



January 5, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

Epiphany Sunday Communion If you are worshiping with us in the Sanctuary, at 9:15, 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

Noël Suisse

Louis-Claude D'Aquin

• Call to Worship

Isaiah 60:1 Ephesians 3:7-8

Arise, shine; for your light has come! The glory of God has risen upon us.

Tell the good news throughout the earth: **the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.** 

Come and let us worship God.

• Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. • Opening Hymn

## Prayer of Confession

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is like rain like showers that water the earth. Friends in Christ, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

## 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.

# Time with Children

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

Holy One, giver of all light, lift up our hearts and minds to Christ, the morning star that never fades. By the light of your Holy Spirit reveal to us your saving Word and lead us to offer our lives to you in service and in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson	Hail to the Lord's Anointed	Blue Psalter 72A
		pg 440

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 2:1-23 pg 2

Sermon

Jess Winderweedle



• Sermon Hymn	In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy verses 1 & 3: Choir verses 2, 4, & 5: All	Red Hymnal 153		
Offertory	Coventry Carol	Anon. 16th Century Carol		
The Sacrament of Holy Communion				
The Invitation				
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving				
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.				
And also with you.				
Lift up your hearts.				
We lift them up to the Lord.				
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.				
It is right to give God thanks and praise.				
Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.				

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread Prelude on the Introit for Epiphany Maurice Duruflé Sharing of the Cup What Is This Lovely Fragrance? Kristina Langlois

**Concluding Prayer** 

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, fed and nourished us. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.



<ul> <li>Closing Hymn</li> </ul>	Christ, Be Our Light verses 1, 2, and 5	Red Hymnal 314
<ul> <li>Benediction</li> </ul>		
Postlude	Personent Hodie	Rebecca Groom te Velde
Preacher	Musicians	Livestream
Jess Winderweedle	Michael Cooney, prelude organist	Jeff Santoro
Liturgists 9:15 Lauren J. McFeaters	Adult Choir Noel Werner, director and organist	Peter Spelda Cover Art
11:00 Len Scales	Sound Engineer	"Magnify" - an acrylic painting
Time with Children	Nick Mastalesz	by Hannah Garrity
Heather Riehl		

#### About Today's Preacher

The Reverend Jess Winderweedle is an ordained elder in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is currently pursuing a PhD in Practical Theology (Homiletics) at Princeton Theological Seminary. Jess's research interests center on the experiences of LGBTQ+ preachers in Mainline traditions. Before returning to school, Jess served as lead pastor at Kingston UMC, where she also founded The Feed Truck, a mobile campus and community outreach ministry.

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## Monday, January 6

7:00 PM Children's & Family Ministry Committee Zoom

## Tuesday, January 7

9:30 AM Staff Devotions Niles Chapel

1:30 РМ Grace Note Singers Stonebridge at Montgomery

## Wednesday, January 8

- 4:00 PM Homework Hangout Room 302
- 4:15 PM Carol Choir Music Room
- 5:15 рм *Choir 3-4-5* Music Room
- 5:30 PM Festival Ringers Room 202
- 7:30 рм Adult Choir Music Room

## Thursday, January 9

10:00 ам *Al-Anon* Conference Room

7:00 PM Worship & Arts Committee Zoom 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Committee Zoom

#### Friday, January 10

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Zoom

#### Saturday, January 11

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### Sunday, January 12

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

9:15 AM Worship Sanctuary & Livestream

10:05 ам Joyful Noise Niles Chapel

10:15 AM *Fellowship* Assembly Room

10:30 AM Carol Choir Niles Chapel

11:00 ам Worship Sanctuary

#### TODAY AT NASSAU

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

Worship - Communion 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 - Communion 11:00 AM Sanctuary

# Tending the Flock

Death - Sally Pitcher Sword, mother of Molly McDonough, Sarah Lazarus, and Dick Sword, mother-in-law of Martha Sword, on January 1, 2025, in Princeton, New Jersey. Memorial service details are forthcoming.

# 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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