



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 16, 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

“Now Do We Pray Unto the Holy Ghost”

Dietrich Buxtehude

♦ Introit

“In My Life”

Hymn 468

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

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 19 : 1-4, 14

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to

you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Hymn 624

Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, as you came to a blind man and gave him sight,
come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see.**

**As you came to a woman tormented in her mind and gave her peace and healing,
come to us in our tensions and make us whole.**

**As you came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave,
come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive us, for turning away from you and life you’ve
given. In your name, Lord, we pray. 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 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” Hymn 654

**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.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Words of Welcome



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 God,
you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it,
our hearts to hold it, our hands to serve it.
In your name, Lord, we pray. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 6 : 4–9 pg 163

Anthem “Blest Are the Pure in Heart” H. Walford Davies, music
John Keble, text

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God:
the secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ’s abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Second Scripture Lesson Mark 8 : 27–38 pg 43

Sermon “Quite Openly” David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

Hymn 718

♦ Affirmation of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

William H. Harris, music
Bianco da Siena, text
R.F. Littledale, trans.

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing: O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming: and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling: for none can guess its grace, till one becomes the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes its dwelling.

♦ Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: G, C, Am7, Dsus, D, G, D, Am7, Dsus, D, Am7, D, G, Am7, G, Am7, D, G. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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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 "Lift High the Cross" Hymn 826

◆ Benediction

◆ Choral Response "God Be in My Head" H. Walford Davies, music
Sarum Primer 1527, text

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Postlude "Prelude in C Major" J. S. Bach
BWV 545

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
Lauren J. McFeaters
Len Scales

Time with Children
Corrie Berg

Musicians
Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director
Michael Ryan, student organist

Cover
"Crown of Thorns" a linocut by
Elizabeth Steele Halstead.
Flowers
The flowers in the Sanctuary are
given to the glory of God and in
celebration of incoming students
at Princeton University, Princeton
Theological Seminary, and
Westminster Choir College.

The Week Ahead

September 17 – 23

Monday, Sep. 17

No scheduled events

Tuesday, Sep. 18

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Sep. 19

- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Sep. 20

- 9:00 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Meet on Front Steps, end in
Room 304
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 12:15 PM *Westminster Conservatory
at Nassau*
Niles Chapel
- 5:00 PM *Handbell Coaching and
Training*
Room 202
- 5:30 PM *Nassau Festival Ringers*
Room 202
- 6:45 PM *Nassau Chamber Ringers*
Room 202
- 7:00 PM *Session*
Music Room

Friday, Sep. 21

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

Saturday, Sep. 22

- 9:00 AM *Rehearsal for Adult Choirs
of NPC & WSPC*
Gambrell Room, Princeton
Theological Seminary
- 11:00 AM *Judy Erdman Memorial
Service*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Sep. 23

- 9:15 AM *Education for All Ages*
Assembly Room and
Classrooms
- 9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Confirmation Class
Information Session*
Niles Chapel
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship - Officer
Ordination and
Installation*
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202
- 12:15 PM *Senior Adult Lunch*
Assembly Room
- 12:15 PM *Small Groups Leader
Training*
Conference Room
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 302
- 5:30 PM *Breaking Bread Music
Rehearsal*
Niles Chapel
- 6:00 PM *Youth Dinner*
Assembly Room
- 6:30 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel
- 6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room
- 6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304

Tending the Flock

Death—Paul Billhymer, father of
Mari Walthall, on September 8 in
Indianapolis, Indiana.

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Annual Meeting
12:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 302*

Breaking Bread Music Rehearsal
5:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Youth Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread
6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Middle School Choir
6:40 PM *Music room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Meal
7:30 PM *Assembly Room*

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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