



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 18, 2022 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT IV

If you are worshiping with us in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM, please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.

A large print supplement (scripture and hymns) for those who require it is available in the narthex.

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



Gathering

Prelude

La Nativité

Jean Langlais

Manger - Angels - Shepherds - Holy Family

♦ Call to Worship

based on Philippians 4:4-5, NIV

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

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

Let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Red Hymnal 108

verses 1, 2, 3, 5

Prayer of Confession

Glorious Lord, you send us a Savior – heaven's light breaking into human night. Yet we close our doors to your light, afraid to make room for you, afraid of change and differences. Yet your light shines, and our darkness cannot overcome it. Yet your light shines; our rejection cannot quench it. Forgive us for denying you. 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 Fourth Advent Candle

Response

He Came Down

trad. Cameroon song

**He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
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 7:10–16

pg 636

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18–25

pg 1

Sermon

Christmas Unadorned

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Red Hymnal 107

♦ Affirmation of Faith John 1

**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.**

**And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his
glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

Thanks be to God.

Offertory And God Said: The Day Shall Dawn Arthur Honegger

And God said: the day shall dawn to bring a flower, newly born;
from thy stem in fulness growing.

In fragrance sweet, night and morn, all my people shall adorn,
with breath of life bestowing. Alleluia.

♦ Doxology

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to th'eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

◆ Closing Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Red Hymnal 119

◆ Benediction

◆ Response

**On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.**

Ideo - o - o, ideo - o - o, ideo gloria, in excelsis Deo!

(Therefore, glory to God in the highest!)

Postlude Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Emma Lou Diemer

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters (9:15)

Len Scales (11:00)

Time with Children

Corrie Berg

Musicians

Adult Choir

Kelsey Hendler, soloist

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Livestream

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 19

No Events

Tuesday, Dec. 20

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

Wednesday, Dec. 21

4:00 PM *Caroling with Nassau Children's Choirs*
Stonebridge

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Dec. 22

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

2:00 PM *Robert Brungraber Memorial Service*
Niles Chapel

7:00 PM *Advent Contemplative Prayer*
Niles Chapel

Friday, Dec. 23

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

5:30 PM *Church Mouse Reveal*
Conference Room

6:00 PM *Alumni Gathering*
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Bell Peal Rehearsal*
Sanctuary; Room 302

7:00 PM *Alumni/Cantorei Rehearsal*
Sanctuary; Assembly Room

Saturday, Dec. 24

3:00 PM *Christmas Eve Family Worship*
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Christmas Eve Worship*
Sanctuary & Livestreamed

9:00 PM *Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Dec. 25

10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

TODAY AT NASSAU

Poinsettia and Cookie Delivery
9:00 AM *Main Office Hallway*

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

Worship - Advent 4
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Joyful Noise
10:05 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Carol Choir
10:30 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship - Advent 4
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Christmas Pageant
4:00 PM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Christmas Tea
5:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Tending the Flock

Birth—Kingsley August Yang, son of Louise and Sam Yang, born on December 6, 2022, in Plainsboro, New Jersey

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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