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 17, 2023  9:15 & 11:00 AM
ADVENT III
Gathering

Prelude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
arr. Kevin McChesney

• Call to Worship

Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,
and grant us your salvation.

Listen to what the Lord our God says:
God promises steadfast love and righteousness will meet,
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Come, let us worship God!

• Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Red Hymnal 88

verses 1, 2, 6, 7

Prayer of Confession

God of new beginnings,
you give us so much to rejoice over.
All around us are signs of your grace, love, and power.
Yet in our need to control,
and our obsession with our own plans,
we tread over what you have done.
We miss opportunities to rejoice with you
because we turn from you and walk away.
Forgive us. Have mercy upon us.
Teach us the joy of your heart, a joy that does not wait,
but finds us and embraces us.
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace. 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 2:8-20 pg 58

Second Scripture Lesson Psalm 126 pg 572

Sermon Shouting Glory David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

* Sermon Hymn Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn Red Hymnal 107

* Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a servant,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.
Offertory Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep  trad. French carol
arr. Deborah Ellefson

Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep, rise, and leave your silly sheep;
angels from heaven around are singing, tidings of great you are bringing.
Shepherds, the chorus come and swell, sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

Hark! even now the bells ring round, listen to their merry sound:
Hark! how the birds new songs are making, as if winter’s chains were breaking.
Shepherds, the chorus come and swell, sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

Cometh at length the age of peace, strife and sorrow now shall cease;
prophets foretold the wondrous story of this heaven-born Prince of glory.
Shepherds, the chorus come and swell, sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

Shepherds, then up and quick away, seek the babe ere break of day;
He is the hope of every nation. All in him shall find salvation.
Shepherds, the chorus come and swell, sing Noel, Noel, Noel!

*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,
y 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  Go, Tell It on the Mountain  Red Hymnal 136
- Benediction
Response

Make Way

Graham Kendrick

Postlude

Von Himmel hoch da komm' ich her

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

9:15 Lauren J. McFeaters
11:00 Mark Edwards

Time with Children

Heather Riehl

Musicians

Festival Ringers

Robert Lamb, director

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

Ryan Santoro

Cover Art

by Austin Boland-Ferguson.

Based on Psalm 86 NRSV.
Christmas Poinsettia Dedications, 2023
In celebration of Camille Scordis from your Church Mouse
In memory of The Reverend Allen F. Tinkham and Joseph Peluso from the Bleickardt family
In memory of Thomas M., Kathleen Claire & Christine Mulry from Claire Mulry & Holly Hardaway
In memory of Nancy Mulford from her entire family with love and gratitude
In memory of Jennifer Davis Heaps from Steve Heaps & Wendy Davis
In memory of Sally McFarlane from her family
In memory of Nancy J. Mulford from David E. Mulford, her husband
In memory of William D. McKenna from Lydia and Eva McKenna and the Tramontana Family
In memory of my parents Bill and Mary Louise Hilker from Bob Hilker and Deb Toppmeyer
In memory of my parents, Bob and Mary Toppmeyer and brother Robert from Deb Toppmeyer and Bob Hilker
In memory of Rita and Cpt. O.J. Knutsen & Patricia and Cpt. Ken Blom from The Blom-Knutsen family
In memory of Laura Blom and Kirsten Blom, my dear sisters from Martha Blom & Chris Knutsen
In memory of Armenoosh & Edward Shahbazian from Karen, Jeff, Rachel & Sarah Berliner
In honor of the Church School Teachers of Nassau from Carol Wehrheim
In memory of Pat and Tom Anderson from their loving family
In memory of Ethan and Fred Alyea from their loving family
In memory of Ethan Anderson from his loving family
In memory of my parents, Edwin and Dyllis Reese from Barbara Reese
In memory of Diane Gregory from the Gregory Family
In honor of Many Nassau people who helped us from Val & Martha Mathews
In memory of Barbara McWilliams (Mom, Nanny) from Colleen, Jeff, Ryan & Connor Santoro
In memory of Nancy Blomn-Kipnis from The Borowski Family
In memory of Wayland Wilcox from Kevin & Elizabeth (Wilcox) Cooke
In honor of Rory Gallagher, "Welcome Back from study abroad!" Love, Your Church Mouse
In memory of Patrick W. Foley from Lois Foley and children-Meghan, Rachel and Bryan
In honor of Lolly O’Brien from Anne Thomsen Lord
In honor of Carol Wehrheim from Anne Thomsen Lord
In honor of Julia and Ron Thomsen from Anne, Errol, Thom, Vinnie, Lee, and Ned
In memory of Sargent Deforest Lord from his parents and siblings
In memory of my brother in law, Stephen Browne from Barbara Reese
In memory of Al Angrisani and Bob Fratangelo from Caroline Purnell
In honor of Aiden, Reed, Mabel, Landon, Noelle, Cortland, Reese and Lottie from Caroline Purnell
In memory of George & Gladys Seeck, Fran & Dayton Schell and Anna & Arthur Sallas from the Salapatas family
In memory of Anne Brown & Tony Brown from Karen Brown & James Takasugi
In memory of Philip & Anna Ittyerah from Mani, Monisha, Nikhil & Philip Pulimood
In memory of Drs. Benjamin & Ramani Pulimood from Mani, Monisha, Nikhil & Philip Pulimood
In memory of William & Mary Hui, loving father & mother from Arthur Hui, Sally Baek & family
In memory of Chung Haeng, Su Man, & John Baek, loving father, mother & brother from Sally Baek, Arthur Hui & family
In memory of Harold & Tatiana and Jim & Barbara from Maria & Penn Bowditch
In memory of Miye Sano from Lorraine & Bart Jackson
In memory of Joady Jackson from Bart & Lorraine Jackson
In memory of Catherine C. Courage from Sue Jennings
In honor of Jim & Anita Walker from the Olsen family
In loving memory of Elaine Cooke from Harry Cooke
In memory of our beloved parents from Shuang Huang & Yak-Fa Cheung
In honor of NPC Staff from Shuang Huang & Yak-Fa Cheung
In loving memory of B.K. Grow, Jr. from Anne Grow
In memory of Warren Wood from Marcia Wood
In memory of Dr. Russell L. Anderson, Jr., father from Rozlyn Anderson Flood
In memory of Dr. Alexander Dumas Brickler, Jr., uncle from Rozlyn Anderson Flood
In loving memory of their sons Mark & Todd Donaldson from their family
In memory of our parents, Don, Gerry, Arthur & Janet from the Ladendorf family & the Olsen family
In honor of Grace Hoedemaker from your Church Mouse
In honor of Family & Friends from Albert & Valda Swanke
In honor of Nassau's extraordinary staff from Lorraine Sarhage
In memory of Nicholas DeScetto from Kimberly & Tristano
In memory of Donald, Marjorie, David & Stephen Allen from Deborah & Gordon Thomas
In memory of Robert, Jean & Judson Thomas from Gordon & Deborah Thomas
In memory of Roxanna Thomas from Gordon & Deborah Thomas
In memory of Mark J. Whitelaw, husband and David T. & Evelyn M. Harrje, parents from Gail Melholt Harrje
In memory of Eleanor Mooney & Bill Hoffman from the Szurek family
In memory of J. Michael Walker from Joyce MacKichan Walker, Rebekah & Andrew
In loving memory of Robert Duncan from Helen Duncan
In memory of Jane Whiting, Samuel Adams Herr, Rev. Ernest Herr and Clara Herr, Pailoun and Yeran Sarounie from Mark & Rachel Herr
In memory of Dave McKee & Joe McKee from Tom, Deb, RT & Jordan Moses
In memory of Ethan Anderson from Deb Moses
In memory of Donald & Lucile & Jeffrey Briggs from Alan & Cathy Hendry
In memory of George & Shelia & Kenneth Hendry from Alan & Cathy Hendry
In honor of Noel Werner, Don Dolan and the adult choir from Carol Fagundus
In memory of William J. and Shirley Holland from Liz & Kim Beasley
In memory of William J. Holland, Jr. from Liz & Kim Beasley
In memory of James M. Beasley from Liz & Kim Beasley
In memory of Steven J. Hough from Liz & Kim Beasley
In memory of Marsha Hoffman Greenfield from Liz & Kim Beasley
In honor of our daughter and sons, Ruth, Paul & Tom from Marvin & Beryl Capewell
In memory of my sister, Cathy Shakespeare from Rob & Judy Siano
In memory of Walter & Grace Saragnese from Dan & Donna Saragnese
In memory of Robert & Dolores Topoleski from Dan & Donna Saragnese
In memory of Jean Stephens from her grandchildren, Evan, Stefan & Olivia Moorhead
In honor of Jim & Cynthia Moorhead from their children, Evan, Stefan & Olivia Moorhead
In memory of Bill Sword, Jr. from Martha, Gretchen, Hope, Will and Anne and Maggie Sword
In memory of Bob & Diane Pisano, our grandparents, Bill Sword, Jill Vincent & Sue Ellen Page from Lisa & Bob Pisano, Trip, Kelsey & Ford Pisano
In honor of our loving families from Lisa & Bob Pisano, Trip, Kelsey & Ford Pisano
In memory of Grace & Clais Beal, Ann & Bob Green, Steve Henkel & Oliver Henkel from Nancy & Rick Henkel

In memory of Graham & Tat Hixon, Chuck Hixon & Gail Hixon Main from Linda, John, Rachel & Zack Gilmore

In memory of Hal & Anita Gilmore from John, Linda, Zack and Rachel Gilmore

In memory of Audrey and Hubert Kleasen, parents of Kim from Kim Kleasen and Glenn Thomas

In memory of Phyllis and Frank Thomas, parents of Glenn from Kim Kleasen and Glenn Thomas

In memory of Mabel & Peter Rothwell and Martha & Norman Kleasen, grandparents of Kim from Kim Kleasen and Glenn Thomas

In memory of Peter Thomas and Steven Thomas, brother, and nephew of Glenn from Kim Kleasen and Glenn Thomas

In memory of Heidi Zdrojeski from Kim Kleasen

In celebration of RT Moses, Kathryn VanSickie, Melissa Loupos, Tiffaney Hsia, Joey Hsia, Thomas Martin, and Gabe Cano from Kim Kleasen

With deep gratitude for the Nassau community and the Adult Choir for the support and prayers during this past year from Kim Kleasen and Glenn Thomas

In celebration of each person and group who bring their creative gifts to Nassau - choirs and singers, dancers, poets, composers, painters and drawers, instrumentalists, photographers, bell ringers, stitchers, storytellers, bakers, card makers, the congregational singers who sing hymns in praise to God every Sunday and so many more!

In memory of Paul & Lee Kuhn & Sara Moffatt from Jeff & Anne Kuhn

In memory of James Hastings from his family

In memory of my Dad, Gordon Huckerby and my Grandmother, Edna Carey from Nicole Huckerby

In honor of my loving parents Joy & Harry Manser from Nicole Huckerby

In honor of our NPC Pastors & Staff from Nicole Huckerby

In memory of Jennifer Ellen Prince from Nancy Prince

In memory of David Dugan Prince from Nancy Prince

In memory of Walter George Ellsworth from Nancy Prince

In memory of Mary & Dick Fowler, parents of Frances from Frances Slade

In memory of John Slade, husband of Frances from Frances Slade

In memory of George Torrey from Kate Torrey, Tim Flood & Lily

In memory of Manuel & Buenconsejo Sarte from Kate Torrey, Tim Flood & Lily

In memory of Raymond & Doris Flood from Kate Torrey, Tim Flood & Lily

In memory of Benjamin & Katharine Brown from Ken Brown

In grateful memory of our parents, Hollis, Lois, Lorraine & Philip from Debbie Tegarden & Rod Bass

In honor of the continued glory & ministry of Nassau Church from the Smith family

In memory of Jo & Bruce Nickerson from Kathie Sakenfeld

In memory of Martin from Rainer Muser

In memory of Richard Katen and in honor of Jeanne Katen from their loving family

In memory of Wade DeBruin from Ella, Hadley, Crosby, Scott & Heather DeBruin

In memory of J. Warren Wood III, Effie & Paul Ramsey and Evelyn & J. Warren Wood, Jr. from Lauren, Kent & Emily Yeh

In honor of Marcia Wood and Susan & Peter Yeh from Lauren, Kent & Emily Yeh

In memory of Barbara and Tom Gillespie, Lai-King Leong, Margaret Migliore, MaryAnn and Pat Miller, Helmar Sakenfeld, Joyce Tucker, Wentzel van Huyssteen from Harriet & Clifton Black

In honor of our grandchildren Franny & Maddy Milson from Cathy & Dave Cook Davis

In memory of Henry Cook from Cathy & Dave Cook Davis

From Irene Liu & Jixin Dai
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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.

Tending the Flock

Death — Sally Juryta, mother of Marie Behnke, mother-in-law of Henry Behnke, on December 9, 2023, in Paramus, New Jersey.

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

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

Nassau Book Group 12:15 PM Conference Room

Christmas Pageant 4:00 PM Sanctuary

Christmas Tea 5:00 PM Assembly Room

Cantorei 5:30 PM Music Room