

Nassau Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2024 9:15 & 11:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

If you are worshiping 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

Journey to Wholeness
II. Empathy

Angela Craft Cross

- Introit The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Peace Taizé

 The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

 Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.
- Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.
We rejoice in our God,
who made a way through the desert of this world.
Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.
Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.

Opening Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

Red Hymnal 215

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Response

O Lord, Have Mercy

Guarini melody Paraguay

- O Lord have mercy, O Lord, have mercy;
- O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.
- O Christ have mercy, O Christ, have mercy;
- O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Friends in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



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.

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

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word,
that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Within Our Darkest Night

Blue Psalter 88A

(pg 538-539)

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 8:26-39

pg 68

Sermon

Evil Contained

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

• Sermon Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Red Hymnal 792

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; (cont.)

that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

L.L. Fleming text: Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high; hide me, O my Savior hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness, false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace on thee is found, grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart. Rise to all eternity.

Doxology

Lord of All Good

Red Hymnal 711

Verse 3

Maker, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows; to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

Closing Hymn

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Hunger Offering

Red Hymnal 829

Benediction

Postlude

Journey to Wholeness III. Healing

Angela Kraft Cross

Musical Note

The prelude and postlude were composed by an organist who also had a long career as an ophthalmic surgeon. The pieces presented today are part of a three-movement work that traces the progression of a person through the trial of illness. The first movement, not heard today, includes themes of heroism and anxiety as one grapples with confronting and living through illness. A helpful caregiver arrives in the second movement, their empathetic connection symbolized in the interweaving of the melodic lines. The last movement incorporates all of the aforementioned themes, describing in music an attempt at quick recovery, the return of the empathetic friend, the beginning of true healing, and the gift of wholeness.

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

11:00: Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Choir 3-4-5 (9:15)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director Don Dolan, organist Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Ian Lewono

Tom Coogan

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Lenten Worship

In the Sanctuary unless otherwise indicated.
*Services that will be livestreamed.

Lent III

Sunday, March 3, 9:15* & 11:00 AM LUKE 15

Lent IV

Sunday, March 10, 9:15* & 11:00 AM ACTS 8: 26-40

Lenten Communion

Tuesday, March 12, 1:30 PM at Stonebridge JOHN 17: 1,11-13

Lent V (Youth Sunday)

One Service only

Sunday, March 17, 11:00 AM* (education for all ages at 9:30 AM) ACTS 5:16-29

Lenten Communion

Tuesday, March 19, 1:30 PM at Princeton Windrows
JOHN 17: 1,11-13

Palm Sunday

March 24, 9:15* & 11:00 AM LUKE 7:11–17

Service of Wholeness & Healing

March 24, 2:00 PM Niles Chapel ROMANS 8: 26–28

Maundy Thursday (Communion)

March 28, 7:30 PM*
Tenebrae Readings:
MATTHEW 26: 20-25;
LUKE 22: 39-44;
MARK 14: 26-31, 66-72;
MATTHEW 26: 59-67;
MARK 15: 12-20; LUKE 23: 33-46

Good Friday

March 29, 12:00 PM*
The Way of the Cross:
Readings from LUKE 22:39 - 23:49

Easter Sunday

March 31, 6:30 AM Princeton Cemetery

Easter Sunday

March 31, 9:00 & 11:00 AM*
MARK 16: 1-18

Tending The Flock

Birth — Konrad Ithaca Johnson, son of Anna and Konrad Johnson, brother of Rory, and grandson of Nancy Lammers Gross, on February 7, 2024, in Plainsboro, New Jersey.

Death — Suzanne Napoleon, sister of Sarah Ringer, on February 12, 2024, in Venice, Florida.

The Week Ahead

Monday, February 26

5:30 PM Festival Ringers
Music Room

7:00 PM Art of Faithfulness: Creatio Divina Conference Room

Tuesday, February 27

9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Devotions Niles Chapel

1:30 PM Grace Note Singers
Stonebridge at Montgomery

6:30 PM Presbytery
Zoom

7:00 PM Mission and Outreach Committee

7:00 PM Worship and Arts Committee
Assembly Room

Wednesday, February 28

4:15 PM Carol Choir
Music Room

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

7:30 PM Adult Choir
Music Room

Thursday, February 29

10:00 AM *Al-Anon*

Conference Room

Friday, March 1

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
Zoom

 $5:30 \; \mathrm{PM} \; Club \; 3-4-5 \ \mathrm{Assembly \; Room}$

Saturday, March 2

9:30 AM Art of Faithfulness: Murals in Motion
Assembly Room

5:30 PM Confirmation Retreat #3
Room 301

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
Conference Room

9:15/9:30 Education for All AgesAssembly Room & Classrooms

9:15 AM Worship - Reception of New Members
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

5:00 PM Cantorei
Music Room

5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship
Room 301

6:00 PM Youth Fellowship Dinner
Assembly Room

6:30 PM Breaking Bread Worship
Niles Chapel

6:40 PM Chorale
Music Room

6:40 PM Senior High Fellowship
Room 301

7:30 PM Breaking Bread Dinner
Assembly Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

> Worship 9:15 AM Sanctuary & Livestream

> > Inquirers Class 9:30 AM Conference Room

Joyful Noise 10:05 am Niles Chapel

Fellowship 10:15 AM Assembly Room

Session - Receive New Members 10:15 AM Conference Room

> Carol Choir 10:30 AM Niles Chapel

Worship 11:00 AM Sanctuary

Worship Explorers 11:15 AM Room 302

Lunch and Learn 12:15 PM Assembly Room

Cantorei 5:00 PM Music Room

Middle School Fellowship 5:00 PM Room 301

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 Room 301

Breaking Bread Dinner 7:30 PM Assembly Room

Please note today's Memorial Service for Gene DeNagel will be rescheduled for a later date.

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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