



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 24, 2024

5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE 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

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Gottlieb Walther

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:2-7

Ringling in of Christmas

♦ Hymn

Joy to the World

Red Hymnal 134

♦ Prayer of Adoration

Loving God,

**you came to us, not with great signs and wonders,
but in a babe who became a humble carpenter.**

You took on human form,

not with the trappings of power and might,

but among folks who fasted, prayed,

and gave thanks in the midst of their poverty.

You made your witness, not with intimidation and coercion,

but with your own selflessness and suffering,

for your foolishness is wiser than human thought

and your weakness is stronger than all human power.

We praise you. We worship you. We adore you,

O Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

♦ Response

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Red Hymnal 133

verse 1

Christmas Eve Welcome

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you sent a star to guide the Magi to the child Jesus.
We confess that we have not followed the light of your Word.
We have not searched for signs of your love in the world
or trusted your good news to be good.
We have failed to praise your son's birth
and refused his peace on earth.
We have expected little and hoped for less.
Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires,
that we may watch and wait and once more
hear the glad story of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Fear not! The angels bring us good tidings of great joy!
Our souls proclaim the wonder of the Lord.
Our sins are forgiven! Our souls are mended!
**Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth, peace, goodwill to all.**
Christ is born for this. Christ is born for this.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

♦ Response of Praise	Raise a Song of Gladness	Red Hymnal 155
Anthem	Ubi Caritas	Ola Gjeilo



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

**Gracious God,
by the gift of your Holy Spirit
show us the Word made flesh—
good news of great joy for all—
so that we may sing with the angels:
glory in the highest and peace on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gospel of Matthew 1:18-25 pg 1

Anthem Thou Shalt Know Him Mark Sirett

The Gospel of John 1:1-16 pg 91

Sermon The Light of Glory David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem From Heaven Above Von Himmel-Hoch
attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546
V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539
arr. Bradley Norris

Pastoral Prayer for Christmas

♦ Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Red Hymnal 119



Sending

The Gospel of Luke

2:8-20

pg 58

Anthem

Night of Silence

Daniel Kantor

Benediction

Recessional

Variations on an Old Carol

Elizabeth Mounsey

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgists

Jess Winderweedle

Karen Hernandez-Granzen

Musicians

Cantorei and Alumni Choirs

Ingrid Ladendorf, director

John Lane, flute

Don Dolan, organist

Adeline Edwards, soloist

Bell Peal

Noel Werner, director

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Doug Ladendorf

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