

Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 25th, 2022 9:15 & 11:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Voluntary No. 6 in F major, Op. 7

John Stanley

♦ Introit

Spirit of the Living God

Red Hymnal 288

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 67 : 1–5

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Red Hymnal 366

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.

♦ Response

Heaven Is Singing for Joy

Red Hymnal 382

El cielo canta alegría, ¡aleluya!,
 porque en tu vida y la mía proclamarán al Señor.

Refrain - All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

(G7) (C) (F) (Em7) (Am)
 B \flat 7 E \flat A \flat Gm7 Cm

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,
 for your life and mine will always bear witness to God.

Refrain - All

Words of Welcome

Time with Children

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, room 302, third floor.



Proclaiming the Word

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Jesus, beloved Son of God, reveal yourself to us,
beneath the brilliant wings of the Holy Spirit.
Dazzle us with your brightness,
overshadow us with your glory,
speak to us with your wonder.
We are listening. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 30

NRSV

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Sermon

Night is Gone. Day is Near.

Lauren J. McFeaters



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn View the Present Through the Promise Insert

♦ Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Keep Your Lamps!

African-American Spiritual
arr. André Thomas

♦ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

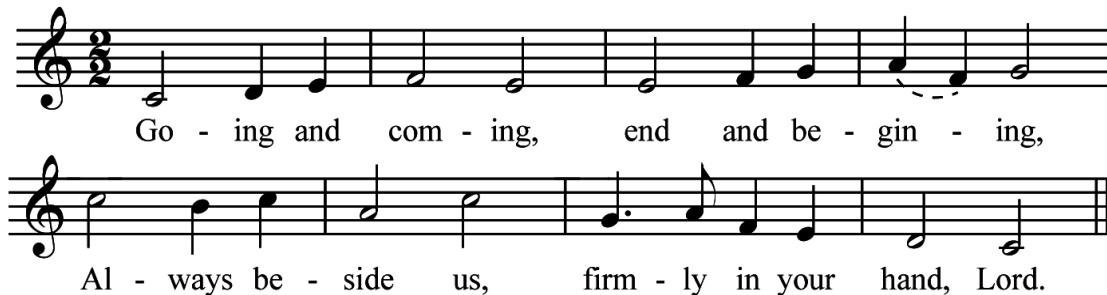
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

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

- ♦ Closing Hymn Arise, Your Light Is Come! Red Hymnal 744
- ♦ Benediction
- ♦ Response Going and Coming Joachim Schwartz



Postlude Chorale Prelude on Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan-Williams

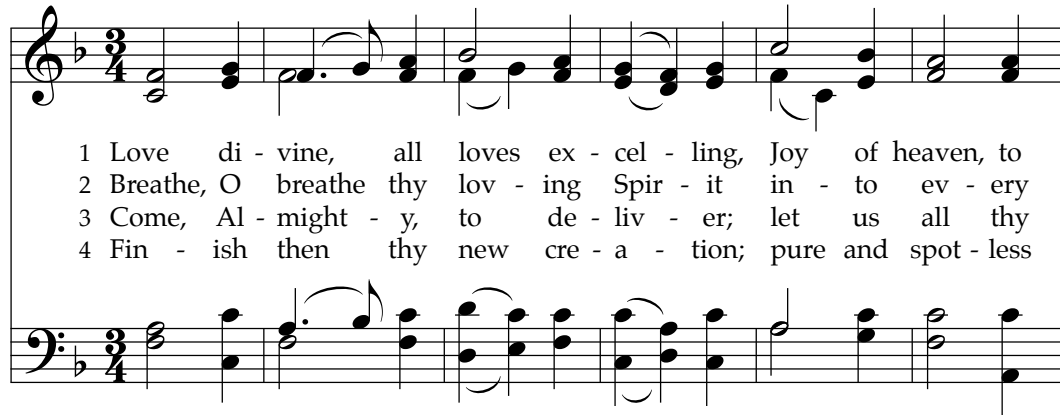
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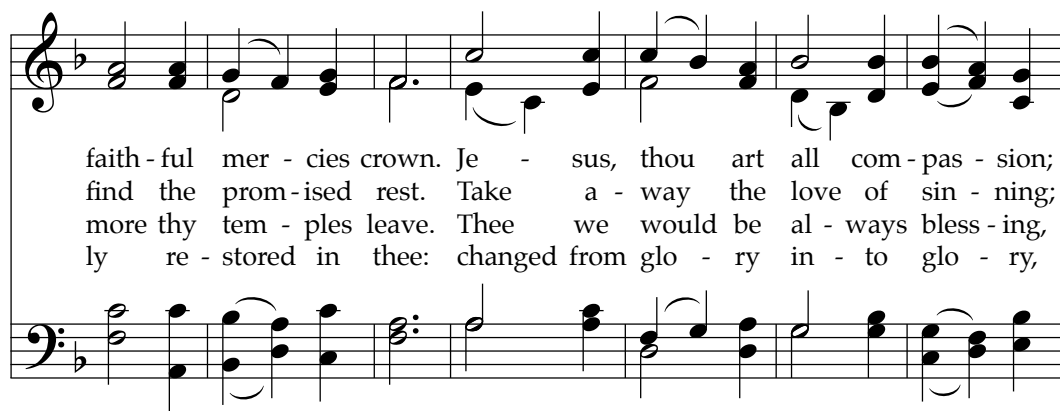
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

View the Present Through the Promise

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Unison G C/G G Am7 G/B C Am7 D7sus D7

1 View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2 Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3 Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison Em C G/B Am7 G/B C6 D Em CM7 Dsus D

Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison Am F/A G/B Am/C Em Am7 Bm C D/C

Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing
 Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing
 Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

Harmony G G/B C Am G/B C Am7 D7 G

in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

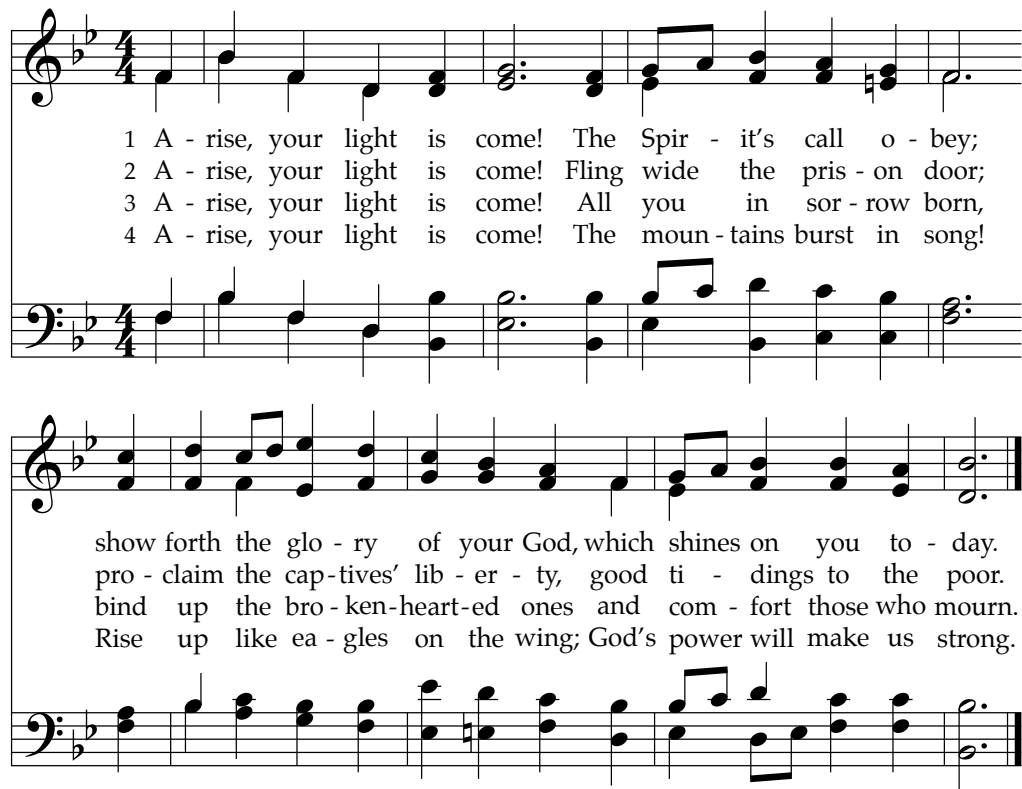
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744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken-heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Sep. 26

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Music Room

Tuesday, Sep. 27

9:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Niles Chapel;
Conference Room

1:00 PM *GraceNote Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian
Church

7:00 PM *Worship and Arts
Committee*
Assembly Room

Wednesday, Sep. 28

12:00 PM *Westminster
Foundation Board*
Assembly Room

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

4:15 PM *Homework
Hangout*
Room 302; Room 303

4:15 PM *In Choir Bible
Study*
Conference Room

5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Sep. 29

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

Friday, Sep. 30

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, Oct. 1

9:00 AM *Adult Choir
Rehearsal*
Music Room

Sunday, Oct. 2

9:15 AM *Worship -
Communion*
Sanctuary

9:30 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

10:15 AM *Joyful Noise*
Niles Chapel

11:00 AM *Worship -
Communion*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School
Fellowship*
Room 304

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship
Dinner*
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Breaking Bread
Worship*
Niles Chapel

6:40 PM *Chorale*
Music Room

6:40 PM *Senior High
Fellowship*
Room 304

7:30 PM *Breaking Bread
Dinner*
Assembly Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

Education for All Ages
9:15/9:30 AM *All Classrooms*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary and Livestreamed*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Joyful Noise
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Annual Meeting of the Congregation
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread Worship
6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Chorale
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

Tending the Flock

Marriage— Chelsea Boydstun &
Carson Eisenach, son of Nila and
Mark Eisenach, on September 17,
2022, in Princeton, New Jersey

Death— Melva Gage Madsen, wife
of Ed Madsen, on September 19,
2022, in Plainsboro, New Jersey

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), 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Church School takes place during the 9:15 AM service. Classes for age 2 and grades 6 to 12 begin at 9:15 AM. Preschoolers to grade 5 participate in the first part of the service and are then dismissed to their classes. All classes conclude at 10:30 AM.

Worship Explorers is a child-focused alternative worship setting during 11:00 AM worship for children age 3 to grade 3. Children attend the first part of the service and are then dismissed to Room 302 (Third Floor).

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

Livestream Worship. Livestream worship can be found at 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 for information and join our Facebook group for community life. Follow our Facebook page, 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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