



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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July 17, 2022 10:00 AM



# Gathering

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

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Prelude      Sonata for Piano and Violin in B-flat major (KV 454)      W.A. Mozart  
Andante

## ♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 96

At the sign ♦ you may stand. *Hymn* indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.  
Bold text is read or sung in unison.

O sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name,  
tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations,  
and God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

**Come, let us worship God!**

## ♦ Opening Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Red Hymnal 403

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
we confess we have heard the cries of your people,  
but we choose to distract ourselves with our own concerns.**

**We see in the news and in our own lives  
how families are torn apart,  
neighbors live in fear,  
and we turn inward and pretend not to see.**

**Forgive us for this selfishness, O God,  
and in your forgiveness  
wake us up to listen to your call  
to do justice, love kindness,  
and walk humbly with you all our days. 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.**

♦ Response                      In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful                      Taizé

## 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

Children, age 2 to grade 2, may now leave for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick-up children in room 04 (lower level) at the end of the service.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Calm us now, O Lord,  
into a quietness that heals and restores.  
Open our hearts to the balm of your Word.  
Speak to us so that we might feel our spirits  
leap for joy and skip with hope  
may we be your resurrection witnesses. Amen.**

## First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 8

NRSV

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Second Scripture Lesson

Galatians 5:16–25

NRSV

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Sermon

Freedom in the Spirit

Lauren J. McFeaters



# Thanksgiving

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

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♦ Sermon Hymn Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Red Hymnal 688

♦ Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23 (KJV)

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Offertory O for a Closer Walk with God music Charles Villiers Stanford  
text William Cowper

♦ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



◆ Closing Hymn                      For the Fruit of All Creation                      Red Hymnal 36

◆ Benediction

Postlude                      “Choral n° III” from “L’Orgue Mystique” Charles Tournemire  
(Op. 57, No. 38)

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Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist

Len Scales

Time with Children

Josie Brothers

Musicians

Frances Slade, pianist

Nancy Wilson, violinist

*Summer Choir*

Rich Spotts, guest organist &  
director

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Doug Ladendorf

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir  
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Adult Education  
9:00 AM *Assembly Room*  
(*July 17, 24*)

Worship  
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School  
10:15 AM *Room 04*

Fellowship  
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

## Welcome to Nassau Church

*Children.* Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Conference Room) during the service.

Summer Church School classes begin following “Time with Children.” Children ages three to grade two may go to a story and activity time in Room 04 (Lower Level).

Visit the website for more information about our September-to-May Church School program.

*Order CDs of the service.* Stop by the sound room.

*Livestream Worship.* Livestream worship can be found at [NassauChurch.org/livestream-worship](http://NassauChurch.org/livestream-worship). If you are worshipping with us in person, please be aware that you may be visible on camera at any time.

*Connect to our online community life.* Visit [nassauchurch.org](http://nassauchurch.org) for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page and Twitter and Instagram feeds (@nassauchurch) for news, recaps of events, and snapshots of life at Nassau.

*Connect to pastors or staff.* Contact the office.

*Online giving.* See “Give Now” on the website or give via the Church Life app.

*Accessibility.* The church lot has reserved parking, and there are six reserved street spaces on Sundays. Ramp access to the building is from the parking lot. Ask an usher for an assistive hearing device, a large-print bulletin or hymnal, an accessible pew, or a wheelchair. Ushers can also direct you to the elevator to access other floors.

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