



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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October 17, 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

St. Bede's Voluntary

Angela Kraft Cross

## ♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 113 : 1-3

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

Praise the Lord!

**Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to its setting**

**the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

## ♦ Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* verses 1 & 2

Red Hymnal 649

## Prayer of Confession

**O Lord our God,**

**you call us to proclaim the gospel,**

**but we remain silent in the presence of evil.**

**You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,**

**but we are content to live in separation.**

**You call us to seek the good of all,**

**but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.**

**You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,**

**but we sit idly by,**

**endangering the lives of people far and near.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,**

**and give us the courage and strength**

**to be reconciled to others;**

**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.**

Anthem 9:15	The Groove/We Are One In the Spirit	Mark Burrows & Brian Hehn
11:00	The Lord Is My Light	Red Hymnal 842

## 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

**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.**

First Scripture Lesson II Corinthians 5 : 11–20

NRSV

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving

you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

## Second Scripture Lesson

Genesis 33 : 1–11

NRSV

Now Jacob looked up and saw Esau coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids. He put the maids with their children in front, then Leah with her children, and Rachel and Joseph last of all. He himself went on ahead of them, bowing himself to the ground seven times, until he came near his brother.

But Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept. When Esau looked up and saw the women and children, he said, “Who are these with you?” Jacob said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.” Then the maids drew near, they and their children, and bowed down; Leah likewise and her children drew near and bowed down; and finally Joseph and Rachel drew near, and they bowed down. Esau said, “What do you mean by all this company that I met?” Jacob answered, “To find favor with my lord.” But Esau said, “I have enough, my brother; keep what you have for yourself.” Jacob said, “No, please; if I find

favor with you, then accept my present from my hand; for truly to see your face is like seeing the face of God—since you have received me with such favor. Please accept my gift that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have everything I want.” So he urged him, and he took it.

Sermon

Like Seeing the Face of God

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

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◆ Sermon Hymn    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound    Red Hymnal 649  
verses 3 & 4

◆ Affirmation of Faith From *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

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    Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound    Red Hymnal 649  
verse 5

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Théodore Dubois

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Len Scales (9:15)

Lauren J. McFeaters (11:00)

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Choir 3·4·5 (9:15)

Chorale & Cantorei (11:00)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Noel Werner, organist

Adeline Edwards, violin

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

Ian Lewono

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death— John J. Baek, brother Sally Baek, brother-in-law of Arthur Hui on September 9, 2021, in Staten Island, New York

Death— Cynthia Brown, mother of Lisa Frevert, mother-in-law of Uli Frevert, and grandmother of Julian, on September 15, 2021, in Princeton, New Jersey

## TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Inquirers Class for New Members  
9:30 AM *Conference Room*

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*

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