



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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August 14, 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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Jan Sanborn

## ♦ Call to Worship

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

The word of God came to Jonah

**The word of God comes to us:**

Go

**Despite your fears.**

Speak

**the truth of God.**

Love

**your neighbor and your enemy.**

Forgive

**as you have been forgiven.**

Receive

**grace upon grace**

**overflowing from the fullness of God.**

With joy, let us worship!

## ♦ Opening Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Red Hymnal 475

## Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share**

**here in this sacred space and among this loving community.**

**But, like Jonah, we sometimes are possessive of what we share here.**

**Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors,**

**open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.**

**We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness**

**to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies**

**for fear they just might become friends. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Even when we are greedy,

**God loves us.**

When we intimidate others with words and actions,

**God loves us.**

When we search for answers and consider God last, if at all,

**God loves us.**

God loves us and forgives us

and is always our friend.

**Amen.**

♦ Response

Know That God Is Good

Red Hymnal 659

## Words of Welcome



## Proclaiming the Word

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

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### Prayer for Illumination

**Living God,**

**help us so to hear your holy Word**

**that we may truly understand;**

**that, understanding, we may believe**

**and believing,**

**we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,**

**seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1:1–10

NRSV

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence

of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Chancel Drama

Oh, Jonah!

Allen Pote & Carole McCann

A Whale of a Tale

The Lord's Command

Move On Out

It's a Sailor's Life

The Storm

Big Bossy Whale

Jonah's Prayer

The Lord is Giving a Clue

Do-Re-Mi, "Hallelujah!"

City of Sin

Song of Forgiveness

## Finale



## Thanksgiving

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

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Offertory Hymn

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Red Hymnal 621

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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◆ Benediction

◆ Response

Reprise of Finale from Oh, Jonah

Allen Pote  
& Carol McCann

## Chancel Drama Week

This past week, our ensemble of children and youth grades 3-10 have prepared "Oh, Jonah!" for our worship today. Each afternoon we gathered for bible study, music and staging rehearsals, and we prepared 100+ personal care kits for Arm in Arm and collected backpacks for our partnership with Westminster Presbyterian. Our rehearsals ended on Friday evening with a pot-luck dinner and dress rehearsal. Our cast has quickly and enthusiastically learned, memorized, and embodied this memorable story to lead you in worship this morning!

An important part of our music ministry, every August our Chancel Drama is possible because of the generosity and gifts of our youth and adult volunteers. We give thanks to God for this community.

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Liturgist

Wendi Werner

Rev. Wendi L. Werner

is pastor of Dayton

Presbyterian Church, located

in South Brunswick, NJ,

where she has served since

2009. A past moderator

of the former New

Brunswick Presbytery,

Wendi served on the NJ

Missional Communities

Working Group which was

responsible for reshaping the

presbyteries of New Jersey.

She is now serving as the

moderator of the Presbytery

of the Coastlands. Wendi

and husband, Noel Werner,

share college sophomore

Sophie & high school

sophomore Emily.

Musicians

*Oh, Jonah! Ensemble*

Rachel & Sarah, hymn  
leaders

Noel Werner, piano

Elizabeth, percussion

Stage Director

Heather Riehl

Music Director

Ingrid Ladendorf

Bible Study

Wendi Werner

Service Project Coordinator

Josie Brothers

Stage Manager

Julia Hill

Youth Leader

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# The Week Ahead

August 15 – 21

## Monday, Aug. 15

No Scheduled Events

## Tuesday, Aug. 16

No Scheduled Events

## Wednesday, Aug. 17

No Scheduled Events

## Thursday, Aug. 18

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Assembly Room

## Friday, Aug. 19

5:30 PM *Loaves and Fishes Drop Off*  
In Front of Church

## Saturday, Aug. 20

7:00 AM *Loaves and Fishes*  
St. Mary's Cathedral,  
151 North Warren Street, Trenton

## Sunday, Aug. 21

9:00 AM *Summer Choir*  
Music Room

10:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Summer Church School*  
Room 09

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

### Worship

10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

### Fellowship

11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Christine Kim Kari  
Quinlan, sister of Tom Quinlan,  
on August 2 in Pacific Palisades,  
California.

## Welcome to Nassau Church

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

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in the Nursery (Lower Level) during the service.

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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