



Nassau Presbyterian Church

April 23, 2023 9:15 & 11:00 AM

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 bulletin with 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

Fugue in D major

Ludwig van Beethoven

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 145

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Let us extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Everyday we will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,

God's greatness is unsearchable.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Come, people of God, let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Red Hymnal 248

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.**

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

that we may be your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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

Be Not Afraid

Taizé Community



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



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Words of Welcome

Sacrament of Baptism 9:15 Charlotte Hicks Gavin

Daughter of Melissa & Andrew Gavin

9:15 Children may leave for church school classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.



Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children 11:00

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers, room 302, third floor.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm	Psalm 139 : 1–24	Blue Psalter 139 C
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 20 : 1–15	pg 21
Sermon	Surprise Endings	David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

- ♦ Sermon Hymn Hope of the World Red Hymnal 734
- ♦ Affirmation of Faith *from a Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

Grace on Grace

William Beckstrand
Based on John 1 : 14,16-17

The law through Moses came. Grace on grace.
But God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace.
Grace and truth in Jesus' name! Grace on grace.
God sent love, our life to claim. Grace on grace.
The glory of the Word became
in flesh, like us, but not the same,
for in his fullness all receive grace on grace.
God sent love, our life to claim grace on grace.
Grace on endless grace.

◆ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

◆ Closing Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Red Hymnal 366

◆ Benediction

Postlude Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Healey Willan

Preacher

David A. Davis

Musicians

Adult Choir

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Liturgists

Lauren J. McFeaters 9:15

Mark Edwards 11:00

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

Doug Ladendorf

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Cover Art

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Ned Walthall.

Tending the Flock

Birth—

Roscoe “Ross” Chalker Somerville, son of Marissa Chalker and George Somerville, on April 9, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Deaths—

Dale Morrison, husband of Barbara, on April 8, 2023, in Naples, Florida. A memorial service will be held April 24 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Soong Fang “Sam” Chen, father of Norman Chen, father-in-law of Natalie Chen, on April 14, 2023, in Princeton, New Jersey

Bruce Edward Nickerson, brother-in-law of Kathie Sakenfeld, April 10, 2023, in Bedford Massachusetts

Tommy Elliott, cousin of Doug Ladendorf (Ingrid), on April 10, 2023, in Louisville, Kentucky

The Week Ahead

Monday, Apr. 24

- 3:00 PM *Dale Morrison Memorial Service*
Sanctuary
- 5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Music Room

Tuesday, Apr. 25

- 9:30 AM *Staff Meeting*
Niles Chapel/Conference Room
- 1:30 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Stonebridge at Montgomery
- 7:00 PM *Grief Encounters Tuesday Support Group*
Conference Room
- 7:00 PM *Worship and Arts Committee*
Assembly Room

Wednesday, Apr. 26

- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, Apr. 27

- 9:00 AM *Walk-Talk-Pray*
Meet on Front Steps
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

Friday, Apr. 28

- 8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, Apr. 29

- 11:00 AM *Nancy Fitzpatrick Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

Sunday, Apr. 30

- 9:15/9:30 *Education for All Ages*
Assembly Room & 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*
- 11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*
Room 302
- 3:30 PM *Galatians In-Depth Bible Study*
Conference Room
- 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 Worship*
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 *Assembly Room &
Classrooms*

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Joyful Noise
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Worship
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Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Galatians In-Depth Bible Study
3:30 PM *Conference Room*

Cantorei & Chorale
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Youth Fellowship
7:00 PM *Chapel at Princeton Seminary*

Breaking Bread Worship
with Princeton Seminary Choir
7:00 PM *Chapel at Princeton Seminary*

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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