



Nassau Presbyterian Church

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



Gathering

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

Prelude

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here
BWV 731

J. S. Bach

♦ 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 125: 1–2

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion.

It cannot be moved but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
**so the Lord surrounds God's people,
from this time on and forevermore.**

Come, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Red Hymnal 645

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.

♦ Response of Praise 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.

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Anthem 9:15

Hashivenu

Israeli Folk Song
arr. Greg Gilpin

Hashivenu Adonai elecha.

Venashuva.

Chadesh, yameinu kekedem.

Help us to return to you, God,

then truly we will return.

Make new our days as in the past.

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.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

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

Isaiah 40 : 1–11

pg 667

Psalm

Within Our Darkest Night

Blue Psalter 88 A
pg 538

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5 : 4

pg 4

Sermon

When the Bible Sounds Different

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

In Deepest Night

Red Hymnal 785

♦ 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.”**

Offertory

O God, Thou Art My God

Henry Purcell
Psalm 63 : 1-5, 8

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee.
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth for thee
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness;
that I might behold thy power and glory.
For thy loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall praise thee.
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner
and lift up my hands in thy name.
Because thou hast been my helper;
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

◆ 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

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Red Hymnal 610

♦ 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

Fugue in A Minor
BWV 543

J. S. Bach

Preacher

David A Davis

Liturgists

Len Scales 9:15

Elizabeth Steel 9:15

Lauren J. McFeaters 11:00

Nathan Seppi 11:00

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Chorale 9:15

Adeline Edwards, Avery Morgan,
soloists

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
Robert B. Rodgers by his wife
and children.

Cover Art

“Death and Resurrection,” a
linoleum block illustration by
Martha Kelly from the Book of
Common Worship.

Tending the Flock

Death—Helen Wise, mother of Katherine, Ryan,
Mary, Jenny, and Matthew, on February 1, 2020 in
Princeton, New Jersey. A memorial service will take
place in the sanctuary on Wednesday, February 12 at
11:00 AM.

The Week Ahead

February 10 – February 16

Monday, Feb. 10

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, Feb. 11

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel

10:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Conference Room

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

6:45 PM *Presbytery of New Brunswick*
Witherspoon Street
Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, Feb. 12

11:00 AM *Helen Wise Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

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

5:15 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, Feb. 13

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

5:00 PM *Handbell Choirs*
Room 202

7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Conference Room

Friday, Feb. 14

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

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

Saturday, Feb. 15

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, Feb. 16

9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

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

9:30 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room

9:30 AM *Inquirers Class*
Niles Chapel

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Conference Room

10:15 AM *Session -Receive New Members*
Niles Chapel

11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202

5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music 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 *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304

6:40 PM *Middle School Choir*
Music Room

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Chorale

6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship

6:40 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 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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