



Nassau Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022 10:00 AM



Gathering

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

Prelude

Lullaby

17th Century English
(arr. Alfred H. Johnson)

◆ Call to Worship

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

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt God's name together.

Come, let us worship God!

◆ Opening Hymn From All That Dwell Below the Skies Red Hymnal 327

*Hymn indicates the red pew hymnal *Glory to God*.*

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, our Risen Lord,

in a world obsessed

with accomplishment and accolades,

we forget that you call us

to humble service to our neighbors.

When we feel the pull toward self-importance,

teach us to find joy in following you.

Remind us that we are participating in your promise

to make all things new,

to join a promise of life bigger than any one of us,

your story of good news for everyone.

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 Know That God Is Good Red Hymnal 659

Shona:

Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.

Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good. Know that God is good.

Know that God is good; God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah.

Halle, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

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

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

Gracious God,
open our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may hear your Word,
Jesus Christ, speaking to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 9 : 23–24

NRSV

Thus says the Lord: Do not let the wise boast in their wisdom, do not let the mighty boast in their might, do not let the wealthy boast in their wealth; but let those who boast boast in this, that they understand and know me, that I am the Lord; I act with steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 9 : 32–43

NRSV

Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!” And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Sermon

Tabitha’s Neighborhood

Andrew Scales



Thanksgiving

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

♦ Sermon Hymn

Take Us As We Are, O God

Red Hymnal 312

Verse 1 – Choir

Verses 2, 3, 4 – All

Offertory

Sometimes a Light Surprises

music Craig Courtney

text William Cowper

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings:
when comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;
set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but he will bear us through:
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too:
beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet, God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
for, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Eat This Bread

Red Hymnal 527

Sharing of the Cup

Bread of Life from Heaven

Red Hymnal 497

Verses – Choir

Refrains – All

Concluding Prayer



Sending

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

◆ Benediction

Postlude

Recessional

Edward H. Wetherill

Preacher

Andrew Scales

Liturgist

Len Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Summer Choir

Ingrid Ladendorf, guest
director & organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream Operators

Ian Lewono

Doug Ladendorf

Cover Art

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Sep. 5

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Labor Day*

Tuesday, Sep. 6

9:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Niles Chapel

Wednesday, Sep. 7

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Sep. 8

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

7:00 PM *Youth Ministry
Committee*
Room 304

Friday, Sep. 9

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, Sep. 10

11:00 AM *Flora Varrin
Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Sep. 11

9:15 AM *Education for all Ages*
All Classrooms

9:15 AM *Worship - Teacher
Commissioning*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

6:30 PM *Breaking Bread*
Niles Chapel

7:30 PM *Breaking Bread Dinner*
Assembly Room

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TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship - Communion
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School
10:15 AM *Room 04*

Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Sunday, September 11

Next week we return to two services of worship at 9:15 and 11:00 a.m., with education for all ages. See the website for details.

Tending the Flock

Death— Retha Ballard Alyea, mother of Sara Alyea (T. J. Anderson) and grandmother of Caroline and Lindsey Anderson, on August 20, 2022, in Hightstown, New Jersey.

Welcome to Nassau Church

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

Childcare is available for infants and toddlers in Room 09 (Lower Level) 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. 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 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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