



Nassau Presbyterian Church

August 26, 2018 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Duet, Op. 2, No. 4”
Allegro

Johann Quantz

Choral Introit

“Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens.
Let none made ashamed that wait upon thee.

♦ Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 84

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

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord;
We gather to rejoice in the living God!
Even the sparrow finds a home in your house;
Happy are all who come into your courts.
We sing your praises with joy:
Come, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Hymn 275

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

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that kindness has not filled our words or thoughts.
We look first for faults in others, and we swiftly judge our neighbors.
We ask for your forgiveness for the ways we dismiss and condemn others.
Help us to see our neighbors as Christ sees them,
and to love as we are loved by you. 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

“Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Hymn 750

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.**

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

**Open our ears and our hearts, Lord Jesus,
so that we may hear God’s Word today
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Proverbs 2 : 1–11

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Anthem

“O Spirit of God, Eternal Source”

Melchior Vulpus

O Spirit of God, eternal source, with sevenfold gifts to govern life’s course:
stir up our souls, set us ablaze that we our Lord may faithfully praise.
Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy).

O spirit Divine, our comfort true, in every need you strengthen, renew;
when any evil threat alarms, give to us rest in your gracious arms.
Kyrie eleison.

Forsaking your Word, your generous might, we wander paths of our own delight;
show us your love that we may see your grace and favor eternally.
Kyrie eleison.

O Spirit of God, most noble gift, send down your fire with vigor so swift.
Let endless praise from us ascend; on your sure promise our lives depend.
Kyrie eleison.

Sermon

“The Mystery of the Gospel”

Andrew Scales



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn “My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” Hymn 100

♦ Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2 : 5–11

**Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus:
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Offertory

“Duet, Op. 2, No. 4”
Affettuoso

Johann Quantz

♦ Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia,
praise God above, ye heav’nly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Preacher

Andrew Scales

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Summer Choir

Noel Werner, *organist*

Kim Kleasen, *flute*

John Lane, *flute*

Cover

“Seven Doves,” a linocut by
Elizabeth Steele Halstead.

The Week Ahead

August 27 – September 2

Monday, Aug. 27

7:30 PM *Children and Family
Ministry Committee*
Assembly Room

Tuesday, Aug. 28

7:00 PM *New Officer Training:
Deacons*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Aug. 29

No scheduled events.

Thursday, Aug. 30

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

Friday, Aug. 31

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

Saturday, Sept. 1

No scheduled events.

Sunday, Sept. 2

9:00AM *Summer Choir*
Music Room

10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Fellowship*
Front Plaza

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*

Church School Teacher Orientation
11:15 AM *Room 302; Room 303*

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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