



Nassau Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021 9:15 AM & 11:00 AM



Prelude

Introduction and Flourishes

Philip M. Young

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 67 : 1–5

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

May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let us worship the living and loving God.

♦ Opening Hymn

God of the Sparrow

Red Hymnal 22

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your truth.**

**We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves innocent when we are complicit,
and able to go it alone when we need each other.**

**We have spurned love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, 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.

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

**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.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 15 : 11–32

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Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a

severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



Thanksgiving

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

Sermon Hymn There Is Now a New Creation Red Hymnal 774

Offertory Come and Taste arr. Alice Parker
text: John Leland

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

Words of Institution

Communion of the People Sonata in E-flat Major J. J. Quantz
Arioso

Concluding Prayer



Sending

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

♦ Benediction

♦ Response Go With Us, Lord Red Hymnal 748

Postlude Sonata in E-flat Major Johann Joachim Quantz
Allegro assai

Preacher	Musicians	Sound Engineer
Lauren J. McFeaters	Festival Ringers	Nick Mastalesz
Liturgist	Robert Lamb, director	Livestream Operators
David A. Davis	Kim Kleasen, flute	Doug Ladendorf
	Adult Choir	Ian Lewono
Time with Children	Noel Werner, director &	Cover Art
Joel Schoon-Tanis	organist	“Worship” by Joel Schoon-Tanis

Joel Schoon-Tanis

For 30 years Joel Schoon-Tanis has been a working artist in Holland, Michigan. He has written and illustrated a handful of books, most recently *40: the Gospels*, *At Psalm's School*, and *At God's Table*. He has painted murals around the world (including Kenya, Zambia, the Separation Wall in Palestine, and exotic northern Wisconsin), and painted nearly a gazillion paintings in his career. His work is in churches, children's hospitals, schools, businesses, and many private collections. In 2016 one of his images was presented to Pope Francis. In 2017 he joined international artists in Leipzig, Germany to create art around themes of social justice in conjunction with a gathering for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The cover art painting, *Worship*, is included in a series of images created for Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI) that explored the Seminary's mission and wove in the story of the Prodigal Son. The father and prodigal son are in the field in the background. The communion table is a foretaste of the Kingdom, and the other brother is standing off looking grumpy, wrapped in a fish; a reference to Job.

The original paintings of *40: the Gospels* are here in Princeton for one week only. Nassau is hosting the 10 Panels from the Gospel of Luke in our Conference Room - come and see! More information on the other venues can be found at www.NassauChurch.org/40-the-gospels/

Tending the Flock

Birth—Margaret Sofia Baldwin Padilhab,
daughter of Emily Baldwin and Frederico
Padilha, granddaughter of Bob Baldwin and
Margaret Sieck, on September 18, 2021

Death—James N. Lapsley, father of Jacq Lapsley,
father-in-law of Greg Bezilla, grandfather of
Emma and Sam Bezilla, on October 28, 2021 in
East Windsor, New Jersey

Death—Thomas Turner, father of Len Turner
Scales, father-in-law of Andrew Scales,
husband of Dee Turner, on November 2, 2021
in Knoxville, Tennessee

Necrology Roll

November 2021 — October 2021

Ellis Anderson

Ethan Anderson

Nancy Davis

Barbara Gillespie

Buel Grow Jr.

Marilyn Harrison

Laura Hawkins

Gary Johnson

Richard “Dick” Katen

Carol King

John “Jack” Smiley

Barbara Stafford

Betty Stano

Martha Tottenham-Smith

Mary Walsh

Marjorie Weaver

Barbara Wells

Linda Williams

J. Warren Wood III

TODAY AT NASSAU

Education for all Ages
9:15/9:30 AM Classrooms & Assembly Room

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM Tent

Worship
9:15 AM Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Cantorei
5:00 PM Tent & Music Room

Joyful Noise
10:15 AM Niles Chapel

Youth Dinner
6:00 PM Tent

Fellowship
10:15 AM Plaza

High School Fellowship
6:40 PM Tent

Worship
11:00 AM Sanctuary

Chorale
6:40 PM Tent & Music Room

Christmas Pageant Auditions
12:15 PM Sanctuary

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