



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 29, 2023 9:15 & 11:00 AM

**We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. 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!

Choral Response 9:15 God Be In My Head Andrea Ramsey

God be in my head and in my understanding,
God be in my eyes and in my looking,
God be in my mouth and in my speaking,
God be in my heart.
God be at my end and my beginning,
and all days in between.

♦ Response of Praise 11:00 Know That God Is Good Red Hymnal 659

**Mungo ni mwema. Mungo ni mwema.
Mungo ni mwema ni mwema, ni mwe ma.
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

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Blessed Is the One

Jane Marshall

Psalm 1 : 1-3a

Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

Each one is like a tree planted by streams of water.

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5 : 1-12

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Sermon

You Can Be a Blessing

Charles Atkins



Thanksgiving

◆ Sermon Hymn

The Summons
verses 1, 2, 3, 5 – all
verse 4 –solo

Red Hymnal 726

◆ Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

Blessed Are the Poor

Kate Williams
text: Adam Tice

Blessed are the poor - the people who live in God's holy reign.

Blessed are the sad, for comfort is yours through sorrow and pain.

Blessed are the meek, for you will inherit what long was denied.

Hungry, thirsty ones, your longing for justice will be satisfied.

Rejoice, be glad, for heaven is coming.

Rejoice, be glad, for heaven is coming.

Rejoice, be glad, for heaven is coming to you.

Blessed are the kind - the merciful ones shall mercy receive.
Blessed are the good; your heart shall see God because you believe.
Blessed children, come - grow peace for a planet still choking with hate.
Persecuted ones, for you all the blessings of heaven await.

Rejoice, be glad...

You are salt and light - let earth taste and see God's glory revealed.
Let your goodness shine; the lost are restored, the broken are healed.
All will be fulfilled - the law and the prophets have shown us the way.
Heaven comes to earth; rejoice and be glad for creation's new day.

Rejoice, be glad...

- ◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Red Hymnal 608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

- ◆ Closing Hymn I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me Red Hymnal 700
(Hunger Offering)

- ◆ Benediction

- ◆ Response Siyahamba Red Hymnal 853

**Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos.
We are marching in the light of God.**

Postlude Dialogue sur les Jeux de Trompettes, François Couperin
Clairon, et Tierces

Preacher

Charles Atkins

Liturgist

Mark Edwards

Time with Children

Elizabeth Steel

Musicians

*Chorale, Choir 3·4·5, Carol
Choir*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director
Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Kim Kleasen, flutist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Peter Spelda

Doug Ladendorf

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While serving as the Associate Minister for Youth Ministry and Missions at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, NJ, and as the Supervisor Chaplain at Garden State Youth Correctional Facility of the NJ Department of Corrections, Dr. Atkins was able to receive his doctorate in practical theology from the Université de Montréal in Canada. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, he is the author of *The Word Confined: Bible Study in an American Prison* (Nova Science, 2020).

After the arrival of the COVID-19 global pandemic, Dr. Atkins retired from prison chaplaincy and by the grace of God turned his attention toward helping Black churches adjust their ministries for the pandemic era and toward helping formerly incarcerated people reintegrate into society. His research into how Black churches can continue to minister to God's people in the pandemic era has been centered at the First Baptist Church of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, where he serves as Interim Pastor.

Dr. Atkins' desire to help returning citizens has found expression through his work as founder and principal researcher of XL Endeavors (<http://XtraLenz.com>), which uses educational, small business development and artistic platforms to develop human capacities. XL Endeavors has helped him to encourage and empower people who have been incarcerated, while providing institutions with the tools and resources to successfully reintegrate returning citizens to their communities.

Dr. Atkins is also an adjunct professor at Princeton Theological Seminary and has just completed co-teaching "Prison Ministry with Youth and Family" with Nassau's Mark Edwards.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Jan. 30

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Music Room

7:00 PM *Art of Faithfulness*
Conference Room

Tuesday, Jan. 31

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

Wednesday, Feb. 1

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Feb. 2

9:00 AM *Walk-Talk-Pray*
Meet on Front Steps

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

7:30 PM *HR Committee*
Davis Study

Friday, Feb. 3

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, Feb. 4

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 5

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

9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

10:05 AM *Joyful Noise*
Niles Chapel

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

10:30 AM *Carol Choir*
Niles Chapel

11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302

2:30 PM *Piano Recital*
New School for Music Study
Sanctuary

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*
Niles Chapel

6:40 PM *Chorale*
Music Room

6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Joyful Noise
10:05 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship
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5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship
Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread
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 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 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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