

# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sept. 8, 2024

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** 

If you are worshiping with us in the Sanctuary, 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 Sursum Corda John Ireland

\*Introit God Welcomes All South Africa

Call to Worship

Psalm 121 selected verses

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; The Lord will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Come and let us worship the Lord together!

Opening Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Red Hymnal 12

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.

## 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 Goodness Is Stronger than Evil Red Hymnal 750

Anthem (9:15) Created to Create Mark Burrows

#### 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.



## (c) Proclaiming the Word

## Church School Teacher Commissioning

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

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

Psalm 146

pg 581

Second Scripture Lesson

James 2:1-17

pg 229

Sermon

**Empty Words** 

David A. Davis



# **Thanksgiving**

• Sermon Hymn

Gather Us In

Red Hymnal 401

Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar, 1986

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed

that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and new earth in which righteousness dwells; We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

Offertory

Go Forth for God

Eugene Butler

text J.R. Piercy

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Red Hymnal 608

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Closing Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West Red Hymnal 317

Benediction

◆Response Going and Coming Joachim Schwartz

Postlude Perpetuum Mobile Kristina Arakelyan

Preacher Musicians Livestream

David A. Davis

Chancel Drama Cast (9:15)

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

Tom Coogan

Liturgist

Lauran I McFootors Adult Choir Cover Ar

Lauren J. McFeaters

Adult Choir

Cover Art

Noel Werner, director

The Celtic Cross features a

Don Dolan, organist circle behind the four points of Sound Engineer the cross, making up four semi-

Nick Mastalesz circles and represent the light of

God's love.

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## **The Week Ahead**

#### Monday, September 9

STAFF RETREAT

## Tuesday, September 10

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#### Wednesday, September 11

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7:30 PM Adult Choir
Music Room

### Thursday, September 12

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

7:00 PM Worship & Arts Committee

7:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee
Zoom

### Friday, September 13

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Zoom

#### Saturday, September 14

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Sunday, September 15

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

12:15 PM Nassau Book Group
Conference Room

5:00 PM Cantorei
Music Room

5:00 PM Middle School Fellowship
Room 304

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 304

7:30 PM Breaking Bread Dinner
Assembly Room

#### **TODAY AT NASSAU**

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

Worship - Teacher Commissioning 9:15 AM Sanctuary & Livestream

Fellowship
10:15 AM Assembly Room

Worship - Teacher Commissioning 11:00 AM Sanctuary

> Breaking Bread Worship 6:30 PM Niles Chapel

Breaking Bread Dinner 7:30 PM 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).

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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