



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Oct. 27, 2024

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you are worshipping 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

Carillon Celebration

Douglas E. Wagner

♦ Introit

Jesus, We Are Here

Red Hymnal 392

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 16:5-8

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With the Lord at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Let us worship the Lord.

♦ Opening Hymn Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Red Hymnal 81

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.**

**Although Christ lives among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves.**

**The fears and jealousies we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.**

**Help us to turn to your good gifts
of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason.**

Be for us our Lord of Mercy.

**Heal, restore, and set us free to serve you with joy,
in Jesus Christ, our Lord of Peace. 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

Gloria a Dios

Peruvian melody

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.



Proclaiming the Word

Reception of New Members (9:15)

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

Time With Children (11:00)

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

Prayer for Illumination

**Living God,
help us to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,**

**We deserve God’s condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

Offertory	Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen	Johannes Brahms
	Psalm 84:1,2,4	

◆ Doxology Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

 **Sending**

◆ Closing Hymn	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Red Hymnal 611
	Hunger Offering	

◆ Benediction

◆ Response	Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises	South Africa
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Postlude	Postlude in G major	Gustav Merkel
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Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgists

9:15: Elizabeth Steel

11:00: Holly Hardaway

Time With Children

11:00: Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Festival Ringers

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Miriam Eley & Don Dolan,
duo piano

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Doug Ladendorf

Jeff Santoro

Cover Art

They Stood by

Lauren Wright Pittman

Flowers

Flowers in the sanctuary are from the family of Jane Dennison, in her memory.

About Today's Cover Art:

Artist Reflection by Lauren Wright Pittman

I imagine the daughters had to fill the entire tent in order to be heard. I imagine Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah took the shape of the tent of meeting, a place where they were met by powerful men, a place of sacrifice and worship—not a place where a woman's voice was often heard. The text says the women came forward; they stood, they spoke, they questioned, and they even demanded. Any one of those actions alone is difficult for the unseen and unheard. All they wanted was to receive the inheritance of their father and to keep his name from fading. I'm sure the pain of their father's death was potent, but they needed to be recognized, valued, and seen as human beings in order to survive.

The catalyst for this moment isn't only the women's strength; it also took a man in power to listen, to open his heart, to wrestle, and to offer his grasp over this patriarchal law to God. When Moses offered up his control and dared to consider a new way, God heard the voices of these women. "They are right," God said. The old law was no longer suitable, so God made way for change. Though the laws were probably carved into stone, God shows us in this text that the law is living, breathing, adaptable, and changing. This text invites us to come forward, to stand, to speak, to question, and to demand change when we experience injustice. When the powers in place don't budge, that is not the end of the story. When you personally aren't experiencing injustice, that does not mean you should bask in your comfort. For those whose voices are less valued, for those who go unseen, for those who have fought a long and continuing fight, we must breathe life into those old, tired, worn-out laws. In this image, the winds of change, the breath of God, surrounds the tent of meeting and the voice of God descends on these women, hearing their cry. New life sprouts from the ground as the law is heard afresh.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, October 28

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 7:00 PM *Grief Encounters Support Group*
Conference Room

Wednesday, October 30

- 4:00 PM *Homework Hangout*
Room 302
- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room
- 5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, October 31

- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room

Friday, November 1

- 8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom
- 10:00 AM *Grief Encounters Support Group*
Conference Room
- 5:30 PM *Club 3-4-5*
Assembly Room

Saturday, November 2

- 2:00 PM *Card Makers*
Assembly Room

Sunday, November 3

- 8:00 AM *Church School Teacher Breakfast*
Conference Room
- 9:15/9:30 *Education for All Ages*
Assembly Room & Classrooms
- 9:15 AM *Worship - Communion*
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 - Communion*
Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM *Pageant Auditions*
Sanctuary
- 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 - 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*

Pageant Auditions

12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Youth Choir Festival

3:00 PM *Princeton Theological Seminary*

Concert - Youth Choir Festival

6:00 PM *Princeton Seminary Chapel*

Breaking Bread Worship

6:30 PM *Niles Chapel*

Breaking Bread Dinner

7:30 PM *Assembly Room*

Tending the Flock

Marriage - Olivia Jean Moorhead, daughter of James & Cynthia Moorhead, sister of Evan (Dana) & Stefan (Michelle) Moorhead, aunt of Eme & Gideon Moorhead, to Erik Christian Matson on October 13, 2024, in Princeton, 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).

Livestream Worship. Livestream worship can be found at 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 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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