



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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February 28, 2021 11:00 AM

LENT II



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Sonata in E major, K. 380

Domenico Scarlatti

Introit

Gloria a Dios / Glory to God

Peruvian melody

Call to Worship

Psalm 8

Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ,  
inspired by the Holy Spirit,  
and blessed by God,  
**we come to worship one, holy God.**

O God, our own God,  
how wonderful is your name in all the earth.  
**Your majesty is the music of the starry skies.**

**We sing your praises.**

In the name of our Lord,  
let your gratitude and joy be made known.

**Let us worship God!**

Opening Hymn

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art  
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Red Hymnal 624

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,  
and able to go it alone when we need each other.  
We have spurned love,  
neglected justice,  
and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Silence*

Response

Beneath the Cross of Jesus  
Verse 2

Red Hymnal 216

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53 : 4-5 (CEB)

It was certainly our sickness that he carried,  
and our sufferings that he bore,  
but we thought him afflicted,  
struck down by God and tormented.  
He was pierced because of our rebellions  
and crushed because of our crimes.  
He bore the punishment that made us whole;  
by his wounds we are healed.  
Behold, children of God!  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**  
**Thanks be to God!**

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

Anointing Jesus

Mark 14 : 3-9



## **Proclaiming the Word**

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

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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

Haggai 2 : 1-9

NRSV

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

## Second Scripture Lesson

John 14 : 1-7, 11-17

NRSV

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.

“Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”



## Thanksgiving

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

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Sermon Hymn

Shepherd Me, O God  
verses, solo  
refrain, congregation

Blue Psalter 23 H

Affirmation of Faith

from Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Ron Nelson

Doxology

Lord of All Good  
Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

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.

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Benediction

Postlude

Sonata in Eb (Hob. 49)  
Allegro

Joseph Haydn

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Preacher

Aisha Brooks-Lytle

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 1999 graduate of Temple University, received her MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2005. After serving various churches in the Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York and surrounding areas, Aisha began her role as the Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta in 2018 where she serves 84 congregations and encourages 26 new worshipping communities.

Liturgists

Pisano Family

David A. Davis

Andrew Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Frances Slade, pianist

Virtual Choir: members of children & youth choirs

Marissa Chalker & Isabel Van

Wagner, soloists

Noel Werner, organist

Sound Engineer

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