



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021 9:15 & 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Sonata F Major
Largo

Jean Baptiste Loeillet de Gant

◆ Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 121 : 1–2, 8

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

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forever.**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

◆ Opening Hymn Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

Red Hymnal 33

Prayer of Confession

For failing to love others as you have loved us . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those in need . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For losing heart and abandoning hope . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

For all the ways we turn from you . . .

God of grace, **forgive us.**

We offer our prayers in the name
of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. **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.

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

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 19

NRSV

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them;
and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors?

Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer.

Second Scripture Lesson

Mark 9 : 38–50

NRSV

John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Sermon

Stumbling Blocks

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

Hope of the World

Red Hymnal 734

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God

is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,

is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation

and shares God's labor of healing the enmities

which separate people from God and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission

and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel

by faithful obedience to his call.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Esto les digo

Music: Kinely Lange

Matthew 18 : 19–20

- ◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.

- ◆ Closing Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory Red Hymnal 307

- ◆ Benediction

Postlude

Festal March

Florence Price

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)

Corrie Berg (11:00)

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Hana Spelda, recorders

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director &
organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Jeff Santoro

Ian Lewono

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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*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

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*

Welcome to Nassau Church

Children are always welcome in our services of worship. Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Lower Level), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 3 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

Special note: As weather permits, some classes will meet outside in under the Big Tent. Announcements regarding classroom location will be made weekly before the children are dismissed.

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