



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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December 8, 2019 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT II



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Divinum Mysterium

Wilbur Held

## ♦ Call to Worship

Romans 13 : 11–12

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

You know what time it is,  
how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

**For salvation is nearer to us now  
than when we became believers;  
the night is far gone, the day is near.**

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness  
and put on the armor of light.

**Come, let us worship God.**

## ♦ Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

verse 1–choir

verse 2–all

verse 3–higher voices

verse 4–lower voices

verses 5 & 6–all

Red Hymnal 108  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

## Prayer of Confession

**Long-awaited Savior,  
you are the promise of the prophets,  
and we are witnesses to your vision, your movement, your healing.  
And yet we choose to live as those detached and unmoved.  
Enlighten us and send us out to be alive to all that is good.  
Enliven us so that all may see and hear and feel and believe  
that you are the coming of God, our Messiah. 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

Dream On, Dream On

music Sun Kyung Lee

text Hae Jong Kim

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Dream on, dream on, children of peace, till on earth God's kingdom come.

Wolf and lamb will feed together, lions like oxen will eat straw.

Dust shall be the serpents' food; no one shall destroy or hurt.

Children of earth, in all colors, live in peace and harmony.

Hope on, hope on, Easter people, beyond the cross a dawning sun.

Christ, our peace, broke down all barriers: nation, culture, tribe and clan.

Reconciling us to God, Christ made us one human race,

joined in peace and liberation, led by justice, hope and love.

Mount up, mount up, like an eagle, to the heights, beyond the clouds.

Strife and sorrow shall not stop you; pain and tears shall lose their power.

Even though the young may stumble, God the Lord renews their strength.

They shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and shall not faint.

## Time with Children

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

**He came down that we may have light: he came down that we may have light:  
he came down that we may have light: hallelujah, forevermore.**

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.

## 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.**

First Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 11 : 1–10	pg 640
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Second Scripture Lesson	Luke 1 : 26–38	pg 56
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Sermon	Promise and Call	David A. Davis
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### Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn	No Wind at the Window verse 1 – choir verses 2, 3, 4 – all	Red Hymnal 101
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♦ Affirmation of Faith

From a Brief Statement of Faith

**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 this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Offertory

Rejoice, O Virgin

Sergei Rachmaninoff  
(sung in Church Slavonic)

Bogoroditse Devo, raduysia.  
Blagodatnaya Mariye,  
Ghospod s Toboyu.  
Blagoslevenna Tï v zhenah,  
i blagosloven Plod chreva Tvoyego,  
yako Spasa rodila yesi dush nashih.

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,\*  
Mary full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb,  
for you have born the Savior of our  
souls.

*\*God-bearer*

♦ 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 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.



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# The Week Ahead

December 9– December 15

## Monday, Dec. 9

No Scheduled Events

## Tuesday, Dec. 10

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*  
Niles Chapel
- 10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*  
Conference Room
- 2:30 PM *Grace Notes Singers*  
Rehearsal at Stonebridge
- 3:00 PM *Nassau at Stonebridge*  
*Advent Communion*

## Wednesday, Dec. 11

- 4:00 PM *Advent Craft Fair*  
Assembly Room
- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*  
Music Room
- 4:15 PM *Joyful Noise*  
Niles Chapel
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*  
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, Dec. 12

- 9:15 AM *Stretch Center Pray*  
Room 301
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room, Library
- 11:00 AM *Memorial Service for*  
*Mosie Gates*  
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Handbell Choirs*  
Sanctuary

## Friday, Dec. 13

- 7:00 AM *Women's Early Morning*  
*Bible Study*  
Contact Carol Wehrheim
- 7:30 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Assembly Room

## Saturday, Dec. 14

- 9:00 AM *Christmas Pageant Dress*  
*Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM *Memorial Service for Bob*  
*Duncan*  
Sanctuary

## Sunday, Dec. 15– Advent 3

- 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
- 10:15 AM *Beyond Malibu Trip*  
*Meeting*  
Room 304
- 11:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*  
Room 302
- 12:00 PM *Deacon Pointsettia*  
*Delivery*  
Office Hallway
- 2:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*  
*Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*  
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Christmas Tea & Tapas*  
Assembly Room
- 5:30 PM *Cantorei*  
Music Room
- 6:40 PM *Breaking Bread Worship*  
Niles Chapel

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## *Tending the Flock*

Deaths—

Moore “Mosie” Gates, husband of Audrey, on November 30, 2019  
in Skillman, New Jersey

James Lavrich, father of Judy Lavrich, father-in-law of Karsten  
Hauschild, and grandfather of Hannah and Alexander on  
November 11 in East Windsor, New Jersey

Nemat Abhari, brother of Jamileh Gerber on November 30, 2019  
in Tehran, Iran

Nancy Maggard, mother of Jane on November 24, 2019 in  
Larchmont, New York

## TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship

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*

Worship

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers

11:15 AM *Room 302*

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Mass Incarceration Task Force

12:15 PM *Conference Room*

Advent Service of Remembrance

2:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Westminster Live Nativity

4:00 PM *Westminster Presbyterian  
Church, Trenton*

Chorale

5:00 PM *Music Room*

Youth Dinner

6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread Worship

6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Middle School Fellowship

6:30 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Dinner

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](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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