



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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December 5, 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

Greensleeves

arr. James Christensen

## ♦ Call to Worship

Isaiah 40 : 3 NRSV

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

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

**“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

Come, people of God, prepare the way of the Lord!

**Let us worship God!**

## ♦ Opening Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Red Hymnal 93

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you sent your messengers the prophets  
to preach repentance,  
and prepare the way for our salvation.  
Give us grace to heed their warnings  
and forsake our sins,  
that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. 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

Anthem 9:15

Oh, Come, Little Children

Lynn S. Bailey  
Becki S. Mayo



## Proclaiming the Word

We encounter the Word in speech and song  
as we interpret and expound scripture.

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### Time with Children & Lighting of the Advent Candles

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  
Verse 2

Red Hymnal 127

### 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

Sing to the Lord a New Song  
(Psalm 96)

Blue Psalter 96 F  
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Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 2 : 8–20

NRSV

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child

wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,  
“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Sermon

Rediscovering Wonder

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      Where Shepherds Lately Knelt      Red Hymnal 120  
    verse 1 & 3 - choir  
    verse 2 & 4 - all
- ♦ Affirmation of Faith      John 1:1-5

**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

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

◆ Doxology

Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Verse 6

Red Hymnal 108

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

Angels We Have Heard on High

Red Hymnal 113

◆ Benediction

Postlude

From Heaven Came the Angel Host (BWV 607)

J. S. Bach

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Corrie Berg 9:15

Mark Edwards 11:00

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

*PPQ Ensemble*

Laura Carter &

Kim Kleasen, flutes

Carol Fagundus, clarinet

Trish Davis, French horn

Joshua Stucky, bassoon

*Carol Choir &*

*Choir 3·4·5 9:15*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director &  
organist

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—John Klecker, brother of Ann Bryant,  
brother-in-law of Gordon, and uncle of Allen  
and Douglas, in Waukesha, Wisconsin on  
November 19, 2021

## TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Joyful Noise  
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Plaza*

Worship  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

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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