



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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December 1, 2019 9:15 & 11:00 AM

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY



## Gathering

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

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Prelude

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. John A. Behnke

### ♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 130

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

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God's Word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

**There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with the Lord is plenteous redemption.

**There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

**There is no darkness with you, O Lord.**

Come let us worship God.

### ♦ Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Red Hymnal 82

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Light, at an unexpected hour  
you sent an unlikely liberator  
to an undeserving world.**

**In the midst of such glory, we remain idle, lifeless, and numb.**

**Awaken us, and keep us faithful and alert  
in uncertain times,**

**so that we may seek your mercy and  
serve you with undivided hearts.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ,**

**in whom we know your justice, and grace. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.**

**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.**

Friends in Christ,  
hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem 9:15

Do You Hear the Shepherd

Kimberly Ingram

Do you hear the shepherd? Calling clear and strong?

Do you hear the shepherd? Do you hear the song?

One by one, he calls each by name: all are in his sight.

His clear song quiets all our fear through the cold and dark of night.

When he speaks, our hearts leap with joy, for we know the shepherd's voice.

As we walk through the narrow gate, our trusting hearts rejoice!

Time with Children 9:15

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response

He Came Down

Red Hymnal 137

verse 1

**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.**

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

Sacrament of Baptism 11:00 Emma Virginia Ciniglio  
Daughter of Susan and Alejandro Ciniglio

11:00 Children pre-kindergarten or age four to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers in Room 302.

Words of Welcome



## Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song  
as we interpret and expound scripture.

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Prayer for Illumination

**Emmanuel, as we wait for your return,  
help us see your glory and love  
through the reading and preaching of your Word.  
We pray in your name. Amen.**

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| First Scripture Lesson  | Isaiah 2 : 1–5 | pg 631         |
| Second Scripture Lesson | Luke 1 : 5–20  | pg 56          |
| Sermon                  | Speechless     | David A. Davis |



## Thanksgiving

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

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| ♦ Sermon Hymn | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel<br>verses 1, 2, 6, and 7 | Red Hymnal 88 |
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Offertory Long-Expected Dawn Karen Marroli

When our hearts are troubled and in need of light, and the darkness deepens  
‘midst the thick’ning night, we await your coming as our souls press on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

When our hearts are broken and in need of balm, you send your promise,  
your hope and calm. We await your presence as we travel on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

O light of hope! Break forth! Appear and shatter all the darkness here!  
O let your advent herald clear an end to sorrow and to fear!  
You come from heaven to make straight the way, birthing hope from sorrow,  
changing night to day. Lord, walk among us as we journey on  
toward a long-expected dawn.

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### Invitation

### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread      Born in the Night, Mary's Child      Red Hymnal 158

Sharing the Cup      What Child Is This      Red Hymnal 145

### 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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### ◆ Benediction

◆ Choral Response      From Heaven Above      *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539  
text: Martin Luther

From heaven above to earth I come to bring great news to everyone!  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all the world, and gladly sing.  
"Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Christ has given."  
With angels sing the Savior's birth, a glad new year to all the earth.

Postlude      From Heaven Above      arr. Wilbur Held

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Preacher  
David A. Davis

Liturgists  
Lauren J. McFeaters  
Len Scales 9:15  
Andrew Scales 11:00

Time with Children  
Heather Riehl

Flowers  
The narthex flowers are given today to the glory  
of God and in memory of Warren and Jewel  
Leback by their children.

Musicians  
*Joyful Noise* 9:15  
*Carol Choir* 9:15  
Ingrid Ladendorf, director  
Grace Hoedemaker, piano

*Adult Choir*  
Noel Werner, director & organist  
Kim Kleasen, flute  
Ingrid Ladendorf, piano

Cover  
“Holy Encounters,” created by staff member Sarah  
Finbow.

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## *Tending the Flock*

Deaths—

Jean McClure Morrison, mother of Tess, Rees, and Paul Morrison, at age 97, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Benedikt von Tscharner, father of Sabine von Tscharner, grand-father of Maxine and Adele Slaymaker on November 12, 2019 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Warren Leback, father of Tom, Karen and Tina, on Thursday November 21, 2019 in Skillman, New Jersey.

Robert Duncan, husband of Helen on November 25, 2019 in Princeton, New Jersey. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 4:00 PM.

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# The Week Ahead

December 2 – December 8

## Monday, Dec. 2

No Scheduled Events

## Tuesday, Dec. 3

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*  
Room 303
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*  
Room 303
- 7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*  
Conference Room

## Wednesday, Dec. 4

- 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*  
Niles Chapel
- 5:00 PM *Wee Christmas*  
Assembly Room
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*  
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, Dec. 5

- 9:00 AM *Stretch Center Pray*  
Room 302
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Music Room
- 5:30 PM *Handbell Choirs*  
Room 202

## Friday, Dec. 6

- 7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning Bible Study*  
Contact Carol Wehrheim
- 7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Assembly Room
- 4:00 PM *Senior High Winter Weekend*  
Lake Champion, NY

## Saturday, Dec. 7

- 10:30 AM *Peter Halstead Memorial Service*  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM *Newark Boys Chorus Concert*  
Sanctuary

## Sunday, Dec. 8

- 9:15 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary
- 9:15/30 AM *Church School for Children and Youth*  
Classrooms
- 9:30 AM *Adult Education*  
Assembly Room
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*  
Conference Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*  
Room 302
- 12:15 PM *Christmas Pageant Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM *Mass Incarceration Task Force*  
Conference Room
- 2:00 PM *Advent Service of Remembrance*  
Niles Chapel
- 4:00 PM *Westminster Live Nativity*  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Trenton
- 5:00 PM *Chorale*  
Music Room
- 6:00 PM *Youth Dinner- MS only*  
Assembly Room
- 6:30 PM *Middle School Fellowship*  
Room 304
- 7:30 PM *Breaking Bread Dinner*  
Assembly Room
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## TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship—Communion  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Church School for Children  
and Youth  
9:15/9:30 AM *Classrooms*

Adult Education  
9:30 AM *Assembly Room*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Conference Room*

Plarn Project Workshop  
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship—Communion  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Sing We All Noël—Lunch  
& Carol Sing  
12:15 PM *Assembly Room*

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei  
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship  
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Dinner  
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread Worship  
6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Chorale  
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship  
6:40 PM *Room 304*

## 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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