



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 2, 2018 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major”
Minuet

J. S. Bach

♦ Introit

“Jesus, We Are Here”

Hymn 392

At the sign ♦ you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.

♦ Call to Worship

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Jesus says, “I am the vine, you are the branches.
Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit,
because apart from me you can do nothing.

My Father is glorified by this,

that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

**I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you,
and that your joy may be complete.”**

Let us worship the living and loving God.

♦ Opening Hymn

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Hymn 649

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess 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

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Hymn 698

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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, 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. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 15

Psalter, pg 70

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Second Scripture Lesson

James 1 : 17–27

pg 229

Sermon

“My Beloved”

Len Scales



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

Hymn 737

Offertory

“Blessed Are They”

Carolyn Jennings

Blessed are they who take delight in the living Word of God,
for they, like trees along a stream, grow strong in all they do,
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word;
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

The Word enlightens all who strive to know God’s will: a
lamp to guide us on our way, a light upon our path,
for the law of God is true, and the grace of God is pure,
and the fruit of a holy life is good.

All you hearers of the Word, rejoice and offer thanks
for love so deep and broad and high, and praise for life so full,
deeply rooted in the Word, ever nourished by the Word,
and fruit of a holy life is good.

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.

Preacher

Len Scales

Liturgist

Andrew Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Summer Choir

Noel Werner, organist

Michael Cooney, cello

Kim Kleasen, flute

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of the staff of Nassau Church by Shuang Huang and Yak-Fa Cheung.

Cover

“Wheat and Cup” a linocut by Elizabeth Steele Halstead.

The Week Ahead

September 3 – September 9

Monday, Sept. 3

8:30 AM *Office Closed*
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 4

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Conference Room

7:00 PM *New Elders Gathering*
Davis Study

Wednesday, Sept. 5

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Sept. 6

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

7:30 PM *Human Resources Committee*
Davis Study

Friday, Sept. 7

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 8

9:00 AM *Philadelphia Art Museum*
Bus Trip - Pick up/Drop off in the church parking lot.

Sunday, Sept. 9

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

9:15 AM *Worship — Teacher Commissioning*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

12:15 PM *New Elders Gathering*
Davis Study

5:00 PM *Membership Committee StoryBook Preview*
Conference Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship – Communion
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Tending the Flock

Death—Jonas Bingeman, husband of Kay,
on August 26 in Skillman, New Jersey.

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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