



# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Do not be afraid, for  
see, I am bringing you  
good news of great joy  
for all the people"

LUKE 2:10

December 22, 2024

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**ADVENT 4**

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

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Prelude

Wexford Carol

arr. Richard Price

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

### ♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

**Praise the Lord, all the Lord's angels and all the Lord's host!**

**Praise the Lord, sun and moon; all you shining stars!**

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!

**We praise you all our life long.**

**Let us worship the Lord!**

### ♦ Opening Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Red Hymnal 93

Prayer of Confession

**Glorious Creator, you send us a Savior**

**who is heaven's light breaking into human night.**

**Yet we close our doors to your light, afraid to make room for you,  
afraid of change and changing.**

**Yet your light shines, and our darkness cannot overcome it.**

**Yet your light shines; our rejection cannot quench it.**

**Forgive us for denying you and cause us to join**

**the heavenly hosts in songs of joy and peace,**

**brought to us in the Advent of 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.**

## Time With Children

### Lighting the Advent Candle

How does a weary world practice love?

**By sending cards, and picking up the phone.**

By practicing empathy, and assuming the best in others.

By learning people's stories and finding common ground.

**By advocating for justice, and saving a place at the table.**

There are a million ways to practice love.

So today we light the candle of love as a reminder and a charge.

**With God's help, may we bring love into a weary world. Amen.**

### Response

#### Advent Carol

Beth Kenreich

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).



## Proclaiming the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

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### Sermon

The Light of Mystery and Wonder

David A. Davis



## *Christmas Poinsettia Dedications, 2024*

- In memory of Sue Ellen Page, Don Dickason, Nick Van Dyke from Wade Bailey
- In memory of Sargent Deforest Lord from his parents and siblings
- In honor of Carol Wehrheim and the members of her Stonebridge small group from Anne Thomsen Lord
- In honor of Our Mothers Helen and Dawn from Keith and Mary Ann Mertz
- In memory of our fathers Al & Dale Mertz from Keith and Mary Ann and Family
- In loving memory of Patrick Foley from Lois Foley, Meghan, Rachel and Bryan
- In memory of Jean Stephens from Her adoring grandchildren, Evan, Stefan, and Olivia Moorhead
- In honor of Cynthia and James Moorhead from Evan, Stefan, and Olivia
- In memory of Soong Fang (Sam) Chen from Norman & Natalie Nordby Chen
- In honor of Doodie Meyer from Mary Bess Clark, and Sallye and Ron Zink
- In memory of Fred and Retha Alyea from their loving family
- In memory of Ethan Anderson from Mom, Dad, Caroline and Lindsey
- In memory of Jim and Mary McCloskey, parents of Jim from Jim McCloskey
- In memory of William Borowski and Nancy Blomn-Kipnis from The Borowski Family
- In memory of Nicholas DeScetto from Kim and Tristano
- In memory of Benjamin and Ramani Pulimood from Mani, Monisha, Nikhil and Philip Pulimood
- In memory of Philip and Anna Ittyerah from Mani, Monisha, Nikhil and Philip Pulimood
- In memory of Laura Jane Blom Duren from Martha Blom & Chris Knutsen, Nils and Jens Knutsen
- In memory of S. Wilson & Elaine Mcl. Heaps from Wendy Davis and Steve Heaps
- In memory of Jamie Peck from Wendy Davis and Steve Heaps
- In memory of Jennifer Davis Heaps from Wendy Davis and Steve Heaps
- In memory of Gladys and George Robinson from Bob Robinson
- In memory of Ellen and Jack Galloway from Bonnie Galloway
- In memory of Anne M. Brown from The Brown-Takasugi Family
- In memory of Gwynn Anthony (Tony) Brown from The Brown-Takasugi Family
- In memory of Sally McFarlane from her family
- In honor of Our father, grandfather and great grandfather, David Mulford from David and Ann Youmans and family
- In memory of Our mothers, Nancy Mulford and Caroline Youmans from David and Ann Youmans
- In memory of Graham & Tat Hixon, Chuck Hixon & Gail Hixon Main from Linda, John, Zack & Rachel Gilmore
- In memory of Hal & Anita Gilmore from John, Linda, Zack & Rachel Gilmore
- In memory of Joseph Peluso from The Bleickardt Family
- In memory of The Reverend Allen F. Tinkham from The Bleickardt Family
- In memory of J. Michael Walker from Rebekah, Andrew, and Joyce

In memory of Flora Karhunen Varrin from Her family

In memory of Catherine C. Courage from Susan C. Jennings

In memory of Bill Sword, Jr. from Martha, Gretchen, Hope , Will and Anne and Maggie Mae

In memory of E. Michael Joye from Lucy Joye

In memory of loving parents and brother, Chung Haeng, SuMan and John Baek from Sally Baek & Arthur Hui

In memory of loving father and mother, William L.C. & Mary C. Hui from Arthur Hui & Sally Baek

In honor of Dave Davis & Lauren McFeaters from Penn & Maria Bowditch

In memory of Jim Hastings from his family

In memory of Charles Olah from Agnes Olah

In memory of Audrey and Hubert Kleasen, parents of Kim from Kim Kleasen & Glenn Thomas

In memory of Phyllis and Frank Thomas, parents of Glenn from Kim Kleasen & Glenn Thomas

In memory of Mabel & Peter Rothwell and Martha & Norman Kleasen, grandparents of Kim from Kim Kleasen & Glenn Thomas

In memory of Peter Thomas and Steven Thomas, brother, and nephew of Glenn from Kim Kleasen & Glenn Thomas

In memory of Heidi Zdrojeski from Kim Kleasen

In celebration of RT Moses, Kathryn VanSickle, Melissa Loupos, Tiffaney Hsia, Joey Hsia, and Gabe Cano from Kim Kleasen

In celebration of Adult Choir and Noel Werner from Kim Kleasen

In celebration of each person and group who bring their creative gifts to Nassau – choirs and singers, dancers, poets, composers, painters and drawers, instrumentalists, photographers, bell ringers, stitchers, storytellers, bakers, card makers, the congregational singers who sing hymns in praise to God every Sunday and so many more! -from Kim Kleasen

In memory of Dr. C. Dixon Fowler & Mary Prim Fowler, parents from Frances Slade

In memory of Dr. John D. Slade, husband from Frances Slade

In memory of Joady Jackson from Bart & Lorraine Jackson

In memory of Miye Sano from Bart & Lorraine Jackson

In honor of the marriage of our daughter Olivia Moorhead to Erik Matson from Cynthia & Jim Moorhead

In memory of Samuel Adams Herr, Jane Whiting, Pailoun & Yeran Saroonie, Rev. Ernest C. Herr & Clara Herr from Rachel & Mark Herr

In memory of Al Angrisane & Bob Fratangelo from Caroline Purnell

In honor of Aiden, Reed, Mabel, Reese, Cortland, Lottie, Landon & Noelle from Caroline Purnell

In memory of Martin from Rainer Muser

In memory of our parents and grandparents from the Ladendorf and Olsen Family

In memory of Donald, Lucile & Jeffrey Briggs from Cathy & Alan Hendry

In memory of George, Sheila & Kenneth Hendry from Alan & Cathy Hendry

In memory of Delia & Thomas Turner from Len & Andrew Scales

In memory of Mary Rose Black from Len & Andrew Scales

In celebration of Christ's birth from Shuang Huang & Yak-Fa Cheung  
In loving memory of Elaine Cooke from Harry Cooke  
In honor of Franny & Maddy Millson from Dave & Cathy Cook Davis  
In memory of Robert Duncan from Helen Duncan  
In memory of Alex & Jill Vincent from Pam & John Kelsey  
In memory of Bill Sword from Pam & John Kelsey  
In honor of our Schick-Kelsey-Pisano-Farrlee Family from Pam & John Kelsey  
In memory of our grandparents from Irene Yi Liu & Jixin Dai  
In celebration of Camille Scordis from your Church Mouse  
In memory of Dave & Joe McKee from Deb Moses & family  
In memory of Ethan Anderson from Deb Moses  
In honor of Grace Hoedemaker from Your Church Mouse!  
In memory of my brothers Jim Arbuckle & Stephen Browne from Barbara Reese  
In memory of my parents Dyllis & Edwin Reese from Barbara Reese  
In memory of Walter & Grace Saragnese from Dan & Donna Saragnese family  
In memory of Robert & Dolores Topoleski from Dan & Donna Saragnese family  
In celebration of Family & Friends from Albert & Valda Swanke  
In memory of Donald, Marjorie, David & Stephen Allen from Gordon & Deborah (Allen) Thomas  
In memory of Robert, Jean (Gordon), Judson & Roxy Thomas from Gordon & Deborah Thomas  
In memory of Katherine Bicksler ("Gigi") from Katie, Kate & Erik VanLaningham  
In loving memory of Helmar from Kathie Sakenfeld  
In memory of our parents, Bill Hilkert & Mary Louis Hilkert, Bob & Mary Toppmeyer & my brother Robert Toppmeyer from Deb Toppmeyer & Bob Hilkert  
In honor of our pastors Dave Davis & Lauren McFeaters from Deb Toppmeyer & Bob Hilkert  
In memory of Armenoush & Edward Shahbazian from the Berliner family  
In memory of Don, Janet & Anne from Carol Fagundus  
In memory of Lois Young & in honor of Cetana from Peg Hastings  
In memory of Michael & Kathryn Loupos, Burr & Sylvia Williamson, Donna Cervenka, & Jim & Joanne Hancharick from the Loupos Family  
In memory of Bob & Diane Pisano, our loving grandparents, Jill & Alex Vincent, Bill Sword, Ron Oppertbauer, Dale Morrison from Lisa, Bob, Trip, Kelsey & Ford Pisano  
In memory of David T. & Evelyn Harrje & Mark J. Whitelaw, parents & husband from Gail Melholt Harrje  
In honor of all the 6th grade church school students I have taught from Carol Wehrheim  
In memory of David Dugan Prince, my beloved husband from Nancy Prince  
In memory of Jennifer Ellen Prince, my beloved daughter from Nancy Prince  
In honor of Jim & Anita Walker from the Olsens  
In honor of Tom & Deb Moses from RT & Jordan Moses

In honor of Martha Mathews from Val Mathews

In memory of all our family members from Harry & Joy Manser

In memory of Edna Carey, always loved, never forgotten from Joy Manser

In memory of my dad, Gordon H. Huckerby & my grandmother, Edna M. Carey from Nicole Huckerby

In honor of my loving parents Harry & Joy Manser from Nicole Huckerby

In honor of our caring NPC pastors & staff from Nicole Huckerby

In honor of our beautiful children: Aurora, Ciara & Dominic from Katie & Ray Gallagher

In memory of Ray & Lucy Gallagher, Bill & Ruth Strickland, Stewart & Joan Davis from Katie & Ray Gallagher

In memory of my father from J. D. & Christine Jin Family

In memory of my aunt, Dorothy Anderson Brickler from Roz Anderson Flood

In memory of Tom & Barbara Gillespie from Stephen, Dayle, Emily & Allie Rounds

In memory of J. Warren Wood III & Peter Chuen Yeh from Lauren, Kent & Emily Yeh

In honor of Marcia R. Wood & Susan Chin Mei Yeh from Lauren, Kent & Emily Yeh

In memory of my wife, Nancy J. Mulford from David Mulford

In honor of my family from David Mulford

In memory of Jamie Peck from the Wakefields



# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, December 23

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Reunion*  
Assembly Room

6:45 PM *Bell Peal Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary

7:00 PM *Alumni/Cantorei Rehearsal*  
Sanctuary

## Tuesday, December 24

3:00 PM *Christmas Eve Family Worship*  
Sanctuary

5:00 PM *Christmas Eve Worship*  
Sanctuary & Livestream  
4:30 PM Carol Sing

9:00 PM *Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols*  
Sanctuary & Livestream  
8:30 PM Harp & Flute Prelude

## Wednesday, December 25

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

## Thursday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

## Friday, December 27

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, December 28

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Sunday, December 29

10:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary & Livestream

10:15 AM *Bible Story & Craft Time*  
Room 07

11:00 AM *Christmas Fellowship*  
Assembly Room

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

Deacon Care Package Delivery  
9:00 AM *Office Hallway*

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

Worship  
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestream*

Fellowship  
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Worship  
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

## 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](http://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](http://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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