

**Teach me your  
way, O Lord,  
give me an undivided heart  
that I may walk in your truth;  
to revere your name.**

-PSALM 86:11

## Nassau Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2023 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT II

If you are worshiping 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

Maria zart

Arnolt Schlick

♦

*Gentle Mary*

Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!

**And we are filled with joy!**

Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

**our tears into songs of joy!**

O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

**and remain with us forever.**

♦ Opening Hymn

People, Look East

Red Hymnal 105

Prayer of Confession

**Lord, have mercy on us,  
for we are not ready for your coming.**

**We live in sin,  
as though there is no justice.**

**We live in fear,  
as though there is no grace.**

**We live in dread,  
as though there is no joy.**

**Forgive us, Lord.**

**Show us your mercy and steadfast love.**

**Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,  
for you are the God of our salvation. 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.**



## **Proclaiming the Word**

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Time With Children

Lighting of the Advent Candles

- ♦ Response                      While We Are Waiting, Come                      Red Hymnal 92

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.**

**Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.**

**Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.**

**Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

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.

## 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).

## Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, our hope and strength,  
by the power of your Spirit  
prepare the way in our hearts  
for the coming of your Word,  
so that we may see the glorious signs  
of your promise fulfilled;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson      Luke 1:39-45      pg 57

Second Scripture Lesson      Psalm 85      pg 543

Sermon      Seeing the Glory That Isn't There      David A. Davis



## **Thanksgiving**

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- ♦ Sermon Hymn      My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout      Red Hymnal 100  
    verse 1, 4 and refrain — all  
    verse 2 — higher voices  
    verse 3 — lower voices

- ♦ Affirmation of Faith      John 1:1,10-13

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
Thanks be to God!**

Light dawns on a weary world  
when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world:  
the promised day of justice comes.

The trees shall clap their hands;  
the dry lands gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth in singing!  
We shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace  
as all the world in wonder echoes *shalom*.

Love grows in a weary world  
when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.

Love grows in a weary world:  
the promised feast of plenty comes.

The trees shall clap their hands...

Hope blooms in a weary world  
when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world:  
the promised green of Eden comes.

The trees shall clap their hands...

## ♦ Doxology

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Red Hymnal 108

verse 6

**Christ, to thee with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore! Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



# Sending

◆ Closing Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Red Hymnal 123

verses 1, 2, 3, 5

◆ Benediction

◆ Response

Make Way

Graham Kendrick



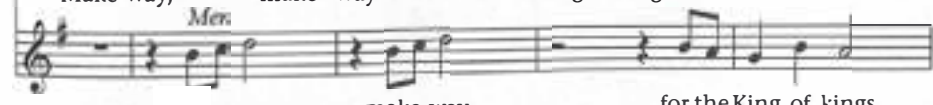
1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splen - dor ar-rives.  
2 Christ comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free.



Fling wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.  
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.



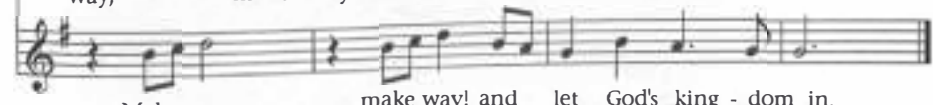
Make way, make way for the King of kings. Make



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way, make way! and let God's king - dom in.



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Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Robert Powell

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

9:15 Len Scales

11:00 Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Miriam Eley, pianist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Peter Spelda

Tom Coogan

Cover Art

by Austin Boland-Ferguson.

Based on Psalm 86 NRSV.

# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, December 11

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*  
Sanctuary

## Tuesday, December 12

9:30 AM *Staff Meeting/Devotions*  
Niles Chapel

10:00 AM *Deacon Bakers*  
Kitchen

10:00 AM *Advent Communion at Stonebridge*  
Stonebridge at Montgomery

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*  
Zoom

## Wednesday, December 13

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*  
Music Room

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

7:00 PM *Adult Choir Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, December 14

9:00 AM *Deacon Bakers*  
Kitchen

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

1:00 PM *Advent Care Package Prep*  
Church Office

## Friday, December 15

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, December 16

9:00 AM *Pageant Dress Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 17 Advent III

9:00 AM *Advent Care Package Pick-up*  
Office Hallway

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

9:15 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

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

12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*  
Conference Room

4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*  
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Christmas Tea*  
Assembly Room

5:30 PM *Cantorei*  
Music Room

## TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestream*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Wee Christmas  
10:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers  
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Pageant Cast Rehearsal  
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Advent Service of Remembrance  
2:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Cantorei  
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship  
5:00 PM *Assembly Room*

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 *Assembly Room*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death - Roxana Lemos Thomas, sister-in-law of Gordon and Deborah Thomas, on December 1, 2023, in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Death - Paul F. Bowlin, father of John Bowlin, father-in-law of Mimi Bowlin and grandfather of Nicholas and Isaac, on December 4, 2023, in Bloomington, Minnesota.

## 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](http://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](http://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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