

Nassau Presbyterian Church

March 3, 2024 9:15 & 11:00 AM

THIRD 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

Partita No. 1 in B-flat Major (BWV 825)

J.S. Bach

Sarabande

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

from I Corinthians 15

Let us worship God, who reconciled godself through Christ.

We are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship, may we announce the good news to all.

Opening Hymn

God of the Sparrow

Red Hymnal 22

verse 1 - choir

verse 2 - all

verse 3 - higher voices

verse 4 - all

verse 5 - lower voices

verse 6 - all

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us

a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.

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.

Reception of New Members (9:15)

9:15 Children may leave for Church School classes. Teachers and ushers can assist in finding classrooms.



🕅 Proclaiming the Word

Time with Children (11:00)

11:00 Children age three to grade three may leave for Worship Explorers, room 302, third floor.

Prayer for Illumination

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson Gracious God, My Heart Renew Blue Psalter 510 (Psalm 51) (pg 346)

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 15:11-32 pg 78

Sermon The Lost Son David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

• Sermon Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus Red Hymnal 216

Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of Belhar

We believe,

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; and together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Brother James' Air

arr. Gordon Jacob text: *Scottish Psalter* 1650

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of blessedness, e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head with oil thou dost anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me; and in my Father's heart alway my dwelling place shall be.

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



Closing Hymn There's a Wideness in God's Mercy Red Hymnal 435

Benediction

Postlude Trio in C Major J. G. Rheinberger

Sound Engineer

Preacher Musicians

David A. Davis Nick Mastalesz Annie Wang, pianist

Livestream Liturgists Adult Choir

Doug Ladendorf 9:15: Lauren J. McFeaters Noel Werner, director Tom Coogan 11:00: Mark Edwards Don Dolan, organist

Cover Art Time with Children

"Who is My Neighbor?" by Carol Wehrheim Austin Boland-Ferguson

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New Members Received by Session on February 25, 2024

By Reaffirmation of Faith

Sing Gawn Aung

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Robert "Robbie" Bendelius

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Judith "Judy" Considine

Belle Mead, NJ

Lauren & Garrett Davis

Child: 1

Princeton, NJ

Bonnie Galloway & Robert "Bob" Robinson

Lawrenceville, NJ

Tiarma "Tia" Panjaitan

Child: 1

Princeton, NJ

Claire Percarpio

Spouse: Edward Percarpio

Princeton, NJ

Linda & Robert "Bob" Revelle

Princeton, NJ

Jeannette Tannous

Spouse: Jack Tannous; Children: 2

Princeton, NJ

Sarah Vater

Spouse: Owen Vater; Children: 2

Princeton, NJ

Lenten Worship

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

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

The Week Ahead

Monday, March 4

5:30 PM Festival Ringers
Music Room

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

7:00 PM Children's and Family Ministry
Committee
Zoom

Tuesday, March 5

9:30 AM Staff Meeting/Devotions
Niles Chapel

1:30 PM Grace Note Singers
Stonebridge at Montgomery

7:00 PM Grief Encounters
Conference Room

Wednesday, March 6

4:15 PM Carol Choir
Music Room

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

7:30 PM Adult Choir
Music Room

Thursday, March 7

10:00 AM $Al ext{-}Anon$ Conference Room

Friday, March 8

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Zoom

Saturday, March 9

2:00 PM Deacon Card Makers
Assembly Room

Sunday, March 10

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

2:00 PM Larry Parsons Memorial Service
Sanctuary

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

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast 8:00 AM Conference Room

 $\begin{array}{cc} & \text{Education for All Ages} \\ 9:15/9:30 \text{ AM} & \textit{Assembly Room & Classrooms} \end{array}$

Worship - Reception of New Members 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

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

Tending the Flock

Birth — Penelope, daughter of Cameron Giles Scott and Russell Scott, granddaughter of Janet Giles, on December 4, 2023, in Fairfax, Virginia.

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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