



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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October 24, 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

Arabesque No.1

Claude Debussy

Introit

Scenes from Childhood  
Kinderszenen, Op. 15

Robert Schumann

## ♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 85 : 9–11 BCW

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

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

## ♦ Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Red Hymnal 643

## Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Forgive those who confess their faults.**

**Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name. 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

Clap, Clap, Clap Your Hands

Louise L. Eddington

Psalm 47:1-2, 6-7

## 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

**God of abundant life,  
your grace is our daily bread.  
Nourish us by your Word  
and fill us with your Spirit  
so that we may grow in faith and love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 133

BCW

How good and how pleasant it is,

when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon  
flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing:  
life forevermore.

## Second Scripture Lesson

Genesis 44:14–45:6

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Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

Then Judah stepped up to him and said, "O my lord, let your servant please speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not be angry with your servant; for you are like Pharaoh himself. My lord asked his servants, saying, 'Have you a father or a brother?' And we said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a young brother, the child of his old age. His brother is dead; he alone is left of his mother's children, and his father loves him.' Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, so that I may set my eyes on him.' We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.' Then you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more.' When we went back to your servant my father we told him the words of my lord. And when our father said, 'Go again, buy us a little food,' we said, 'We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother goes with us, will we go down; for we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' Then your servant my

father said to us, ‘You know that my wife bore me two sons; one left me, and I said, Surely he has been torn to pieces; and I have never seen him since. If you take this one also from me, and harm comes to him, you will bring down my gray hairs in sorrow to Sheol.’ Now therefore, when I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us, then, as his life is bound up in the boy’s life, when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die; and your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. For your servant became surety for the boy to my father, saying, ‘If I do not bring him back to you, then I will bear the blame in the sight of my father all my life.’ Now therefore, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord in place of the boy; and let the boy go back with his brothers. For how can I go back to my father if the boy is not with me? I fear to see the suffering that would come upon my father.”

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

Sermon

Good Weeping

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life

Red Hymnal 53

## 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 this unity must become visible  
so that the world may believe  
that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups  
is sin which Christ has already conquered,  
and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity  
may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Amen.**

Offertory

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 608

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

My Life Flows On

Red Hymnal 821

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Michael Burkhardt

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| Preacher                 | Musicians                              | Sound Engineer  |
| David A. Davis           | Christianne Bessières Lane,<br>pianist | Nick Mastalesz  |
| Liturgists               | <i>Carol Choir</i> (9:15)              | Livestream Operators  |
| Mark Edwards (9:15)      | Ingrid Ladendorf, director             | Jeff Santoro  |
| Corrie Berg (11:00)      | <i>Adult Choir</i>                     | Tom Coogan  |
| Readers                  | Noel Werner, director &<br>organist    | Cover Art   |
| Idar and Sabine Kjolsvik |  | “Cross (Ionic/Celtic)” a<br>linocut by Elizabeth Steale<br>Halstead |
| Time with Children       |  |   |
| Carol Wehrheim           |  |   |

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## *Tending the Flock*

Births—

Carolina True Steed, daughter of Valentina O’Brien and Joe Steed, granddaughter of Lolly and Rich O’Brien, on October 13, 2021 in Houston, Texas

Phoenix Alexander Gift, son of Dani and Daniel Gift, grandson of Elizabeth and Keven Gift, nephew of Sarah, Rachel, and Jonah, on October 16, 2021, in Stony Brook, New York

David Zacchaeus Nutt, son of Cullen and Christina Nutt, grandson of Janie and Ty Nutt in Annapolis, Maryland

Celeste Lambright, daughter of Marcus and Kelsey Lambright, on October 20, 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*

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*

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