



Nassau Presbyterian Church

November 22, 2020 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Sonata No. 1 in C Major
Allegro con spiritoso

François Devienne

Call to Worship

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

**Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice!
Christ will reign forever and ever.**

**The Lord is robed in majesty
and girded in strength.
Christ will reign forever and ever.**

**God will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.
Christ will reign forever and ever.**

**The kingdom of God
is transformed on earth as it is in heaven.
Christ will reign forever and ever.**

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Red Hymnal 367

Prayer of Confession

adapted from the Book of Common Worship

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are inconsistent in acknowledging his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to follow him as ruler of all,
that we may be faithful witnesses,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Work for Peace and Justice

Micah 4 : 1–8

Anthem

God's Hands

Mark Burrows



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Sovereign God,
let your Word rule in our hearts
and your Spirit govern our lives
until at last we see the fulfillment
of your realm of justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Luke 4 : 14–21

NRSV

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 82

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God has taken God's place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
"How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."

Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Sermon

God Speaks Justice

Len Scales



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

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.

Moment for Mission

Offertory

O Clap Your Hands
(Psalm 47)

Don McAfee

Doxology

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer



Sending

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

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude on 'Tallis' Ordinal"

Healey Willan

Preacher

Len Scales

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters

Andrew Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Members of Choir 3·4·5

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

John Lane, flutist

Marissa Chalker, soloist

Michael Ryan, organist

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Tending the Flock

Death—Ellis B. Anderson on November 16, 2020
in Princeton, New Jersey.

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