



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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May 14, 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

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Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Anthony Showalter  
arr. Brian Childers

♦ Introit

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Red Hymnal 654

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

**In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful;**

**In the Lord, I will rejoice!**

**Look to God; do not be afraid.**

**Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

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♦ Call to Worship

♦ Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Red Hymnal 12

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,**

**you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.**

**We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.**

**We have not loved you with a pure heart,**

**nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We have not done justice, loved kindness,  
or walked humbly with you, our God.  
Have mercy upon us and in your great compassion,  
restore to us the joy of your salvation.  
We pray in the name and for the sake of Jesus, your Son, our Savior. 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

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Iona Community

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Take, O Take Me As I Am'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

## Words of Welcome

Anthem 9:15 Alleluia/Little David Play On Your Harp Traditional  
arr. Sheila A. Roth Litsch

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleu, sing alleluia!

Gonna sing in the morning, allelu, allelu.

Gonna sing in the evening, allelu, allelu.

Gonna sing all day to praise my Lord.

For the coming of spring, allelu, allelu.

For all it will bring, allelu, allelu.

For all these things I will praise my Lord.

Little David, play on your harp! Hallelu, Hallelu!

Now David watched his father's sheep,

He played his harp to help them sleep.

He played his harp and sang with joy,

God's faithful child and shepherd boy.

## Teacher Appreciation

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.



## Proclaiming the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 27

pg 503

Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 17 : 22–31

pg 137

Sermon

Fumbling

David A. Davis



# Thanksgiving

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♦ Sermon Hymn

Not for Ourselves, O Lord

Blue Psalter 115 C

pg 728

♦ 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.**

**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.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offertory

Glorious and Powerful God

Charles Villiers Stanford

Glorious and powerful God,

we understand thy dwelling is on high above the starry sky.

Thou dwell'st not in stone temples made with hand;

but in the flesh hearts of all mortal ones to dwell is thy delight,

near hand, though out of sight.

We give of thine own hand,

thy acceptance is very life and blood, to all actions good.

Whenever here or hence our supplication,

from pure and with unfeigned hearts, to thee ascends,

be present with thy grace, show us thy loving face.

Oh! Down on us full showers of mercy send,

let thy love's burning beams dry up all our sin's streams.

Arise, O Lord, and come into thy rest,

both now and evermore, thy name be blest,

Founder and Foundation of endless habitation.

◆ Doxology      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow      Hal Hopson

**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

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◆ Closing Hymn    God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me      Red Hymnal 543

◆ Benediction

◆ Response      Siyahamba      Red Hymnal 853

**Siyahamb' ekukanyen' kwenkhos.**

**We are marching in the light of God.**

Postlude      Andante Maestoso      Charles Villiers Stanford

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Corrie Berg    11:00

Musicians

*Festival Ringers*

Robert Lamb, director

*Carol Choir*

*& Joyful Noise*    9:15

Charlotte Ham & Maggie

Ruddy, solosists

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Tom Coogan

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# The Week Ahead

## Monday, May 15

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Tuesday, May 16

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

## Wednesday, May 17

12:00 PM *Westminster Foundation Board*  
Assembly Room  
4:00 PM *Children's Choir Year-End Party*  
Ladendorf Home

## Thursday, May 18

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Assembly Room  
12:15 PM *Westminster Conservatory Recital*  
Niles Chapel  
7:00 PM *Session - Meet with Confirmands*  
Assembly Room

## Friday, May 19

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, May 20

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Sunday, May 21

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

9:00 AM *Adult Education*  
Assembly Room  
10:00 AM *Worship & Confirmation*  
Sanctuary  
11:00 AM *Fellowship*  
Front Plaza  
11:15 AM *Nassau Book Group*  
Conference Room  
3:30 PM *Galatians In-Depth Bible Study*  
Conference Room

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship - Teacher Appreciation  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary*

ASP Trip Meeting  
10:15 AM *Niles Chapel*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship - Teacher Appreciation  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Room 302*

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

Senior Send-Off  
5:00 PM *Hill House*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death—Michael J. Weaver, husband of Ellen Hannah, on May 4, 2023, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Birthday—Join us in celebrating Alice Vial's 100th Birthday this weekend

Death—Michiko Maeda Takasugi, mother of James Takasugi, mother-in-law to Karen Brown, and grandmother to Alan and Andrew Takasugi, on April 11, in Boise, Idaho

## 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](https://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](https://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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