



THE LIGHT
SHINES IN THE
DARKNESS

AND THE
DARKNESS
DID NOT
OVERCOME IT

JOHN 1:5

Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 30, 2018 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

“La Nativité”

Jean Langlais

The Manger - The Angels - The Shepherds - The Holy Family

♦ Call to Worship

Genesis 1

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

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth,
**the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.**

Then God said, “Let there be light;” and there was light.

**And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.**

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Come, people of God, let us worship God,
the Maker of Heaven and Earth!

♦ Opening Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Hymn 119

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

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess we have sinned against you
by thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. 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 “He Came Down” Hymn 137

**He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love,
He came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore!**

additional verses

**...that we may have light
...that we may have peace
...that we may have joy**

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 grade one may go to a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 (Lower Level).

Prayer for Illumination

Isaiah 40

First Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 3 : 1–8

pg 616

Psalms

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Psalter 90 B, pg 554

Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.

Second Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 1 : 3–10

pg 192



Thanksgiving

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

- ◆ Hymn “Born in the Night, Mary’s Child” Hymn 158

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith Galatians 4 : 4–7

**When the fullness of time had come,
God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
in order to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.
And because we are children,
God has sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts,
crying, “Abba! Father!”
So you are no longer a slave but a child,
and if a child then also an heir, through God. Amen.**

Offertory “O Holy Night” Adolphe Adam

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth;
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! Oh night divine!
Oh night when Christ was born. Oh night divine! Oh night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts by his cradle we stand;
So, led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
here came the wise men from the Orient land.

The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger, in all our trials born to be our friend;
He knows our need, to our weakness no stranger; behold your King!
Before him bend the knee. Behold your King, your King! Before him bow.

Truly he taught us to love one another; his law is love, and his gospel is peace.
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother,
and in his name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;

let all within us praise his holy name.

Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we; his power and glory
evermore proclaim; His power and glory evermore proclaim.

♦ Doxology

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymn 143

verse 4

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the newborn King!**

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

“Joy to the World”
(Hunger Offering)

Hymn 134

Benediction

Postlude

Grand Fantasia on “Joy to the World”

Marc Cheban

Preacher

Mark Edwards

Liturgists

Berg Family

Edwards Family

Time With Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Ingrid Ladendorf, Soloist

Noel Werner, Organist

Cover

“From Darkness to Light” by
staff member, Sarah Finbow.

The Week Ahead

December 31 – January 6

Monday, Dec. 31

OFFICE CLOSED — NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, Jan. 1

OFFICE CLOSED — NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, Jan. 2

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Jan. 3

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

7:30 PM *Human Resources Committee*
Davis Study

Friday, Jan. 4

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 5

9:00 AM *Rehearsal: Adult Choir, Middle School Choir
Trebles, and Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room and Niles Chapel

Sunday, Jan. 6— Epiphany

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

9:15 AM *Worship – Communion*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship – Communion*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304

6:00 PM *Middle School Dinner*
Assembly Room

6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

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).

We invite children age three to grade one to a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 (Lower Level).

Church School for children and youth, preschool age to grade 12, resumes on Sunday, January 6

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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