



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 11, 2022 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT III



Gathering

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz
arr. Scott M. Hyslop

♦ Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 40:3

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

A voice cries:

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

As we worship today,

**let us prepare to welcome God’s dramatic work in our midst,
in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.**

Let us worship God.

♦ Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Red Hymnal 88

verses 1, 5, 6, 7

Prayer of Confession

God of restoration, you who pardon us and transform us, we ask forgiveness for our sins and transgressions. We proclaim, “The Lord is near!” Yet we fret over our destiny, clutching anxiously at your good gifts; afraid to share those gifts with others. Forgive us for living as though you are not among us. Forgive us for not exulting you with all our hearts. Save us and change our shame into praise. Gather us in and bring us home, so that we may bear good fruit and embody your Advent Good News. Lift us by your Spirit to join the heavenly hosts in songs of joy and peace, brought to us in the holy advent of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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



Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Response

He Came Down

trad. Cameroon song

**He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah, forevermore.**

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.

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 Isaiah 35 : 1–10 pg 663

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 11 : 2–11 pg 11

Sermon What's to See David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn If Jesus Is Come Insert
verses 1, 3 – choir
verses 2, 4, 5 – all

♦ Affirmation of Faith John 1:1-14

**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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

**He came as a witness to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him.**

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain Carolyn Jennings
Isaiah 40, adapt.

Climb to the top of the highest mountain, joyous tidings proclaim to the world, lift up your voice, shout the good news:
behold, your Lord comes to you.

Preacher	Musicians	Livestream
David A. Davis	Laura Carter, flute	Peter Spelda
Liturgists	Kim Kleasen, flute	Tom Coogan
Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)	Carol Fagundus, clarinet	Sound Engineer
Mark Edwards (11:00)	<i>Adult Choir</i>	Nick Mastalesz
	Marissa Chalker, soloist	Cover Art
Time with Children	Noel Werner, director	“Holy Encounter” created by
Carol Wehrheim	Don Dolan, organist	staff member, Sarah Finbow.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 12

7:30 PM *Art of Faithfulness*
Assembly Room

Tuesday, Dec. 13

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

1:00 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Kingston Presbyterian Church

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Zoom

7:00 PM *Mission and Outreach Committee*
Assembly Room

Wednesday, Dec. 14

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

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

7:00 PM *Choir Fellowship*
Assembly Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Dec. 15

9:00 AM *Deacon Bakers*
Kitchen; Assembly Room

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Niles Chapel

1:00 PM *Advent Care Package Preparation*
Main Office

7:00 PM *Advent Contemplative Prayer*
Niles Chapel

Friday, Dec. 16

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, Dec. 17

9:00 AM *Pageant Dress Rehearsal*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 18

9:15 AM *Worship - Advent 4*
Sanctuary

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

10:05 AM *Joyful Noise*
Niles Chapel

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

10:30 AM *Carol Choir*
Niles Chapel

11:00 AM *Worship - Advent 4*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Christmas Tea*
Assembly Room



TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship - Advent 3
9:15 AM *Sanctuary and Livestreamed*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Wee Christmas
10:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship - Advent 3
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Pageant Cast Rehearsal
12:15 PM *Sanctuary; Music Room*

Service of Remembrance
2:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

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*

Welcome to Nassau Church

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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