



**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 24, 2023 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary, 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.



## Gathering

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Prelude

People, Look East

Trad. French Carol, Besançon  
Setting by Jeremy Young

Choral Introit

Cuncti simus

Anon. Edited by Ricardo Soto

The Virgin was alone when the Angel appeared,  
He was called Gabriel, and was sent from heaven.  
With radiant face he declared, (Listen, dear ones),  
You shall conceive, Mary. Hail Mary.  
You shall conceive, Mary, (Listen, dear ones)  
and will bear a son. Hail Mary.  
You will bear a son (Listen, dear ones)  
and shall call him Jesus Christ. Hail Mary.

♦ Call to Worship

Luke 2:1-7

♦ Opening Hymn

The First Nowell

Red Hymnal 147

verse 1 all  
verse 2 higher voices  
verse 3 lower voices  
verse 4 all

♦ Prayer of Adoration

**Glory to you, almighty God,  
for you sent your only-begotten Son,  
that we might have new life.**

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for you became flesh and lived among us  
that we might become your people.**

**Glory to you, Holy Spirit,  
for you direct and rule our lives.**

**Glory to you, almighty God,  
and to your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. Amen.**

verse 1

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

### Words of Welcome

### Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth,  
in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness.  
We confess we have not welcomed the light,  
nor trusted good news to be good.  
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,  
expecting little, and hoping for less.  
Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope,  
so we may receive the fullness of your grace,  
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.  
In the name of the Christ Child we pray. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Fear not! Through the Holy Spirit we leap with joy.  
Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord. Our sins are forgiven!  
**Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace, goodwill to all.**  
Christ is born for this. Christ is born for this.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you!**

**Love has come: a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

Anthem

Thou Shalt Know Him

Mark Sirett

Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums,  
nor his manners, nor his airs, nor by anything he wears.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by his crown or by his gown,  
but his coming known shall be,  
by the holy harmony which his coming makes in thee.  
Thou shalt know him when he comes, Alleluia.



## Proclaiming the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, by the gift of your Spirit,  
teach us, like Mary, to treasure your words  
and ponder them in our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

pg 638

Anthem

Mary, Mary

Richard K. Avery, Donald S. Marsh  
arr. Burkhardt

Mary, Mary, what you gonna name that baby?  
What you gonna call that holy baby?  
Slaves are we and looking for a master;  
Why don't you call him Lord? Let's all call him Lord!  
We like our sheep, need someone to guide us;  
Why don't you call him Shepherd? Let's all call him Shepherd!  
Hungry and poor, we need someone to save us;  
Why don't you call him Savior? Let's all call him Savior!  
King of the world, we seek someone to rule us:  
Why don't you call him King? Let's all call him King!

Second Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

pg 1

Sermon

Glory Unadorned

David A. Davis



## Thanksgiving

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Offertory Anthem

The Wexford Carol

arr. Victor C. Johnson

Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind,  
a tiny child to us is born in Bethlehem this blessed morn.  
Now let our hearts and voices raise a song of gladness this Christmas Day.  
Let all the earth rejoice and sing the birth of this our newborn King.  
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom the angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
“Prepare and go,” the angels said, “to Bethlehem; be not afraid,  
for there you'll find, this happy morn, a holy babe, sweet Jesus born.”  
With hearts of love and hymns of joy, come let us greet the baby boy,  
and as the angels had foretold, let all the tiny child behold.  
Within a manger he was laid, and by his side his mother stayed.  
Let all the earth sing with delight, the holy child is born this night.

Pastoral Prayer for Christmas

♦ Hymn

Who Would Think That What Was Needed

Red Hymnal 138



# Sending

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♦ Ringing in of Christmas

♦ Hymn Joy to the World Red Hymnal 134

♦ Third Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14 pg 91

♦ Hymn Silent Night, Holy Night! Red Hymnal 122

♦ Benediction

♦ Recessional In dulci jubilo Johann Michael Bach

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# Silent Night, Holy Night!

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1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

## GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!  
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht  
 nur das traute, hochheilige Paar,  
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,  
 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

## KOREAN

1 *고요한밤 거룩한밤  
 어둠에 묻힌밤  
 주의부모 앞서서  
 감사기도 드릴때  
 아기잘도 잔다  
 아기잘도 잔다*

## SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!  
 Todo duerme en derredor,  
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,  
 bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,  
 brilla la estrella de paz,  
 brilla la estrella de paz.*

