



Nassau Presbyterian Church

July 8, 2018 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Choral Alléluatique No. IV”

Charles Tournemire

♦ Introit

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Hymn 654

At the sign ♦ you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.
Bold text is read or sung in unison.

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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♦ Call to Worship

“Come,” says the Lord. “All who are thirsty, come to the waters.”

“Come. Here there is bread and wine for your soul.”

“Come,” says the Lord, “come be my people, for I am your God.”

Yes, we are your people. You are our God.

Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord!

Let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Hymn 35

Prayer of Confession

Searcher of hearts, you have known us from the beginning.

You see in us more good and beauty

than we dare to believe.

Forever you call us by name.

But we fill our lives with sounds of the world.

We do not love or seek you

with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

We ask your forgiveness in the name above all names,

Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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 “Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn 630
**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.**

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time with Children

Children, age two to rising grade two, may leave for Summer Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord of light, reveal yourself to us,
beneath the bright wings of the Holy Spirit.
Dazzle us with your brightness,
overshadow us with your glory,
speak to us.
We are listening.
Amen.**

- First Scripture Lesson Ephesians 3 : 14–21 pg 193
- Second Scripture Lesson Genesis 18 : 1–15; 21 : 1–7 pgs 14, 16
- Sermon “Anything Too Wonderful” Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“To Abraham and Sarah”

Hymn 51

♦ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God’s commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God’s condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Words of Appreciation

John Baker

Offertory

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”
See Hymn 816 for text

Jody Lindh

♦ 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.

♦ Closing Hymn

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

Hymn 543

♦ Benediction

Postlude

“Alléluia No. V”

Charles Tournemire

Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist

David A. Davis

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Summer Choir

Richard Spotts, guest organist

Summer Handbell Choir

Robert Lamb, director

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Jane Duncan, and Norman and Coranelle Sheppard, parents of Bob and Helen Duncan.

Cover

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

The Week Ahead

July 9 – July 15

Monday, Jul. 9 – Tuesday, Jul. 10

No scheduled events

Wednesday, Jul. 11

7:00 PM *Princeton Presbyterians*
Book Group
Conference Room

Thursday, Jul. 12

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room

Friday, Jul. 13

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

Saturday, Jul. 14

No scheduled events

Sunday, Jul. 15

ASP Mission Trip departs

9:00 AM *Summer Choir*
Music Room

10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Fellowship*
Front Plaza

11:15 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Adult Education
11:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Janet Olsen, mother of Allen Olsen and Ingrid Ladendorf, on June 27 on Long Island, New York.

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) during the service.

Summer Church School classes begin following “Time with Children.” Children ages three to four attend class in Room 07 (Lower Level). Children rising kindergarten to grade two may go to a story and activity time in Room 04 (Lower Level).

Visit the website for more information about our September-to-May Church School program.

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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