



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 12, 2021 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT III



Gathering

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

Prelude

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
In the Bleak Midwinter

arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Karen Buckwalter

♦ Call to Worship

Isaiah 61 : 11 NRSV

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

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
**so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.**

Come, let us worship God!

We come to praise the God of righteousness!

♦ Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
verses 1, 2, 6, 7

Red Hymnal 88

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion,
cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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 & Lighting of the Advent Candle

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers.

Response

Hark! the Herald / Jesus, the Light

Red Hymnal 127

verse 3

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Once in Royal David's City,
When the King Was in Distress

Blue Psalter 132 B

pg. 366

verses 1, 3, 6

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon

Life Disrupted

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

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

- ◆ Sermon Hymn The People Who Walked in Darkness Red Hymnal 86
verses – choir; refrain – congregation

- ◆ Affirmation of Faith John 1:1, 10–13 NRSV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Thanks be to God!

Offertory Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine German carol
arr. Norman Luboff

◆ Doxology Of the Father's Love Begotten Red Hymnal 108
Verse 6

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 O Come, All Ye Faithful Red Hymnal 133
verses 1, 2, 3

◆ Benediction

Postlude Prelude on "Resonant in laudibus" Colin Mawby

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters 9:15

Len Scales 11:00

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Festival Ringers

Robert Lamb, director

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director &
organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

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"The Dream of St. Joseph",
Georges de La Tour

Tending the Flock

Birth—Dari Smit, son of Nico and Sahar Smit,
grandson of Ria and Dirk Smit, born November
27, 2021 in New York

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestream*

Wee Christmas
10:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Plaza*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Service of Remembrance
2:00 PM *Chapel*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *3rd Floor*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Youth Dinner
6:00 PM *3rd Floor*

High School Fellowship
6:40 PM *3rd Floor*

Chorale
6:40 PM *Music Room*

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