Nassau Presbyterian Church

March 1, 2020  9:15 & 11:00 AM

Lent I
Gathering

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

Prelude  9:15  He Leadeth Me  
William B. Bradbury  
arr. Sandra Eithun

11:00  Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley  
Trad. Spiritual  
arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

Call to Worship  
Matthew 11:28–30

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

Jesus said:
Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.
Come. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn  
What Wondrous Love Is This  
Red Hymnal 215

Prayer of Confession

We confess we are too often silenced by fear.
Loving and powerful God, you speak, but we do not listen.
We do not believe. We do not act. Show us grace,
and surround us with partners in faith who bear with us.
Fill us with hope, Lord, so we may go forth
proclaiming your salvation for the world here and now.

Silence
Response

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Richard Wetzel

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.

Words of Welcome

Anthem 9:15 O Praise the Lord, Who Made All Beauty

Hal H. Hopson

O praise the Lord who made all beauty.
Whose gift of the senses we enjoy.
O may we live each day in constant wonder, to see all of life in simple pleasure.
O praise the Lord who made all beauty.
Sing, “Laudeamus te.”

Praise God who makes each day an adventure.
Praise God for eager eyes to see the world.
Praise God for budding flower. Praise God for stars and moonbeams.
Sing, “Laudeamus.”

Praise God for sound of voice and music.
Praise God for touch that loved ones share.
Praise God for fragrant springtime. Praise God for winter’s bleakness.
Sing, “Laudeamus.”
Proclaiming the Word

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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

How Long, O Lord, Will You Forget

Blue Psalter 13 D

verse 1 – solo pg 63
verse 2 & 3 – all

Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:5–25 pg 56

Sermon

From Hopelessness to Hope David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry Red Hymnal 799

Offertory

To Dust Karen Marrolli

Let my crying come to dust. Let my grief be turned to ashes.
Let my heart be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.
Let my mourning turn to song. Let my sorrow turn to sunrise.
Let my broken spirit rest. Kyrie eleison.
Let your healing waters rise. Let your deserts bloom with bounty.
Let your Holy Spirit come. Christe eleison.
Let our crying come to dust. Let our grief be turned to ashes.
Let our hearts be cleansed with flame. Kyrie eleison.

(Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.)
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and the great cloud of witnesses and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing the Cup

Concluding Prayer
Sending

We follow the Word into the world, sent forth with God’s blessing to lives of service and love.

• Benediction

• Response

Lift High the Cross Red Hymnal 826 verse 2

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.
All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Postlude

Chaconne

Louis Couperin

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
Lauren J. McFeaters
Andrew Scales

Time with Children
Elizabeth Steel

Musicians
Chamber Ringers 9:15
Festival Ringers 11:00
Robert Lamb, director
Cantorei and Choir 3·4·5 9:15
Ingrid Ladendorf, director
Adult Choir
Elem Eley, soloist
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 Carole Messersmith and those people before her who helped make her the person she was, by her husband Jim Messersmith and family.

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The Week Ahead

March 2 – March 8

Lenten Small Groups take place throughout the week. See My Nassau or the web calendar for the schedule.

Monday, Mar. 2

9:00 AM  
Children’s & Family Ministry Committee  
Conference Room

Tuesday, Mar. 3

9:30 AM  
Staff Devotions  
Niles Chapel
10:30 AM  
Staff Meeting  
Conference Room
7:00 PM  
Adult Education Committee  
Conference Room

Wednesday, Mar. 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
5:15 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, Mar. 5

10:00 AM  
Al-Anon  
Conference Room; Library
5:00 PM  
Handbell Choirs  
Room 202

Friday, Mar. 6

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

Saturday, Mar. 7

5:00 PM  
Confirmation Retreat #2  
Room 304

Sunday, Mar. 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  
Power of Photography  
Conference Room
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  
Niles Chapel
6:40 PM  
Chorale  
Music Room
6:40 PM  
Senior High Fellowship  
Room 304
7:30 PM  
Breaking Bread Dinner  
Assembly Room

Tending the Flock

Deaths—

Lucinda Servis on February 9, 2020 in Plainsboro, New Jersey


Ann Lee Brown on February 22, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia
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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**TODAY AT NASSAU**

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
8:00 AM  *Conference Room*

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*

Worship—Communion
11:00 AM  *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM  *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*