | |
| ♦ Choral Response | “Sevenfold Amen” | John Stainer |
| Postlude | “I Will Not Forsake My Jesus” | J. G. Walther |

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
Len Scales (9:15)
Andrew Scales (9:15)
Anne Kuhn (11:00)
Joyce MacKichan Walker
(11:00)

Time with Children
Carol Wehrheim

Musicians
Handbells
Lynn Ann Cornell
Robert Lamb
Mary Anne Walker
Adult Choir
Alex Pino, director and church
music intern
Michael Ryan, student organist

Flowers
The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Margaret
Sheppard and Mary Bess
Lowry from Helen and Bob
Duncan.

Cover
“Kyrie eleison (Lord, have
mercy),” a linocut by Elizabeth
Steele Halstead

Tending the Flock

Deaths—

Carol Ann Piaseczny, sister-in-law of Karen Ann Barrows, on February 27 in Denver, Colorado.

Gordon Huckerby, father of Nicole Huckerby, father-in-law of Phil Cohen, and grandfather of Brooke and Bradly Cohen, on March 1 in Hamilton.

Emily Heine, on March 2 in Hamilton.

Elaine McFeaters, sister-in-law of Lauren McFeaters and Michael Brothers, daughter-in-law of Joanne McFeaters, aunt of Josie Brothers, on March 2 in York, Pennsylvania.

David Hunt, son of Sue and Chase Hunt, on March 3 in Wilmington, Delaware.

The Week Ahead

March 12 – 19

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

Monday, Mar. 12

Office closed - Staff Retreat

1:00 PM *Nassau Stitches*
Conference Room

Tuesday, Mar. 13

Office closed - Staff Retreat

Wednesday, Mar. 14

Office opens at 12:30 pm.

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 *Immigration Task Force
Sanctuary Discussion*
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

5:15 PM *Immigration Task Force
Sanctuary Discussion*
Conference Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Mar. 15

9:00 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Room 304

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room; Library

12:15 PM *Westminster Conservatory
Recital*
Niles Chapel

5:00 PM *Nassau Ringers I*
Room 202

6:00 PM *Nassau Ringers II*
Room 202

7:00 PM *Session*
Music Room

Friday, Mar. 16

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. 17

No scheduled events

Sunday, Mar. 18

9:15 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room, etc.

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

9:15 AM *Lapsley Small Group*
Room 202

9:15 AM *Worship - Youth Sunday*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship - Youth Sunday*
Sanctuary

12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202

12:15 PM *Senior Adult Lunch*
Assembly Room

4:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Outing*
RSVP by Wed., March 14

7:00 PM *Breaking Bread
Bible Study*
Conference Room

7:00 PM *Breaking Bread Music
Rehearsal*
Niles Chapel

8:00 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel

Today at Nassau

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

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

Lapsley Small Group
9:15 AM *Room 202*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Immigration Task Force
Sanctuary Discussion
10:20 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

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

Interfaith Stitchers
2:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Combined Choir Rehearsal
5:45 PM *Sanctuary*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:15 PM *Assembly Room*

Middle School Choir
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Lenten Bible Study
7:00 PM *Conference 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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