



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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March 25, 2018 9:15 and 11:00 AM

*Palm Sunday*



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

“Festive Promenade”

Kathleen Wissinger

## ♦ Call to Worship

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

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

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Come, let us worship God!

## ♦ Processional Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Hymn 196

*Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

## Prayer of Confession

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

**We are afraid of the passion of our Lord’s final days.**

**We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

**We commit to things that will never last.**

**God of truth and grace,  
forgive our wandering ways.**

**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 in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The first staff has chords Em, D, Em, Am, Em, D, Em. The second staff has chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em. The third staff has chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E. 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!"

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

### “He Comes!”

Michael Jothen

He comes, sing loud hosanna! He comes, blessed is he.  
He comes, sing loud hosanna! Blessed, blessed,  
blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Sing hosanna!



## 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

**Eternal God,  
whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty:  
quiet within us every voice but your own.  
Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ,  
that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
we may receive grace to show Christ's love  
in lives given to your service. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson	Philippians 2 : 5–11	pg 197
♦ Psalm	“Lift Up Your Heads, O Gates” Choir sings verse 1, all sing verses 2–4 <i>Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.</i>	Psalter 24 B pg 147
Gospel Lesson	Luke 19 : 29–44	pg 83
Sermon	“When Jesus Weeps”	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      “O Love, How Broad, How Deep, How High”      Hymn 618

♦ Affirmation of Faith      A Declaration of Faith (PCUS 1977, PCUSA 1985)

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross  
God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins.  
Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.  
He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,  
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,  
accepting God’s condemnation of our sinfulness.  
In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God  
and thus experienced hell itself for us.  
Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father’s will.  
He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father’s love  
that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death  
that result from our waywardness.  
In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not holding our sins against us.  
Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place,  
so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him.  
In him is our only hope of salvation.**

Offertory      “My Eternal King”      Jane Marshall, music  
anon. 17th-c. Latin text, Edward Caswall, trans.

My God, I love Thee, not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace;  
why, they why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love the well?  
Not for the hope of winning heaven or of escaping hell;  
not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
but as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!  
E’en so, I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

♦ 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

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”

Hymn 198

♦ Benediction

Postlude

“When Jesus Wept”

David Schelat

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Preachers

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters

Andrew Scales

Musicians

*Nassau Ringers I & II*

Robert Lamb, director

*Carol Choir*

*Choir 345*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Musicians (continued)

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Tom Kearney and Michael Asher from Mary Beth and David Charters; may peace, hope, and compassion continue to embrace their spouses and children.

Cover

“Palm Branch,” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead.

Chancel Artwork

In the chancel hangs the Palm Sunday tapestry from the Holy Week series by Armando Sosa, our 2016–17 artist-in-residence, one of three tapestries with a red warp, in cotton and silk, 26 by 60 inches.

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# The Week Ahead

March 26 – April 1

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

## Monday, Mar. 26

1:00 PM *Nassau Stitchers*  
Conference Room

## Tuesday, Mar. 27

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*  
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meetings*  
Conference Room

3:00 PM *Nassau at Stonebridge  
Communion Worship*  
Stonebridge at Montgomery,  
Auditorium

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

## Wednesday, Mar. 28

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, Mar. 29

9:00 AM *Stretch Center Pray*  
Room 301

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

12:00 PM *Maundy Thursday  
Communion Worship*  
Niles Chapel

7:30 PM *Maundy Thursday  
Communion & Tenebrae  
Worship*  
Sanctuary

## Friday, Mar. 30

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

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

12:00 PM *Good Friday Worship*  
Sanctuary

## Saturday, Mar. 31

No scheduled events

## Sunday, Apr. 1

7:00 AM *Easter Worship*  
Niles Chapel

9:00 AM *Easter Worship*  
Sanctuary

10:00 AM *Fellowship*  
Front Plaza  
*weather permitting*

11:00 AM *Easter Worship*  
Sanctuary

12:00 PM *Deacon Easter Flower  
Delivery*

12:00 PM *Fellowship*  
Front Plaza  
(weather permitting)

6:00 PM *Breaking Bread Worship  
and Feast*  
Niles Chapel; Assembly Room

## Today at Nassau

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

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

Lapsley Small Group  
9:15 AM *Room 202*

Worship - Palm Sunday  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship - Palm Sunday  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Nassau Book Group  
12:15 PM *Room 202*

Cantorei & Middle School Choir  
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Youth Fellowship  
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

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

Breaking Bread  
8:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—A. William Trucksess, father  
of Tanice Fitzpatrick, on March 1  
in Mt. Holly.

Death—Rebekah Luke Hill, niece of  
Barbara Ajami, on March 14.

## 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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