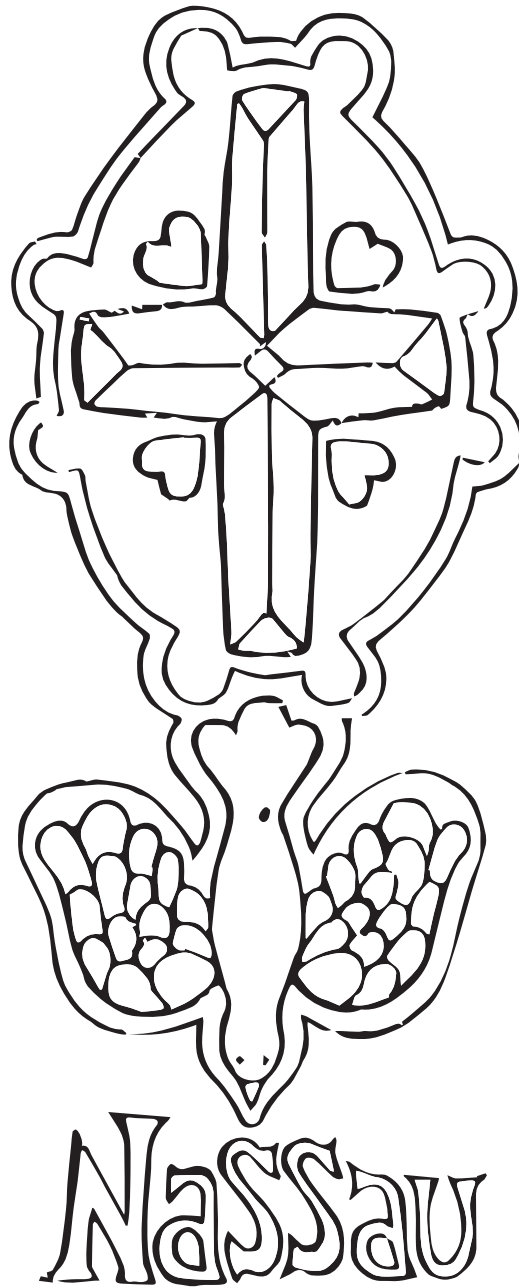




Nassau Presbyterian Church

June 25, 2023 10:00 AM

50TH ANNIVERSARY



The Nassau Church banner shown above was part of a three banner set designed for the service of reunion on Sunday, June 24, 1973 by First Presbyterian Church Elder Maxine Taylor and her cousin, Nancy Becker. The Nassau Church banner depicts the Languedoc cross, famous for its hearts, representing the zeal of Christian love as described in I Corinthians 13. Below the cross is the descending dove, symbolic of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the renewal of the church.

The St. Andrew's banner depicted the Lamb of God holding the resurrection flag, on which is the St. Andrew's cross.

The First Church banner depicted the Greek letters Alpha and Omega, representing Christ, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

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 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

Trumpet Voluntary

Angela Kraft Cross

♦ Introit

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé Community

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;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

♦ Call to Worship

from Psalm 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!**

♦ Opening Hymn

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Red Hymnal 687

Prayer of Confession

**Mighty God, we give you thanks
that by your power you created us,
and by your goodness you call us to be your people.
We confess that we have lived for ourselves
and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sins
and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
As God's own people,
be merciful in action,
kind in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive
as freely as God has forgiven you.
And, above everything else, be loving,
and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for you.
Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Mungu ni mwema. Mungu ni mwema.

Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

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

Litany of Thanksgiving

Eternal God,

in whom we live and move and have our being,
hear our prayer.

For the Church universal,
and for this congregation of your people,
we give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather
for praise and prayer, witness and service,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
we give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us
whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who have been made your children
by adoption and grace,
who in this place were cleansed of sin,
buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
and raised to new and eternal life,

we give you thanks, O God.

For disciples young and old
who have been nurtured here in faith,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here
asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
we give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors
who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts,
equipped us for the work of ministry,
we give you thanks, O God.

For faithful stewards among us
who have lived for others,
serving you by loving neighbors,
we give you thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith
and emboldens our witness,
we give you thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission,
nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
we give you thanks, O God.

Receive our gratitude, Holy God,
for the years through which you have led us,
and open us to the future you promise.

In the years that lie ahead,
grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry,

your consolation in our defeats,
and your challenge to our complacency.
Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit,
that we may find joy and peace in our common life,
strength and courage to live in the world for your reign,
and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflection

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Prayer

O God, make this church the church of the warm heart, of the open mind, of the adventurous spirit. Enable it to be the church that cares, that heals hurt lives, that comforts people, and that challenges youth. May it know no division of culture or class, no frontiers - geographical or social. Make it the church that inquires as well as verifies, that looks forward as well as backward. Make it the church of the Servant Jesus so that it can be the church in service of God's people, reaching for the ideals of Jesus Christ and caring for the most vulnerable. Help it to be a worshipping church, a sending church, inspiring courage for this life and hope for the life to come. Make it, Lord, the church of all people, the church of the Living God. **Amen.**

Adapted by Rev. David A. Davis from a prayer written by F. Hugh Liffiton, Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1961-1972.

The prayer was said at the first worship service of Nassau Church, the 10th Anniversary Service, and the 25th Anniversary Service.

Minute for Mission

Backpack School Supplies



Children age 2 to grade 2 may leave for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 07 (lower level) at the end of the service.

**God of light and life, by your Word
you spoke the world into being.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
speak your Word to us today,
that we might testify to the light and life
of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

First Lesson	Psalm 84	pg 543
Second Lesson	John 14 : 1-4	pg 108
Sermon	A Dwelling Place	David A. Davis



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| ♦ Sermon Hymn | Let Us Build a House
Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5 | Red Hymnal 301 |
| ♦ Affirmation of Faith | | 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

They Did Not Build in Vain

Alfred Fedak
text Alan Luff

They did not build in vain who founded here a church
as witness to God's love amid a world of pain;
they build upon the rock that is the risen Lord,
the one foundation laid that stands each earthly shock.

They who have loved this place, a cloud of witnesses
surround and urge us on as we now run our race;
though the horizon's bend conceals the way ahead,
the footprints on the road show Christ waits at the end.

In every place our world is storm and tempest tossed,
the flames of fear and hate are evil's flags unfurled;
yet still the Spirit's power in wind and fire of love
pours gifts upon the church for service in this hour.

Make this the place where doubt finds grounds of faith,
where hurt finds healing love, our penitence your grace;
where God in Trinity is bridge from death to life,
from sin to holiness, time to eternity.

♦ Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Sending

♦ Closing Hymn Praise the God of All Beginnings hymn at back
Hunger Offering

♦ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon

Jules Vierne

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Isabel Lewono, cello

Fiona Christano, piano

Summer Choir,

Noel Werner, director and
organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Ryan Santoro

Jeff Santoro

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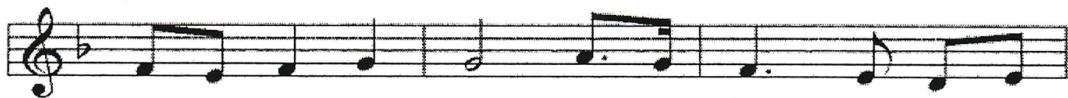
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in anticipation of the installation of a new Pastor.

TUNE : Bowers

Praise the God of All Beginnings



1 Praise the God of all be - gin - nings, birth - ing
2 Praise to Christ for new be - gin - nings when the
3 Praise the Spi - rit who, be - gin - ning Christ's new
4 Praise to God for all be - gin - nings since the



pri - mal space and time, spawn - ing all the stars and
world had lost its way, when our way - ward race lay
work of min - is - try, stirred the church, his liv - ing
birth of time and space! Sing in praise that his - t'ry's



plan - ets, giv - ing cha - os beat and rhyme.
fall - en, long - ing through the night for day.
Bod - y, born in faith and u - nit - y.
end - ing will pro - claim God's truth and grace.



God's the risk and God's the prom - ise of a
Praise to Christ for sin for - giv - en! Praise to
Praise the Spir - it, still em - pow - 'ring those who
God, the Al - pha and O - meg - a! God the



world but new - ly born. God's the wis - dom, God's the
Christ for prom - ised peace! Praise him for that new cre -
hear God's ur - gent Word, send - ing them as cho - sen
first and God the last! God the source, the goal, the



pow - er pres - ent at cre - a - tion's morn.
a - tion where all hate and strife shall cease!
ser - vants forth to serve a ser - vant Lord.
giv - er! God's the splen - dor un - sur - passed!

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The Week Ahead

Monday, June 26

- 9:00 AM *Vacation Bible School*
Assembly Room, Niles Chapel
- 12:00 PM *PresbyCamp*
Assembly Room
- 2:00 PM *Alex Welsh Memorial Service*
Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 27

- 9:00 AM *Vacation Bible School*
Assembly Room, Niles Chapel
- 12:00 PM *PresbyCamp*
Assembly Room

Wednesday, June 28

- 9:00 AM *Vacation Bible School*
Assembly Room, Niles Chapel
- 12:00 PM *PresbyCamp*
Assembly Room

Thursday, June 29

- 9:00 AM *Vacation Bible School*
Assembly Room, Niles Chapel
- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Music Room
- 12:00 PM *PresbyCamp*
Assembly Room

Friday, June 30

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

Saturday, July 1

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, July 2

- 9:00 AM *Summer Choir*
Music Room
- 10:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM *Summer Church School*
Room 07
- 11:00 AM *Fellowship*
Front Plaza

Looking Ahead...

Monday, July 3

OFFICE CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY

- 9:00 AM *Splash Camp*
Front Plaza

TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Summer Church School
10:15 AM *Room 07*

Celebration Fellowship
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

Tending the Flock

Deaths—

Alexander “Alex” Welsh, husband of Anne Marie Kelly, on June 15, 2023, in Princeton, New Jersey. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 26 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Kirsten Blom Westbrook, sister of Martha Blom, sister-in-law of Chris Knutsen, aunt of Jens and Nils, on June 11, 2023, in Baltimore, Maryland

Susan Gardner Herrle, mother of Julia Herrle, on June 11, 2023, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Peter Wood Waldron, brother of Lolly O’Brien and brother-in-law of Rich O’Brien, on June 10, 2023, in Haverhill, Massachusetts

Births—

Blair Adeline Salita, daughter of Lizzie and Michael Salita, sister of Chip, on June 14, 2023

Quinn Joseph Gift, son of Daniel and Dani Gift, grandson of Elizabeth and Kevin Gift, nephew of Sarah, Rachel and Jonah, on June 14, 2023, in Stony Brook, New York

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).

Children age 2 to grade 2 may leave at the Time with Children for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 07 (lower level) at the end of the service.

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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