



Nassau Presbyterian Church

January 7, 2024 9:15 & 11:00 AM

EPIPHANY

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

♦ Prelude Prélude sur l'introït de l'épiphanie Maurice Duruflé

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

**The peoples who live in the land of deep darkness,
on them the light has shined!**

O come, let us worship the Lord
and consider wondrous things God has done:

**Righteousness will flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

O come, let us worship the Lord,
for God has done wondrous things.

♦ Opening Hymn The First Nowell Red Hymnal 147

Prayer of Confession

**God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
that, forgiven and renewed,
we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Jesus Christ. 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.

♦ Response of Praise

We Three Kings
verse 5

Red Hymnal 151

**Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.
O - star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

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.



Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy One, giver of all light,
lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,
the morning star that never fades.
By the light of your Holy Spirit
reveal to us your saving Word
and lead us to offer our lives to you
in service and in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

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Sermon

Seeing Stars

Jess Winderweedle



Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn

What Child Is This

Red Hymnal 145

O'er the hill and o'er the vale
come three kings together,
caring naught for snow and hail,
cold and windy weather;
now on Persisa's sandy plains,
now where Tigris swells with rains,
they their camels tether;
now through Syrian lands they go,
now through Moab, faint and slow,
now o'er Edom's heather.

O'er hill and o'er vale
each king bears a present:
wise men go a child to hail,
monarchs seek a peasant:
and a star in front proceeds,
over rocks and rivers leads,
shines with beams incessant:
therefore onward, onward, still!
Ford the stream and climb the hill:
Love makes all things pleasant.

He is God ye go to meet:
therefore incense proffer:
He is king ye go to greet:
gold is in your coffer:
also Man, He comes to share
every woe that we can bear,
tempter, railer, scoffer:
therefore now, against the day
in the grave when Him they lay
myrrh ye also offer.

O'er the hill and o'er the vale
come three kings together...

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints
and the great cloud of witnesses and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory!**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Escenas Románticas

Enrique Granados

Mazurke

Berceuse

Concluding Prayer

**Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.**

**Send us out with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary everyday world
with the extravagant promise of your holiness. Amen.**



Sending

◆ Closing Hymn On This Day, Earth Shall Ring! Red Hymnal 141

◆ Benediction

Postlude Lord Christ, the Only Son of God (BWV 601) J.S. Bach

*“He is the Morning Star,
He sends forth His splendor,
brighter than any other stars.”*

Preacher

Jess Winderweedle

Liturgists

9:15 Lauren J. McFeaters &
Elizabeth Steel

11:00 Len Scales

Time with Children

Elizabeth Steel

Musicians

Adult Choir

Elem Eley, soloist

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

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About Jess Winderweedle

The Reverend Jess Winderweedle is an ordained elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Practical Theology (Homiletics) at Princeton Theological Seminary. Jess’s research interests center on the experiences of LGBTQ+ preachers in Mainline traditions. Before returning to school, Jess served as lead pastor at Kingston UMC, where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, January 8

5:30 PM *Children's & Family Ministry Committee*
Zoom

Tuesday, January 9

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

1:30 PM *Grace Note Singers*
Stonebridge at Montgomery

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Zoom

Wednesday, January 10

4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room

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

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, January 11

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room

7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Zoom

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, January 13

5:00 PM *Dan + Claudia Zanes Family Concert*
Sanctuary

Sunday, January 14

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

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship - Communion
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestream*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship - Communion
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship Explorers
11:15 AM *Room 302*

Tending the Flock

Death — Peter E.B. Erdman, father of Bill Erdman, Caroline Hare, Margaret Becker, and Andy Erdman, on December 20, 2023, in Plainsboro, New Jersey.

Death — Judith McCartin Scheide, on December 29, 2023, in Princeton, New Jersey.

Death — Eugene DeNagel, husband of Nancy DeNagel, on December 30, 2023, in Trenton, New Jersey.

Death — Paul Sherman, father of Margaret Draper, grandfather of Sarah Jo and Westley, on December 31, 2023, in Skillman, New Jersey.

Birth - Willow Alexandria Flood, daughter of Kate Torrey and Tim Flood, sister of Lily, on January 3, 2024, in Plainsboro, 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. 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 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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