



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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January 6, 2019 9:15 and 11:00 AM

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

“Gabriel’s Oboe”

Ennio Morricone

Choral Introit

“What Star Is This, with Beams so Bright” music Michael Praetorius  
text Charles Coffin

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light?

‘Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

‘Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, “From Jacob shall a star proceed;”  
and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heaven the Lord’s command.

While outward signs the star displays, an inward light the Lord conveys  
and urges them, with tender might, to seek the giver of the light.

## ♦ Call to Worship

Isaiah 60

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

Arise, shine; your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Nations will come to his light,  
and rulers will seek his radiance.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

He will judge the people with righteousness  
and defend the cause of the poor.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

The mystery of the ages is revealed;  
the eternal plan of God is known to all.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us kneel down before him  
to give him honor, glory, and praise.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

Let us offer him all the treasures  
of our hearts and our lives.

**Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**Come, let us worship the Lord.**

♦ Opening Hymn

The First Nowell  
choir alone, verses 3 & 5

Hymn 147  
arr. David Willcocks

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

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess our sin and pride  
hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor;  
we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory  
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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 stanzas:*

**...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.

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### 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

**Holy One, giver of all light,  
lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,  
the morning star that never fades.  
By the light of your Holy Spirit  
reveal to us your saving Word,  
and lead us to offer our lives to you  
in service and in love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Psalter 72 A, pg 440

*Psalter indicates the blue pew psalter Psalms for All Seasons.*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2 : 1–12

pg 2

Sermon

“The Gifting”

Lauren J. McFeaters



## Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn

“Christ Be Our Light”

Hymn 314

Offertory

“When Jesus, Our Lord”  
(from Christus)

Felix Mendelssohn

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea;  
behold from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came the wise men and said:  
Say, where is he born, the king of Judea? For we have seen his star,

and we are come to adore him.  
There shall a star from Jacob come forth,  
and a scepter from Israel rise up,  
and dash in pieces princes and nations.  
How brightly beams the morning star!  
With sudden radiance from afar, with light and comfort glowing!  
Thy Word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.  
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing!

Text: Matthew 2:1-2; Numbers 2:1-2; Psalm 2:9  
"Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern," Philipp Nicolai

## 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.**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

“Simple Gifts”

trad. Shaker hymn

Sharing of the Cup

“Avodah Prayer”

Ernst Bloch

Concluding Prayer



## Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with  
God’s blessing to lives of service and love.

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◆ Closing Hymn

“On This Day Earth Shall Ring”

Hymn 141

◆ Benediction

Postlude

“Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift”

Hermann Schroeder

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### Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

### Liturgists

Len Scales

Andrew Scales 9:15

David A. Davis 11:00

### Time with Children

Andrew Scales

### Musicians

Joey Hsia, violin

Tiffany Hsia, violin

*Adult Choir*

Maria Palombo,

Steven Updegraff,

George Somerville,

Elem Eley, soloists

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

### Cover

“Alpha and Omega,” a linocut by  
Elizabeth Steele Halstead.

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# The Week Ahead

January 7 – January 13

## Monday, Jan. 7

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

## Tuesday, Jan. 8

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*  
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*  
Conference Room

1:00 PM *Grace Notes Singers*  
Kingston Presbyterian Church

7:00 PM *Adult Education  
Committee*  
Conference Room

## Wednesday, Jan. 9

4:00 PM *Homework Hangout*  
Room 302

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*  
Music Room

4:15 PM *In Choir Bible Study*  
Conference Room

4:15 PM *Joyful Noise*  
Nile Chapel

5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*  
Music Room

5:15 PM *Choir Family Co-Op  
Dinner*  
Assembly Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, Jan. 10

9:00 AM *Stretch CenterPray*  
Room 301

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

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 *Youth Ministry Committee*  
Conference Room

## Friday, Jan. 11

7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning  
Bible Study*  
Contact Carol Wehrheim

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

5:30 PM *Club 3-4-5*  
Assembly Room

## Saturday, Jan. 12

11:00 AM *Frances Yokana Memorial  
Service*  
Sanctuary

## Sunday, Jan. 13

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

9:15 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*  
Room 302

12:00 PM *Guatemalan Bistro*  
Assembley Room

1:00 PM *Thomas Liu Memorial  
Service*  
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Cantorei*  
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*  
Room 302

6:00 PM *Youth Dinner*  
Assembly Room

6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*  
Music Room

6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*  
Room 302

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship—Communion  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship—Communion  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Middle School Fellowship  
5:00 PM *Room 302*

Middle School Dinner  
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Middle School Choir  
6:40 PM *Music Room*

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## *Tending the Flock*

### Deaths

Charlie Dobbs, father of Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, on December 16, 2018 in Louisville, KY.

Don Hardwick, father of Laurie Kayne, on December 19, 2018 in California.

Arthur Olsen, father of Allen Olsen and Ingrid Ladendorf, on December 26, 2018 in Port Jefferson, NY.

Frances Yokana, wife of Andre Yokana, on December 30, 2018 in Princeton.

Linda Mondone, on January 1, 2019 in Burlington, NJ.

## 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](http://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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