



Nassau Presbyterian Church

November 8, 2020 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Sonata No. 5 in C minor, Opus 10, No.1
Adagio molto

Ludwig van Beethoven

Call to Worship

Romans 16 : 25–27 (NRSV)

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Red Hymnal 643

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in 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

Reception of New Members

Time with Children

Elisha Helps a Family

2 Kings 4 : 1–7



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal word that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 4 : 14–16

NRSV

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Second Scripture Lesson

Psalm 147

Book of Common Worship

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,

and gathers the exiles of Israel.
The Lord heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
The Lord counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to God's wisdom.
The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp to our God,
who covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow upon the mountains.
God provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they cry.
God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,
but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord,
in those who await God's steadfast love.
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion,
who has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blessed your children within you.
God has established peace on your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.
God sends out a command to the earth,
a word that runs very swiftly.
God gives snow like wool,
scattering frost like ashes.
God scatters hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand against God's cold?
The Lord sends forth the word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the waters flow.
God declares the word to Jacob,
statutes and judgments to Israel.

The Lord has not done so to any other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

Sermon

Feeling Small

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

Hymn

Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries
verses 1, 2, 5, 6

Red Hymnal 653

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.36–9.37)

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity. Amen.

Offertory

Praise the Lord Who Heals
(Psalm 147)

Norman Agatep
Arr: Joel Navarro

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

Sonata No. 5 in C minor, Opus 10, No. 1
Allegro molto con brio

Ludwig van Beethoven

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Tyler McQuilkin

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Frances Slade, pianist

Steven Updegraff, soloist

Noel Werner, organist

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New Members Received by the Session October 18, 2020 By Letter of Transfer

Richard Davis,
from Trinity Church Princeton, NJ



Robert Erie,
from Christ Presbyterian Church, Telluride, CO



Page & Piper Griffin,
from The National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C.



Joseph So, from Youngnak Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church of Korea, Seoul,
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