



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 29, 2019 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Christmas Concerto, Op. 6, No. 8

Arcangelo Corelli

Allegro

Pastorale ad libitum

♦ Call to Worship

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

Christ is born!

Alleluia!

Jesus is among us!

Alleluia!

Shout with joy, give thanks, and sing!

Christ is born!

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♦ Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Red Hymnal 140

verse 1 - solo

verses 2, 3, 4 - all

Prayer of Adoration

Saving God, the prophet Anna and righteous Simeon

sang your praise and proclaimed Jesus, our Lord,

to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

We seek redemption in our day.

Prepare our hearts to believe the good news of Jesus,

receive the light of salvation,

and live according to your Word.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hark! The herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King. Jesus, the light of the world.
We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.**

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and loving God,
we look for you in the joyous, festive, and holy places.
Forgive us when we do not look for you
in the hard times and the painful places,
or among those who are abused or forgotten,
homeless or hungry.
We listen to Christmas stories and sing Christmas carols.
Forgive us when we fail to notice what you teach us,
what you ask of us, in the stories of the birth and life of Jesus.
As we celebrate the birth of one born homeless,
who lived in poverty,
whose family fled in fear for their lives,
pursued by a ruthless dictator,
help us to remember your compassion and care
for all who are vulnerable and in need.
Forgive us when we forget what Jesus showed us by his life,
and move us to respond to your gracious gift of love
by lovingly opening our arms to all people. 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

O Little Town of Bethlehem
verse 4

Red Hymnal 121

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
Oh come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.**

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).

Duet

Gloria in D
Laudamus Te

Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus te,
benedicimus te,
adoramus te,
glorificamus te.

*We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you.*

Prayer for Illumination

**By the breath of your Spirit
inspire us,
that in the hearing of your Word,
we may be filled with new understanding
and fresh desire
to please you in all we do,
for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63 : 7–9

pg 693

Psalm

Joy to the World!
Psalm 98

Blue Psalter 98 D
pg 618



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

- ♦ Sermon Hymn Mary and Joseph Came to the Temple Red Hymnal 148

- ♦ Affirmation of Faith John 1:1-5, 9-14

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

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

**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.

The true light, which enlightens everyone,
was coming into the world.

**He was in the world,
and the world came into being through him;
yet the world did not know him.**

He came to what was his own,
and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,
he gave power to become children of God,
**who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh
or of the will of man, but of God.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
the glory as of a father's only son,
full of grace and truth. Thanks be to God.

♦ Doxology

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
verse 4

Red Hymnal 143

**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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Hunger Offering

Red Hymnal 132

♦ Benediction

Postlude

Sussex Carol

Noel Rawsthorne

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Cathy Cook Davis

Hannah Milson

Ben Davis

Henry Milson

Musicians

Marissa Chalker,
Ingrid Ladendorf,
and George Somerville,
soloists

Mary Anne Walker, violin and
viola

Tiffany Hsia, violin

Joey Hsia, violin

Peggy Mankey, cello

Noel Werner, organ

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The Week Ahead

December 30 – January 6

Monday, Dec. 30

Office Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 31

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Wednesday, Jan. 1

Office Closed

Thursday, Jan. 2

9:15 AM *Walk Talk Pray*
Meet on Fron Steps, End in
Room 304

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

Friday, Jan. 3

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 4

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, Jan. 5

9:15 AM *Worship-Communion*
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-Communion*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

2:00 PM *Interfaith Stitchers*
Beth Chaim Congregation,
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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 5.

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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