



# Nassau Presbyterian Church

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February 4, 2024 9:15 & 11:00 AM

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

Two settings of "Lobet den Herren"  
(Praise Ye the Lord)

C.M. Wolf  
J.P. Kirnberger

♦ Introit

Come, O Come, Let Us Praise

Saw Gideon Tun Shwe  
Myanmar/Burma

Come, O come, let us praise Parent God,  
O praise the love of God, the Great I Am,  
praise the love of God, the Great I Am.

Come, O come, let us praise Christ, our King,  
O praise the grace of Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
praise the grace of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Come, O come, let us praise Spirit God,  
the fellowship of Holy Spirit God,  
fellowship of Holy Spirit God.

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

**How good it is to sing praises to our God.**

For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**Praise the Lord!**

**Come, Let us sing praise and worship God!**

♦ Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Red Hymnal 35

## Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
you made us in your image,  
with a mind to know you,  
a heart to love you,  
and a will to serve you.  
But our knowledge is imperfect,  
our love inconstant,  
our obedience is incomplete.  
Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness.  
In your tender love, forgive us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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                      ¡Gloria a Dios!                      Peruvian Melody

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria en los cielos!  
**¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria en los cielos!**  
¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!  
**¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!**  
¡Alleluya, Amén!  
**¡Alleluya, Amén!**

*Translation:*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!*

*To God be glory forever!*

*Alleluia, Amen!*

Minute For Mission: Arm in Arm

Anthem (9:15)

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney  
text: William Cowper

Sometimes a light surprises the child of God who sings;  
It is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings;  
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again  
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation, we sweetly then pursue  
The theme of God's salvation and find it ever new;  
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,  
Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing but He will bear us through;  
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe His people too;  
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;  
And He who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,  
Though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;  
Yet, God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;  
For while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.



## Proclaiming the Word

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### 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](http://nassauchurch.org/check-in).

## Prayer for Illumination

**Guide us, O God,  
by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson      Isaiah 40:21-31      pg 668

Second Scripture Lesson      Mark 1:29-39      pg 35

Sermon      A Long Sabbath Day      David A. Davis



## **Thanksgiving**

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♦ Sermon Hymn      Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life      Red Hymnal 343

♦ Affirmation of Faith      from *The Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery  
beyond the reach of the human mind.  
We ascribe to God superlatives of power,  
wisdom,  
and goodness.**

**But God reveals God's love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful people. (cont.)**

**The power of God's love in Christ  
to transform the world  
discloses that the Redeemer  
is the Lord and Creator  
who made all things  
to serve the purpose of his love.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

Let There Be Light!

Gilbert Martin  
text: John Marriott

Thou, whose almighty Word chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel's day sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring, on thy redeeming wing,  
healing and sight, health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind: O now, to humankind,  
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving, holy dove,  
speed forth thy flight; move o'er the weather's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace; and in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light!

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Grace, Love, and Might! Boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide,  
let there be light!

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Hymnal 608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

# Sending

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◆ Closing Hymn      Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song      Red Hymnal 737

Benediction

◆ Postlude      Fantasia in D Major (TWV 33:1)      G.P. Telemann

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Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

9:15: Carrie Mitchell

11:00: Mark Edwards

Time with Children

Elizabeth Steel

Musicians

*Cantorei*

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

*Adult Choir*

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Jeff Santoro

Tom Coogan

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# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, February 5

- 5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*  
Music Room
- 7:00 PM *Children's and Family Ministry Committee*  
Zoom
- 7:00 PM *Art of Faithfulness Small Group*  
Conference Room

## Tuesday, February 6

- 9:30 AM *Staff Meeting/Devotions*  
Niles Chapel
- 7:00 PM *Deacon Education*  
Assembly Room

## Wednesday, February 7

- 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 8

- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*  
Conference Room
- 7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*  
Zoom

## Friday, February 9

- 8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, February 10

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

## Sunday, February 11

- 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
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei and Chorale*  
Music Room
- 6:00 PM *Youth Super Bowl Party*  
Assembly Room
- 6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Worship*  
Niles Chapel

## TODAY AT NASSAU

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*

New School for Music Study  
Faculty Recital  
2:30 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei  
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship  
5:00 PM *Room 304*

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 304*

Breaking Bread Dinner  
7:30 PM *Assembly Room*

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## *Tending the Flock*

Birth — Hannah Martha Vater,  
daughter of Sarah and Owen Vater,  
sister of Phoebe, on January 22, 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](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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