



Nassau Presbyterian Church

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

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

**we confess we have praised you with our lips
but have not glorified you with our lives.**

**Have mercy on us, we pray,
for our weak faith that fades under pressure,
for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies,
for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue.**

**Forgive us, Lord God,
and give us new trust in your power,
that we may live for justice
and tell of your loving-kindness
by our acts as by our words,
through Jesus 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 Know That God is Good Red Hymnal 659
- Verse 1: **Mungu ni mwema**
- Verse 2: **Know that God is good**
- Verse 3: **Halle, hallelujah**

Words of Welcome

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads you will find in the pews. If you are watching the livestream we invite you to fill out the virtual fellowship pad: nassauchurch.org/check-in.



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

**Lord, Lord, speak to us your word,
that hearing it,
our hearts may be transformed,
our lips may prophesy,
our feet follow your path
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson	Psalm 19	pg 498
Second Scripture Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14	pg 198
Sermon	Aspirational Longing	David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

- ♦ Sermon Hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Red Hymnal 223

◆ Affirmation of Faith

from the *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.

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.

Fight the good fight with all thy might.
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes and seek Christ's face.
Life with its way before you lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide.
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near.
He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

♦ Doxology

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson
text Neil Weatherhogg

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 Lift High the Cross Red Hymnal 826

♦ Benediction

♦ Response Bless the Lord Red Hymnal 544

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Postlude Pasticcio Jean Langlais

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

9:15: Len Scales

11:00: Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Heather Riehl

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Peter Spelda

Tom Coogan

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The Week Ahead

Monday, October 9

OFFICE CLOSED - HOLIDAY

7:30 PM *Embodied Faith Small Group*
Music Room

Tuesday, October 10

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

1:30 PM *Grace Notes Singers*
Stonebridge at Montgomery

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Zoom

Wednesday, October 11

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

4:15 PM *Homework Hangout*
Room 302

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, October 12

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Assembly Room

7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Zoom

Friday, October 13

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, October 14

5:00 PM *Confirmation Retreat #1*
Room 304

Sunday, October 15

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

9:15 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary & Livestream

9:15 AM *Inquirers Class*
Conference Room

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

1:30 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Conference Room

3:00 PM *Robeson House Benefit Concert*
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*
Room 303

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 & Livestream*

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*

Partners in Faith: Our Journey Together
1:30 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Breaking Bread Worship
6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Chorale
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

Breaking Bread Dinner
7:30 PM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Death — Larry Kettelkamp, father of Keith Kettelkamp, father-in-law of Joan, and grandfather of Kara, Allegra, Tessa and Trent, on September 30, 2023, in Cranbury, New Jersey.

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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