



Nassau Presbyterian Church

May 6, 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 9:15

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

arr. Matthew Compton

Prelude 11:00

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Susan Geschke

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1–3

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

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name.

Make known God’s deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to the Lord.

Tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Glory in God’s holy name.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Hymn 1

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

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God,

we confess to you and one another that time after time

we have entered your presence with countless prayers

but with hearts closed to your grace.

We have lifted our hands to you in praise,

but our feet have still walked in the ways of all flesh.

We have rehearsed your commandments

but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.

We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith

and pardon our acts of injustice.

Grant us the healing that comes from your presence

and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

“Be Not Afraid”

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!"

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Words of Welcome

Anthem 9:15

“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”

Jody W. Lindh

Praise the Lord who reigns above, and rules the earth below;
praise the holy God of love, and all God’s greatness show;
praise God for great and noble deeds, praise God for power and love adored;
praise God from whom all good proceeds, let all things praise the Lord.
Celebrate the eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise with every tuneful string;
all the reach of heavenly art, all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.



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

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Acts 7 : 54–60 pg 126

Psalm Psalm 118: A Paraphrase for Easter Psalter 118 I
pg 75⁸

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Second Scripture Lesson John 21 : 15–23 pg 116

Sermon “Follow Me Still” David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me” Hymn 726
Verse 1 – all
Verse 2 – treble voices
Verse 3 – lower voices
Verse 4 – solo
Verse 5 – all

Offertory

“The Strife Is O’er”

Henry G. Ley

17th-cent. Latin hymn, trans. Francis Pott

The strife is o’er, the battle done; now is the Victor’s triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung, hallelujah!

Death’s mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
let shouts of praise and joy outburst, hallelujah!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain, hallelujah!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death’s dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live and sing to thee, hallelujah!

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 all the 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.

The Week Ahead

May 7 – 13

Monday, May 7

- 8:30 AM *The Community of Pastors*
Assembly Room
- 9:00 AM *Children's & Family
Ministry Committee*
Berg Home
- 12:30 PM *The Community of Pastors
- Lunch*
Room 301

Tuesday, May 8

- 8:30 AM *The Community of Pastors*
Assembly Room
- 9:00 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meetings*
Conference Room
- 6:30 PM *Small Group Coordinating
Committee Dinner*
Walthall Home

Wednesday, May 9

- 8:30 AM *The Community of Pastors*
Assembly Room
- 5:00 PM *Children's Choir Open
House*
Music Room
- 6:00 PM *End of the Year Choir
Dinner*
Assembly Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Property Committee*
Davis Study

Thursday, May 10

- 9:00 AM *Stretch Center Pray*
Room 301
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 10:00 AM *Interfaith Stitchers -
Packing for shipment*
Music Room
- 7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Conference Room

Friday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 12

No scheduled events

Sunday, May 13

- 9:15 AM *Education for all ages*
Assembly Room & classrooms
- 9:15 AM *Worship - Blanket Sunday*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship - Blanket Sunday -
Teacher Appreciation*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 5:30 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 6:00 PM *High School Senior
Send-Off*
Assembly Room
- 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*

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*

Mass Incarceration Task Force

12:15 PM *Music Room*

Youth Fellowship Outing

2:00 PM *Sourland Mountain Preserve*

Gustav Niebuhr: The First Amendment

5:00 PM *Sanctuary*

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal

7:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Breaking Bread

8:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Tending the Flock

Death—Fraser Lewis, husband of Maxine, on April 25 in Skillman.

Death—Randy Litzenberg, brother of Patti Daley, on April 26 in California.

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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