



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 8, 2024

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
ADVENT 2

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Cathy Moglebust

♦ Call to Worship

Isaiah 40

“Comfort, comfort my people,” says your God.

A voice of one calling:

“In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.

Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

The rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,

And all people will see it together.”

Let us worship God!

♦ Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Red Hymnal 88

verses 1, 6, 7

Prayer of Confession

God of Advent Light,

we confess we doubt good news to be good.

We move through this world waiting for

our humanity to get the best of us.

Instead of living into joy,

we lean into fear and isolation.

Forgive us for forgetting that you are our joy;

and joy is amplified when shared.

Teach us to throw open the doors of our hearts

to you and our world. 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism (9:15)

Kai Davis

Son of Lauren Herb Davis and Garrett Davis

Time With Children (11:00)

Lighting the Advent Candle

How does a weary world practice peace?

**By listening before we speak
and saying sorry when we need to.**

By advocating for justice and caring for
our neighbor. By practicing Sabbath and
forgiving seventy times seven.

**By choosing grace over hate
and opening the door for each other.**

There are a million ways to practice peace.

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

**With God's help, may we bring peace
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.



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Anthem

Joseph's Carol

Patrick Hawes
text Andrew Hawes

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

pg 1

Sermon

The Light of Obedience

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn O Lord, How Shall I Meet You Red Hymnal 104

♦ Affirmation of Faith The Letter to the Romans 8

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God.**

Offertory

Virga Jesse floruit

Anton Bruckner

♦ Doxology

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

Red Hymnal 141
verse 4

About the Cover Art

This painting engages the flow of Zechariah's prophecy. I painted in oil on canvas; the copper leaf represents God's healing love. Copper has qualities that interact with its surroundings. When coiled, it can harness electricity out of thin air. When used in body wrapping, it can support internal self-repair. When used in pots and pans, it disperses heat evenly. When used in the womb, it causes the blood to flow monthly. When used in piping, it allows clean water to flow.

Over the years, I have been drawn to taking away plastics in my artwork. It is not always possible because acrylic paint and PVC pipe are such accessible media. But the natural materials draw me in physically, emotionally. In my work, I return to copper to hold banners up, to build sculpture, to create motion, and to capture light in an installation. It is a natural material that is prevalent in buildings. You can buy it at your local hardware store.

Here, the copper represents aspects of discipleship. It represents the presence of God in our lives and our actions—the presence of God in Zechariah's prophecy and in John's life and work.

The image is inspired by waters meeting one another. This intersecting flow portrays Zechariah's words meeting John the Baptist's life. It is a crashing toward, a central meeting place, a potential energy meeting a kinetic being.

Holy Mother, your love is mighty—more powerful than all of the forces that act to barricade justice, to block righteousness. Guide us like you guided Zechariah in your ways of peace, in your strength of courage, in your acts of love. Amen.

-Hannah Garrity

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The Week Ahead

Monday, December 9

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions*
Niles Chapel
- 1:30 PM *Advent Communion at Stonebridge*
Stonebridge at Montgomery
- 7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Zoom

Wednesday, December 11

- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 4:15 PM *Homework Hangout*
Room 302
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room
- 7:00 PM *Adult Choir Fellowship*
Music Room Foyer
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, December 12

- 10:00 AM *Al-Anon*
Conference Room
- 7:00 PM *Worship & Arts Committee*
Zoom

Friday, December 13

- 8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom
- 10:00 AM *Grief Encounters Support Group*
Conference Room

Saturday, December 14

- 9:00 AM *Christmas Pageant Rehearsal*
Sanctuary

Sunday, December 15 - Advent 3

- 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*
Room 202
- 4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Christmas Tea*
Assembly Room
- 5:30 PM *Cantorei Rehearsal*
Music Room
- 6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Hot Chocolate Run*
Meet at Nassau

TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship
9:15 AM *Sanctuary & Livestream*

Fellowship
10:15 AM *Assembly Room*

Wee Christmas
10:15 AM *Sanctuary*

Worship
11:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Pageant Cast Rehearsal
12:15 PM *Sanctuary*

Service of Remembrance
2:00 PM *Niles Chapel*

Cantorei
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Room 302*

Breaking Bread Holly Dolly
Christmas Party
6:30 PM *Home of Thais Carter*

Chorale
6:40 PM *Music Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

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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