



## Nassau Presbyterian Church

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November 12, 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                                      Ein feste Burg                                      Johann Gottfried Walther

### Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:1-2

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witness,  
**let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**For the sake of the joy that was set before him, Jesus endured  
the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at  
the right hand of of the throne of God.**

Come, let us worship the God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♦ Opening Hymn                      A Mighty Fortress Is Our God                      Red Hymnal 275

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

for the things we have done that we regret,

**forgive us;**

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

**forgive us;**

for all the times we have acted without love,

**forgive us;**

for all the times we have reacted without thought,

**forgive us;**

for all the times we have withdrawn care,

**forgive us;**

for all the times we have failed to forgive,

**forgive us.**

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,  
 for unfinished tasks  
 and unfulfilled hopes,  
**God of all time,**  
**forgive us and help us**  
**to lay down our burden of regret.**  
**Through Christ our Lord we pray. 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

Thank you, Lord

African American Spiritual

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord.  
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so good.

I just want to thank you, Lord.

Chords: Gm7, F/C, C7, Bb/F, F

## 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](http://nassauchurch.org/check-in).



# Proclaiming the Word

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## 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

First Scripture Lesson	Luke 1:46-55	pg 57
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Psalm	O Great God and Lord of the Earth	Blue Psalter 94A
	Psalm 94	pg 378

Second Scripture Lesson	I Samuel 2:1-10	pg 245
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Sermon	To the God of Justice	David A. Davis
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## Thanksgiving

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♦ Sermon Hymn	The Right Hand of God	Red Hymnal 332
	Verses 1-4	

♦ Affirmation of Faith	Confession of Belhar 10.5
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We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Sing out my soul, sing with joy to the Lord;  
sing of the greatness and goodness of God,  
loving the lowly who trust in God's word. Alleluia.

Sing out my soul, let your faith be confessed;  
those yet unborn will declare how I'm blessed.  
To God's great bias I gladly attest. Alleluia.

God's name is holy, God's mercy is sure;  
and through the ages God's love will endure,  
firing the hearts and the faith of the pure. Alleluia.

God has shown power and strength with God's arm,  
putting to flight, in despair and alarm,  
those whose pride leads them to calculate harm. Alleluia.

God forces rulers to forfeit the throne;  
lifting the unloved, the lost and alone,  
God shows that favor reserved for God's own. Alleluia.

Those who are hungry, God wills with good things,  
those who are rich into poverty brings;  
pregnant with justice, my heart gladly sings. Alleluia.

God, who is faithful, has come to our aid,  
never forgetting the promise God made.  
Each generation sees mercy displayed. Alleluia.

♦ Doxology      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow      Red Hymnal 606

**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                      Arise, Your Light Is Come!                      Red Hymnal 744

♦ Benediction

♦ Response                      Lead Me, Guide Me                      Red Hymnal 740

**Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and need your strength and power  
to help me over my weakest hour.**

**Help me through the darkness your face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**Lead me, guide me, along the way...**

Postlude                      Magnificat noni toni                      Samuel Scheidt

Verse 1: Et exultavit

Verse 5: Sicut locutus est

Verse 6: Sicut Erat

Preacher

David A. Davis

Musicians

*Adult Choir*

Sound Engineer

Jonathan Lara

Liturgists

9:15: Elizabeth Steel

11:00: Elizabeth Snyder

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

Ryan Santoro

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

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# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, November 13

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*  
Sanctuary

## Tuesday, November 14

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

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

7:00 PM *GriefEncounters Support Group*  
Conference Room

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*  
Zoom

## Wednesday, November 15

10:00 AM *GriefEncounters Support Group*  
Conference Room

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, November 16

10:00 AM *Al- Anon*  
Assembly Room

12:15 PM *Westminster Conservatory Recital*  
Niles Chapel

7:00 PM *Session*  
Assembly Room

## Friday, November 17

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, November 18

2:00 PM *Card Makers*  
Assembly Room

## Sunday, November 19

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

9:15 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

10:15 AM *Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

11:15 AM *Worship Explorers*  
Room 302

12:15 PM *Pageant Cast Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary

12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*  
Conference Room

5:00 PM *Cantorei and Chorale*  
Music Room

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*  
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Thanksgiving Feast*  
Assembly Room

6:40 PM *Senior High/Middle School 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*

Pageant Cast Rehearsal  
12:15 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*

## *Tending the Flock*

**Birth** - Madeline, daughter of Hannah and Henry Millson, granddaughter of Cathy and Dave Davis, on November 2, 2023 in New York, New York.

**Death** - Priscilla Bishop, grandmother of Kelsey Hendler, on November 7, 2023 in Perkasio, Pennsylvania.

## 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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