



Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 25, 2022 10:00 AM

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary, 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

Noël X (Grand Jeu et duo)

Louis-Claude Daquin

♦ Call to Worship

Luke 2:10-11

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Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Come let us worship our Savior who is Christ the Lord!

♦ Opening Hymn

Once in Royal David's City

Red Hymnal 140

♦ Prayer of Adoration

**Glory to you, almighty God,
for you sent your only-begotten Son,
that we might have new life.**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for you became flesh and lived among us
that we might become your people.**

**Glory to you, Holy Spirit,
for you direct and rule our lives.**

**Glory to you, almighty God,
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,
and to the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

♦ Hymn

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Red Hymnal 141

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ you came among us
as light shining in darkness.**

**We confess we have not welcomed the light,
or trusted good news to be good.**

**We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.**

**Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of your grace,
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:6-7

God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that, having been justified by his grace, we might have the hope of eternal life.
Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

♦ Response of Praise

He Came Down

Red Hymnal 137

He came down that we may have love

light

peace

joy

Words of Welcome



Proclaiming the Word

Proclaiming the Birth of the Christ Child

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God, by the gift of your Holy Spirit
show us the Word made flesh—
good news of great joy for all—
so that we may sing with the angels:
glory in the highest and peace on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God Calls Joseph

Matthew 1:18-24

Hymn

O Joseph, Awaken

text: Chris Shelton

tune: Cradle Song

**O Joseph, awaken - let go of your fear.
The Spirit is speaking; believe what you hear.
The promise of ages is whispered, but clear:
a new day is dawning, salvation draws near.**

**God needed a body, hands, feet, eyes, and skin,
and Mary's provided the place to begin.
She bears our deliverance from shame and from sin;
the heartbeat of justice grows stronger within.**

**The way of salvation will always surprise,
it creeps past defenses, makes fools of the wise;
the Sovereign of heaven in infantile guise!
Awake! but keep dreaming - awake and arise.**

Jesus is Born

Luke 2:1-7

Liturgists

The Davis Millson Family

Musicians

Kelsey Hendler, soprano

Marissa Chalker, mezzo

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Dec. 26

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Christmas*

Tuesday, Dec. 27

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Christmas*

Wednesday, Dec. 28

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Christmas*

Thursday, Dec. 29

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Christmas*

Friday, Dec. 30

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

8:30 AM *Office Closed -
Christmas*

Saturday, Dec. 31

No Events

Sunday, Jan. 1

10:00 AM *Worship -
Communion*
Sanctuary

10:15 AM *Bible Story and
Craft Time*
Room 07

TODAY AT NASSAU

Worship

10:00 AM *Sanctuary & Livestreamed*

Tending the Flock

Birth—Adair Rose Shapiro-Davis, granddaughter of Wendy Davis and Steve Heaps, and great-granddaughter of Pam and Bill Wakefield, on December 13, 2022 in New York City, New York

Welcome to Nassau Church

Children are always welcome in our services of worship.

There is no supervised childcare or church school this morning so our childcare workers and volunteers may spend this day with their families. The Nursery (Lower Level) is open for parents and children who would like a quiet, child-friendly space during the service.

Education Classes for Children, Youth, and Adults will resume on January 8, 2023.

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 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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