



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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April 25, 2021 11:00 AM

YOUTH SUNDAY



# Gathering

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

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Prelude

Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major

J. S. Bach

## Call to Worship

Come worship with us, if you are willing.

Come, but be prepared to find yourself sitting next to your worst enemy.

Come, but be prepared to find yourself offering prayer with someone whose values  
and way of life revolt you.

Come, but be prepared to find yourself.

Be prepared to find yourself in dark places and dark thoughts, that you would prefer  
to remain hidden.

Be prepared to live in a world that can never match your memories of what used to be.

Be prepared to know you are loved, but be prepared also for the outrageous news that  
all are loved no more and no less, no matter what you or they do.

Come, if you are willing, but be prepared for uncertainty that will not quickly be  
resolved, for a discomfort that will not easily be salved, for a hunger that will not  
willingly be satisfied.

Come. Reluctant or willing, let us worship the glorious Lord who gives love, joy, and  
life!

Opening Hymn

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Red Hymnal 654

Prayer of Confession

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! Amen.**

Response of Praise

Be Not Afraid

Red Hymnal 243

Words of Welcome

## Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, bring alive the story and words we are about to share.  
Help us understand the pain and suffering from which they come.  
Help us understand the hope and life they birth.  
May the scales fall from our eyes so that we see you, Jesus.  
May the worldly racket be muted so that we hear you, Christ.  
Please make harmony where there is cacophony.  
Please create beauty where there is hate.  
Please overcome fear and confusion with your light of truth.  
Amen.**



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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Time with Children

Joseph in the Pit

Genesis 37:12–24

Second Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4–9

NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

Whatever

Youth



## Thanksgiving

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

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Sermon Hymn

Know That God Is Good

Red Hymnal 659

## Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2 : 3–11 (NRSV)

**Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Offertory

Everything Good  
(based on Philippians 4 : 8–9)

Don Schlosser

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 609



**Sending**

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

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Prayers of the People

Benediction

Postlude

We Will Go Out With Joy

Red Hymnal 539

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Preachers

Alex M.

Camille S.

Liturgists

Nassau Youth

PTS Youth Leaders

Time with Children

Kelsey Lucido

Musicians

Rachel M., cellist

Members of Carol Choir,

Choir 3-4-5, Chorale &

Cantorei, Ingrid Ladendorf,  
director

Isabel V.W., soloist

Jesse L., guitarist

Ingrid Ladendorf, pianist

Sound Engineer

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