



Nassau Presbyterian Church

February 23, 2020 9:15 & 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Sonata in C minor No. 276
I. Allegro mà con brio

Johann Joachim Quantz

♦ Introit

Seek Ye First

Red Hymnal 175
verses 1 & 2

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

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things will be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 16 : 9, 11

Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

in your right hand are pleasures forever more.

Come, people of God, let us worship God with joy.

♦ Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Red Hymnal 265

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

Have mercy on us, we pray,

for our weak faith that fades under pressure,

for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,

for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.

Forgive us, Lord God, and give us new trust in your power,

that we may live for justice and tell of your loving-kindness

by our acts as by our words, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

Choral Response 9:15

Comfort, Comfort

arr. John Ferguson

Isaiah 40:1-5

para. Johann G. Olearius

trans. Catherine Winkworth

“Comfort, comfort now my people; Tell of peace!” So says our God.

Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning under sorrow’s load.

To God’s people now proclaim, that God’s pardon waits for them!

Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!

For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,

Calling us to true repentance, since the Kingdom now is here.

Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way!

Let the valleys rise in meeting, and the hills bow down in greeting!

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain!

Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God’s holy reign!

For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,

And all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.

♦ Response of Praise 11:00 In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful Red Hymnal 654

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful;

in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Words of Welcome

Reception of New Members 11:00

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



Proclaiming the Word

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

Time With Children 9:15

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear your Word with joy. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 85: A Responsorial Setting

Blue Psalter 85 C
pg 522

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5 : 6

pg 4

Sermon

Whose Righteousness?

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

The Days Are Surely Coming

Red Hymnal 357

♦ Affirmation of Faith

Matthew 5 : 1-12

**When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
 and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
 for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Offertory

The Beatitudes

Bob Chilcott
 Matthew 5 : 3-11

♦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 608

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all
 peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -
 more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
Hunger Offering

Red Hymnal 757

♦ Benediction

♦ Response

Going and Coming

Joachim Schwartz

Go - ing and com - ing, end and be - gin - ing,
Al - ways be - side us, firm - ly in your hand, Lord.

Postlude

Toccata on "Duke Street"

Gilbert Martin

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Len Scales 9:15

Madison Roberts 9:15

Lauren J. McFeaters 11:00

Lauren Seppi 11:00

Time With Children

Andrew Scales

Musicians

Michael Cooney, cello

Kim Kleasen, flute

Cantorei 9:15

Ian Lewono, cello

Hana Spelda, recorder

Ua Stucky, tambourine

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Michael Ryan, student organist

Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary
are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of our
parents Mary and Robert
Toppmeyer, Mary Louise
Hilkert, and our friend Tom
Kearney, from Deb Toppmeyer
and Bob Hilkert.

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The Week Ahead

February 24 – March 1

Monday, Feb. 24

- 12:00 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Berg Home, Princeton
- 4:15 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Wehrheim Home, Skillman

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 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 *Lenten Small Group*
Tazelaar Home, Princeton
- 7:00 PM *Lenten Small Group*
VanWart-Thornton Home,
Kingston
- 7:00 PM *Mission & Outreach
Committee*
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Worship & Arts Committee*
Conference Room

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- 11:00 AM *Lenten Small Group*
Sakenfeld Home, Skillman
- 12:00 PM *Ash Wednesday
Communion Worship*
Niles Chapel
- 4:00 PM *Lenten 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
- 6:00 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Dolley Madison Room, The
Windrows
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Feb. 27

- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room; Library
- 5:00 PM *Handbell Choirs*
Room 202
- 7:30 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Conference Room

Friday, Feb. 28

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

Saturday, Feb. 29

- 5:00 PM *Lent Jazz Vespers Service
with Ike Sturm Ensemble*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Mar. 1 – Lent 1

- 8:00 PM *Teacher Appreciation
Breakfast*
Conference Room
- 9:15 AM *Worship-Communion*
Sanctuary
- 9:15/9:30 *Church School for
Children & 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
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 5:00 PM *Lenten Small Group*
Conference Room
- 5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304
- 6:00 PM *Youth Dinner*
Assembly Room
- 6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Worship*
Niles Chapel
- 6:40 PM *Chorale*
Music Room
- 6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304

Tending the Flock

Death—Robert
Frantangelo, father of
Glenn, on February 13,
2020 in Plainsboro, New
Jersey.

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 Reception of New Members

11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers

11:15 AM *Room 302*

All Church Lunch

12:15 PM *Assembly Room*

Small Groups Leader Training

12:15 PM *Room 202*

New School For Music Study Faculty Recital

2:30 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei

5:00 PM *Music Room*

Lenten Small Group

5:00 PM *Conference 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 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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