

**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**

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December 17, 2023 9:15 & 11:00 AM

ADVENT III

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                      Comfort, Comfort Ye My People                      arr. Kevin McChesney

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 85:7, 8, 10

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  
verses 1, 2, 6, 7

Red Hymnal 88

### 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

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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 2:8-20	pg 58
Second Scripture Lesson	Psalms 126	pg 572
Sermon	Shouting Glory	David A. Davis



## **Thanksgiving**

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- ♦ 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,  
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

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- ♦ Closing Hymn      Go, Tell It on the Mountain      Red Hymnal 136
- ♦ 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.



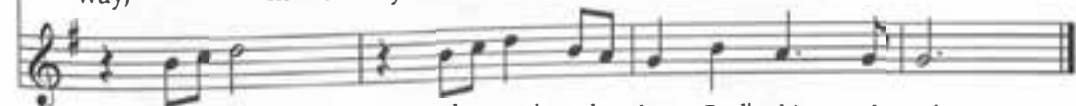
Make way, make way for the King of kings. Make



Make way, make way for the King of kings.



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



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

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

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## *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 Hilkert from Bob Hilkert and Deb Toppmeyer

In memory of my parents, Bob and Mary Toppmeyer and brother Robert from Deb Toppmeyer and Bob Hilkert

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 Retha 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  
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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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# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, December 18

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Tuesday, December 19

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

## Wednesday, December 20

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*  
Music Room

## Thursday, December 21

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room

## Friday, December 22

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, December 23

5:30 PM *Church Mouse Reveal Party*  
Conference Room

6:00 PM *Alumni/Youth Choir Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Bell Peal Rehearsal*  
Room 202

7:00 PM *Alumni/Cantorei Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 24 Advent IV

10:00 AM *Worship - Advent IV*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

10:15 AM *Bible Story and Craft Time*  
Room 07

11:00 AM *Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

3:00 PM *Christmas Eve Family Worship*  
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Christmas Eve Worship*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

9:00 PM *Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

## 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*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Death — Sally Juryta, mother of Marie Behnke, mother-in-law of Henry Behnke, on December 9, 2023, in Paramus, 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](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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