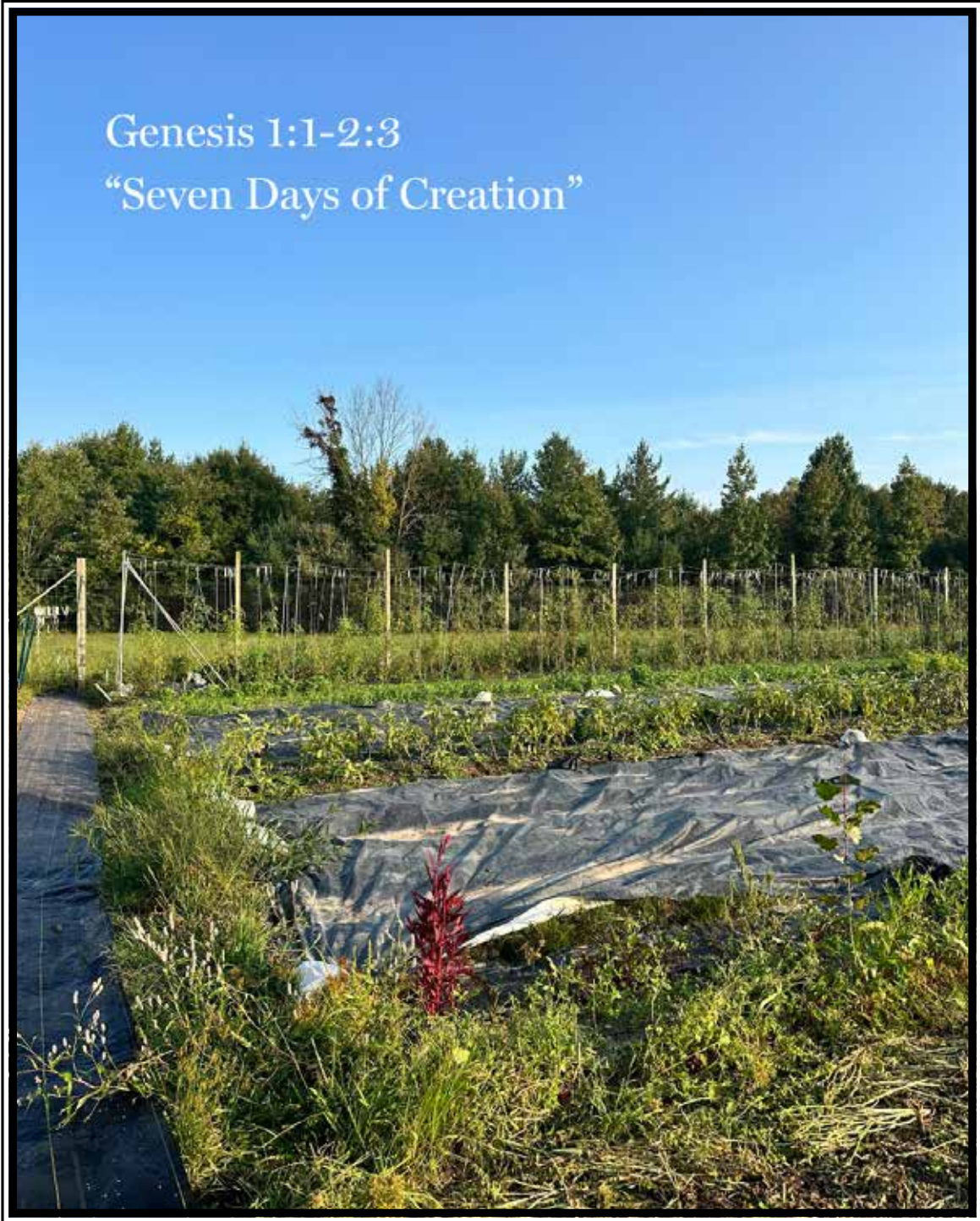




NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Genesis 1:1-2:3
“Seven Days of Creation”



March 9, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT WITH COMMUNION

If you are worshipping with us in the Sanctuary at 9:15 AM, please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera at any time during worship.



Gathering

Gathering Song

Now Is the Time to Worship

Thula Sizwe

♦ Call to Worship

based on Isaiah 43:19-21

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

**We rejoice in our God, who made a way
through the desert of this world.**

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy
to flow in the wasteland.

**We are the people God has formed through Christ;
we worship God, and we rejoice!**

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

We praise God for the grace that has saved us.

Alleluia! We rejoice!

♦ Opening Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Red Hymnal 32

Responsive Call to Confession

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you despise nothing you have made,
and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.
Create in us new and contrite hearts,
that, truly repenting of our sins
and acknowledging our brokenness,
we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy,**

**full pardon and forgiveness,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Silence

Response You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! Appalachian melody

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!

Anthem In This World Thula Sizwe



Proclaiming the Word

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.

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.

Prayer for Illumination

**God of call, God of transformation,
God of the Lenten journey,
help us to discern your still, small voice.
Open us to change and growth, that we may walk with Christ.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:1-2:3

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Sermon

Very Good

David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn

Taste and See

Red Hymnal 520

Offertory

Siyabonga Ivangeli
We Thank the Gospel

Thula Sizwe

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 with all creation we sing your praise:

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.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread

Eat This Bread

Red Hymnal 527

Sharing of the Cup

What Wondrous Love Is This

Red Hymnal 215

Concluding Prayer



Sending

◆ Benediction

◆ Sending Song

Thuna Mina
Send Me

Thula Sizwe

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Time with Children

Heather Riehl

Musicians

Elem Eley, soloist

Noel Werner, organist

Thula Sizwe, guest choir

Jabulani Dlamini, leader

Nicholas Lenkwati

Jonathan Mabuya

Esau Mahlaola

Jackson Mawela

Zakhele Mchunu

Kwenzu Ngubane

Paul Ramafala

Ntokozo Zikalala

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

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Flowers

Today's flowers are given in glory to God and in gratitude to Debbi Roldan, for her many years of leadership of our prayer chain.

About Thula Sizwe (Today's Guest Choir)

Thula Sizwe was born from a love of music, a pride in culture, and a need for expression. Formed in 1984, the founding members were all in high school and conditions were very difficult for Black South Africans. Amid the oppressive policies of Apartheid against any gathering, the students appealed to their school principal, and together they convinced the police and military to allow them to sing for no more than 30 minutes after school each day. The group became well-known in their township, and in 1988, Jabulani Abel Dlamini heard the young men singing. Abel — who is a descendant of generations of Zulu musicians — saw the tremendous potential in the young men and offered to teach the group what he had learned from his ancestors, effectively becoming the group's leader. When Apartheid ended in 1994, Thula Sizwe was called upon by the government to be cultural ambassadors for the “new” South Africa — the “Rainbow Nation,” as Desmond Tutu called it. The group has traveled to many countries around the world sharing Zulu culture and promoting goodwill and peace. While performers have come and gone over the years, several of the founding members continue to sing with the group today, and Abel still serves as the group's leader.

Nassau's co-sponsorship of Thula Sizwe's New Jersey residency is made possible by The Rodgers Family Trust and The Clarence Ammons Music Fund.

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The Week Ahead

Monday, March 10

- 4:00 PM *Small Group - 3rd - 8th Grade*
Room 301
- 7:00 PM *Faith-filled Mixed Media Art*
Art of Faithfulness Small Group
Music Room

Tuesday, March 11

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Wednesday, March 12

- 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*
Room 202
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, March 13

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

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- 2:00 PM *Card Makers*

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday in Lent Youth Sunday

- 9:30 AM *Adult Education*
Assembly Room
- 10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room
- 11:00 AM *Worship - Youth Sunday*
Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202
- 4:00 PM *Celtic Psalms Concert*
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Offsite Event*
TBD
- 6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Worship*
Niles Chapel
- 7:30 PM *Breaking Bread Dinner*
Assembly Room

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*

Thula Sizwe
South African Choir Concert
2:30 PM *Sanctuary*

Cantorei & Chorale
5:00 PM *Music Room*

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM *Room 304*

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM *Assembly Room*

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM *Room 304*

Tending the Flock

Death - Aureo Vernave Francisco Garcia, father of Alicia Mercedes de Garnica, father-in-law of Elba Garnica, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on March 2, 2025.

Death - Rosanne Jacks, mother of Dan, Steve, and Lisa, in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, on March 2, 2025.

Note:

Next Sunday, March 16 is Youth Sunday with one service of worship at 11:00 AM, Adult Education at 9:30 AM. Bus service remains on the same schedule. No Church School - all are invited to attend at 11:00 am.

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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