Who is My Neighbor?

Nassau Presbyterian Church
March 3, 2024  9:15 & 11:00 AM
Third Sunday in Lent
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  
(Psalms 51)  
Blue Psalter 510  
(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

Verse 3

Red Hymnal 711

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

- Benediction

  Postlude
  Trio in C Major
  J. G. Rheinberger

Preacher
David A. Davis

Liturgists
9:15: Lauren J. McFeaters
11:00: Mark Edwards

Time with Children
Carol Wehrheim

Musicians
Annie Wang, pianist
Adult Choir
Noel Werner, director
Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer
Nick Mastalesz
Livestream
Doug Ladendorf
Tom Coogan

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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


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

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-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 AM  *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
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.

Tending the Flock

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