



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 10, 2021 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Doctor Gradus ad Parnassum

Claude Debussy

Introit

Jesus, We Are Here

Patrick Matsinkeniyiri

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

**O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
When I look at your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken

Red Hymnal 664

Prayer of Confession

The Book of Common Worship

**Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
By your loving mercy,
help us to live in your light
and abide in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Young Jesus Visits the Temple

Luke 2 : 41–52



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God,
speak to us now in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may hear your Word, Jesus Christ, today. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 19 : 1–7

NRSV

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Second Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1 : 1–5

NRSV

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Sermon

The Giver of Life

Andrew Scales



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
sung to the tune HOLY MANNA, hymn 24

Red Hymnal 23

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967, 9.15

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God’s love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful persons. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

Offertory

The Earth is the Lord’s

Music: Don McAfee
Text: Psalm 24 (KJV)

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 608

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

Holy Manna

arr. Jan Sanborn

Preacher
Andrew Scales

Liturgist
Len Scales

Time with Children
Corrie Berg

Musicians
Christianne Lane, piano
Virtual Choir: Members of the
Adult Choir
Elem Eley, soloist
Noel Werner, organist
Sound Engineer
Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators
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Worship

Tending the Flock

Deaths—

William J. Hof, brother-in-law of Martha Mathews,
husband of her identical twin sister, Mary Ruth Hof, on
December 22, 2020 in Arlington, Virginia

Paul Kenneth Kirkpatrick Jr., father of Christian
Kirkpatrick, father-in-law of Bob Murdich, on January 1,
2021 in Monroe, Louisiana

Ethan Anderson, son of Sara Alyea and T. J. Anderson,
brother of Lindsey and Caroline Anderson on January 6,
2021 in Princeton, New Jersey

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