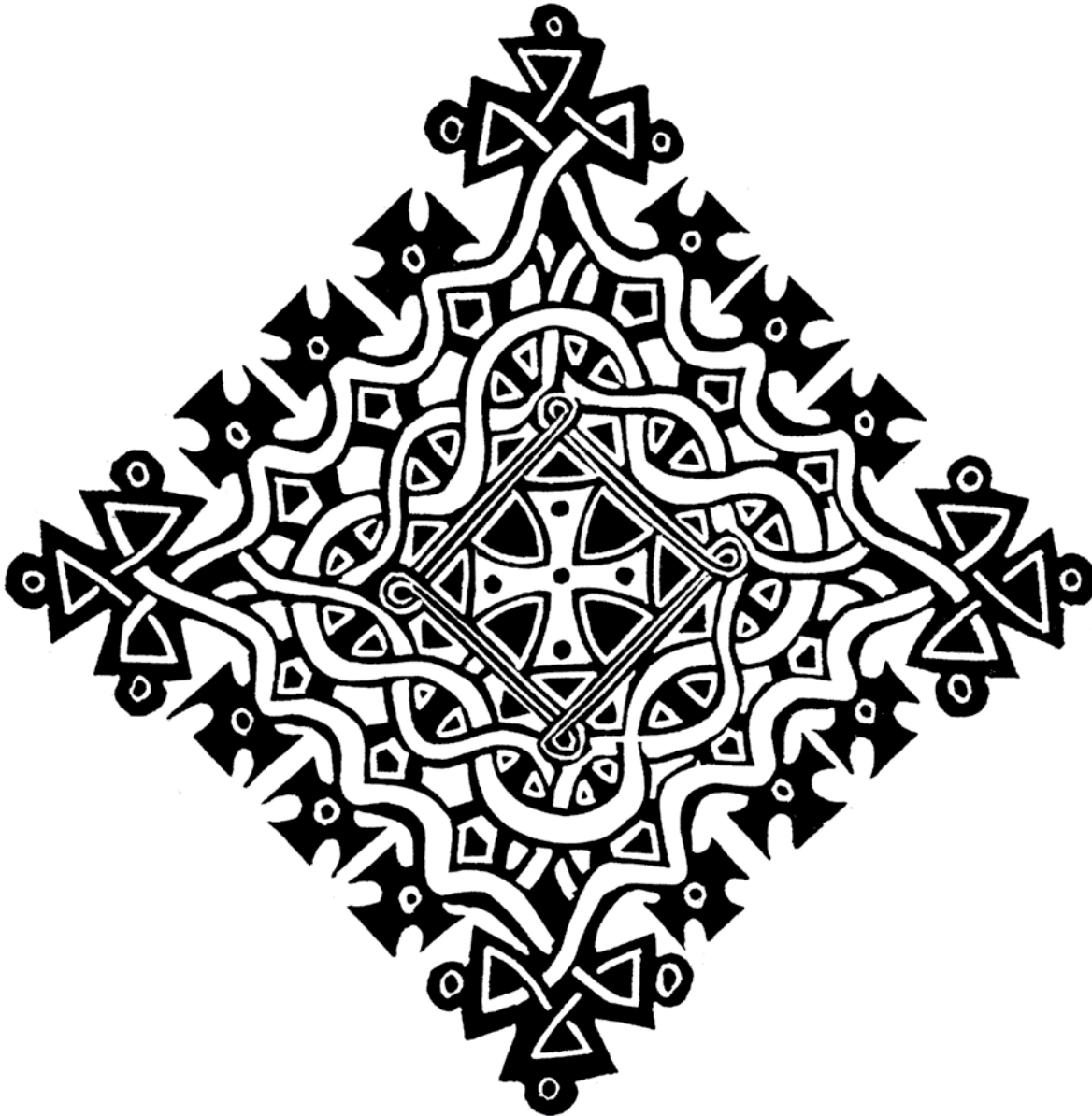




# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



August 24, 2025

10:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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



## Gathering

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Prelude

Concerto for Flute and Orchestra

Carl Nielsen

♦ Introit

Jesus, We Are Here

Patrick Matsikenyiri

♦ Call to Worship

Psalm 27

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless God's name,**

**and tell of God's salvation from day to day.**

O sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the Lord all the earth!

**Declare God's glory among the nations,**

**and God's marvelous works among all the peoples.**

Come, let us worship the living and loving God!

♦ Opening Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

Red Hymnal 630

Prayer of Confession

**God of grace and truth,**

**in Jesus Christ you came among us**

**as light shining in the darkness,**

**and by your grace you call us to be your people.**

**We confess we live selfishly**

**and apart from you.**

**We turn from neighbors,**

**and refuse to bear the burdens of others.**

**We ignore the pain of the world,**

**act without empathy,**

**and pass by those in need.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us,  
and free us from self-centeredness,  
that we may walk in your ways  
and live obediently as the servants of the Servant One,  
Jesus Christ, our light and healer. 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!**

♦ Response of Praise    In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Taizé

### Words of Welcome

We invite you to fill out the fellowship pads you will find in the pews or scan the QR code to the right. If you are watching the livestream we invite you to fill out the virtual fellowship pad: [nassauchurch.org/check-in](https://nassauchurch.org/check-in).



## **Proclaiming the Word**

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### Time with Children

Children Pre-K through Grade 2 will meet for a Bible story and craft time in Room 07 (lower level). Grown-ups please pick up your children downstairs at the end of the service.

### Prayer for Illumination

**O Lord, our God,  
beneath the brilliant wings of the Holy Spirit,  
reveal yourself to us.  
Dazzle us with your brightness,  
overshadow us with your glory,  
speak to us with your wonder and joy.  
We are listening. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson    God of Mercy, God of Grace    Blue Psalter 67A  
Psalm 67    pg 412

Second Scripture Lesson    Luke 7:11-17    pg 65

Sermon    Dancing Back to Life    Lauren J. McFeaters



## Thanksgiving

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♦ Sermon Hymn    I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say    Red Hymnal 182

♦ Affirmation of Faith    from the Letter to the Colossians 1:15-20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,  
things visible and invisible.  
All things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
He is head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven. Thanks be to God.**

Offertory    Oh, Praise Our God    Henrich Schütz  
Psalm 117

♦ Doxology    Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



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- ♦ Closing Hymn      We Know That Christ Is Raised      Red Hymnal 485
  
  - ♦ Benediction
  
  - ♦ Response      Lead Me, Guide Me      Doris Aikers
  
  - Postlude      Rigaudon from Le Tombeau de Couperin      Maurice Ravel
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Preacher

Lauren J. McFeaters

Liturgist

Len Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

John Lane, flutist

*Summer Choir*

Don Dolan, director & pianist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Sam Yang

Tom Coogan

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Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are given  
in loving memory of David  
John Suomi by his mother  
Barbara K. Suomi and  
brother and sister Peter and  
Amanda.

# The Week Ahead

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## Monday, August 25

7:00 PM *Children's & Family Ministries Committee*  
Zoom

## Tuesday, August 26

7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*  
Assembly Room

## Wednesday, August 27

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Thursday, August 28

10:00 AM *ALAnon*  
Conference Room

7:00 PM *Church School Teacher Orientation*  
Assembly Room

## Friday, August 29

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*  
Zoom

## Saturday, August 30

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

## Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM *Summer Choir*  
Music Room

10:00 AM *Worship*  
Sanctuary

11:00 AM *Fellowship*  
Front Plaza

6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Open House*  
Assembly Room

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## TODAY AT NASSAU

Summer Choir  
9:00 AM *Music Room*

Worship  
10:00 AM *Sanctuary*

Fellowship  
11:00 AM *Front Plaza*

## CHANCEL ART AND TEXT

The curved apse behind the pulpit, created in the 1890s, has been given new life with paint colors derived from the stained-glass windows and decorative brackets that draw the eye inward to the texts. Gold leaf, representative of light in Christian art, is used exclusively for the biblical texts: “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” (John 1:5)

The scriptural texts are reflections on what God requires of us when called to worship and sent forth into the world: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. We’re reminded that YHWH,\* revealed to Moses in the burning bush, is the very one who made us and to whom we humbly offer our entire selves. Jesus is the hidden “I” that we see in all who need justice: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. Finally, we are empowered by God’s abiding Spirit to show loving kindness to one another as we build a community of compassion, honesty, respect, and joyful hope.

*\*Pronounced “Yahweh,” God’s name means “the One who brings into existence whatever exists.” Out of reverence for its holiness, YHWH is normally not spoken aloud, though it is visually “unveiled” here. The usual substitution in English translations is “the Lord.”*

## 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).

Children age 2 to grade 2 may leave at the Time with Children for a Bible story and activity time. Parents may pick up children in Room 07 (lower level) at the end of the service.

*Livestream Worship.* Livestream worship can be found at [NassauChurch.org/livestream-worship](https://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](https://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 using the QR code to the right or 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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## Tending the Flock

**Death** — Fred Malone, brother-in-law of Miriam Eley (Elem Eley) died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on August 18, 2025.

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