



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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January 31, 2021 11:00 AM



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Sonata for Organ, II. Largo

John Franek

Call to Worship

Psalm 111 : 1-3

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.

**Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

When Peace Like a River

Red Hymnal 840

Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,  
you call us to work for a world  
where all will be fed and have dignity,  
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.  
You call us to seek justice and peace,  
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.  
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,  
but we do not insist on freedom for all.  
Forgive us, O Lord.  
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,  
so that all may know your justice and peace;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, fountain of every blessing,  
open us to your life-giving Word,  
and fill us with your Holy Spirit  
so that living water may flow through our hearts—  
a spring of hope for a thirsty world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

Mark 1 : 21-28

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They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

### Sermon

Practice What You Preach

Kevin O'Neil Vandiver



## Thanksgiving

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

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### Sermon Hymn

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

Red Hymnal 181

### Affirmation of Faith

Confession of 1967 (9.20, 9.21)

**The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.  
His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women  
and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the**



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Preacher

Kevin O'Neil Vandiver

Pastor Kevin was ordained in the Metro New York Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has served in a parish in Harlem, and is now the Assistant to the Bishop for the Brooklyn Bridges, Manhattan, Northeast Queens, Southeast Queens, Southwest Queens, and South Shore Brooklyn Conferences.

Liturgists

Griffin Family  
Andrew Scales

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Steve Updegraff, soloist  
Michael Ryan, organist  
Virtual Quartet: Ingrid  
Ladendorf, Marissa Chalker,  
George Somerville, Elem Eley

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf  
Jeff Santoro

Cover Art

“Cross (Ionic, Celtic)” a linocut  
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## *Tending the Flock*

Deaths—

Betty Stano, wife of Gene Stano, on January 18, 2021 in  
Plainsboro, New Jersey

Gary Johnson, husband of Anne, father of Chris, Molly,  
and Katie, on January 22, 2021 in Plainsboro, New  
Jersey

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