



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 8, 2023 9:15 & 11:00 AM

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

If you are worshipping 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 Christ, Our Lord, to Jordan Came Dieterich Buxtehude

♦ Introit Raise a Song of Gladness Red Hymnal 155

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.

Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.

Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!

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♦ Call to Worship Isaiah 42:5-9

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Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,

I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

**to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Let us worship God.

♦ Opening Hymn Sing Glory to the Name of God Red Hymnal 10

♦ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life.

In baptism you seal us by the Holy Spirit and we belong to Christ forever.

But we remain preoccupied with ourselves and separated from our siblings in Christ.

We allow the past to hold us hostage and cling to destructive habits.

In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us.

Free us from sin.

Remind us of the promises you make in baptism

that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

Through 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!

♦ Response of Praise

Gloria, Gloria

Red Hymnal 583

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

(Glory to God in the highest)

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

**O Lord our God,
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
that we may be obedient to your will
and live always for your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson	Psalm 29	pg 504
Second Scripture Lesson	Matthew 3 : 13–17	pg 3
Sermon	I Have Called You	Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp



Thanksgiving

- ♦ Sermon Hymn Lord, When You Came to Jordan text Brian Wren
tune Passion Chorale

**Lord, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized,
what was your vow and vision of love and sacrifice?
Was there a sudden splendor of prophets, priests, and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?
Was this God’s crowning moment of all you had become,
the Spirit’s pow’r and blessing: “Go now, you are my Son”?
Did scripture join with scripture in words of sharp surprise:
“The Lord’s Messiah shall conquer, rejected and despised”?
Faith rests content with questions of when and why and how,
but craves the gift of seeing what God is doing now.
Lord, bring us to our Jordan of newly opened eyes,
through love, immersed in living, as you were once baptized.**

◆ 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

Before the World Began

John Bell

text: John 1 para. John Bell
and Graham Maule

Before the world began, one Word was there;
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
by him all things were made, in him was love displayed;
through him God spoke, and said, "I am for you."

Life found in him its source, death found its end;
light found in him its course, darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout, "I am for you."

The Word was in the world which from him came;
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;
one with all humankind, with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind, "I am for you."

All who received the Word by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of Grace proclaim in time and space
and with a human face, "I am for you."

- ◆ 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 Go, My Children, with My Blessing Red Hymnal 547

- ◆ Benediction

Postlude

Grand Choeur

Alexandre Guilmant

The Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp, a minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), has served congregations and presbyteries in MD, NY, NJ, and PA, usually serving in transitional roles. She most recently served as Interim Pastor and Head of Staff at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown, and is now looking for her next "gig." Leslie's husband Chip Dobbs-Allsopp serves as Professor of Old Testament and the James Lenox Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Preacher

Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp

Liturgists

Len Scales (9:15)

Corrie Berg (11:00)

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

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The Week Ahead

Monday, Jan. 9

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Music Room

7:00 PM *Children's and
Family Ministry
Committee*
Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 10

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

7:00 PM *Adult Education
Committee*
Zoom

Wednesday, Jan. 11

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room;

Thursday, Jan. 12

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

Friday, Jan. 13

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, Jan. 14

9:00 AM *Adult Choir
Rehearsal*
Music Room; Niles
Chapel

2:00 PM *Eric Johnson
Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Jan. 15

9:15 AM *Education for All
Ages*
All 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

5:00 PM *Chorale*
Music Room

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship
Dinner*
Assembly Room

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TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Joyful Noise
10:05 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Carol Choir
10:30 AM *Niles Chapel*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Nassau Book Group
12:15 PM *Conference Room*

Tending the Flock

Death—Bill Miller, father of Cynthia Miller, on December 20, 2022, in Lake Bluff, Illinois

Death—Barbara McWilliams, mother of Colleen Santoro (Jeff), grandmother of Conner and Ryan, on December 31, 2022, in New Brunswick, New Jersey. A Memorial Service was held on Friday January, 6, 2023 at 10:30 AM, in the sanctuary.

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 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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