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
Gathering

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

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.
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

• 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

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
dawn 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

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  
  verses 1, 2, 3, 5  
  Red Hymnal 123

- **Benediction**

- **Response**  Make Way  
  Graham Kendrick

Postlude  O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Robert Powell

Preacher  
David A. Davis

Musicians  
**Adult Choir**  
Noel Werner, director  
Don Dolan, organist  
Miriam Eley, pianist

Sound Engineer  
Nick Mastalesz

Livestream  
Peter Spelda  
Tom Coogan

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Based on Psalm 86 NRSV.
## The Week Ahead

### 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
- **9:00 AM** *Advent Care Package Pick-up*  
  Office Hallway
- **9:15/9:30 AM** *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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**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 worshiping 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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**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.