



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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September 19, 2021 9:15 & 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

The Summons

Jeremy Bankson

## ♦ Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 54 : 1–2

At the sign ♦ you may stand. Bold text is read in unison.

Save us, O God by your name.

**Vindicate us by your might.**

Hear our prayer, O God.

**Give ear to the words of our mouths.**

For we come to worship you, O God.

**Come, let us worship our God!**

## ♦ Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Red Hymnal 450

## Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God,**

**our sins are too heavy to carry,**

**too real to hide,**

**and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name,**

**what our hearts can no longer bear,**

**and what has become for us**

**a consuming fire of judgment.**

**Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**

**open to us a future in which we can be changed;**

**and grant us grace**

**to grow more and more in your likeness and image;**

**through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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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### Time with Children

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms. Some classes will gather outside as weather permits. 11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers. This class will gather outside as weather permits.

### Prayer for Illumination

**Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God,  
and prepare our hearts to accept your word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 1

NRSV

Happy are those  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on God's law they meditate day and night.  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Second Scripture Lesson

James 3 : 13–18

NRSV

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

## Sermon

The Wisdom from Above

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn      Will You Come and Follow Me      Red Hymnal 726

♦ Affirmation of Faith      *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

Search Me, O God

music K. Lee Scott  
Psalm 139 : 23-24, 7-10

♦ Doxology      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Ordination and Installation of New Officers (11:00)

# Prayers of the People and 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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◆ Closing Hymn Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples Red Hymnal 757

◆ Benediction

Postlude Prelude and Fughetta in G Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Adult Choir

Kelsey Hendler, soloist

Noel Werner, director &  
organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

Tom Coogan

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## *Ordination and Installation of New Officers*

### Class of 2024

#### Elders

Tom Coogan  
Melissa Davis  
Carol Fagundus  
Tim Flood  
Arthur Hui  
Anne Kuhn  
Keith Mertz  
Rachel Mitchell  
Joshua Stucky  
Kathryn Tel

#### Deacons

Roz Anderson Flood  
Lynn Charles  
Suh Shin Kim  
Kristin Koop  
Jeff Kuhn  
Madelyn Patterson  
Luka Poulton  
Caroline Purnell  
Anne-Renee Rice-Soumeillant  
Andre Soumeillant  
Max Soumeillant  
Trevor Thornton  
Thomas VanWart

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Nicholas Quinlan, son of Tom Quinlan,  
on September 15, 2021, in Montana.



## TODAY AT NASSAU

Education for all ages  
9:15/9:30 AM *Assembly Room, Classrooms  
& Tents*

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Joyful Noise  
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Plaza*

Confirmation Information Meeting  
10:20 AM *Tent*

Worship with Ordination &  
Installation of New Officers  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Middle School Fellowship  
5:00 PM *Tent*

Cantorei  
5:00 PM *Tent & Music Room*

Youth Dinner  
6:00 PM *Tent*

High School Fellowship  
6:40 PM *Tent*

Chorale  
6:40 PM *Tent & Music Room*

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