



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



September 7, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
TEACHER COMMISSIONING



Prelude

In Quiet Mood

Florence Price

- ♦ Introit What Does the Lord Require Christianne Bessières Lane

- ♦ Call to Worship Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

God has remembered God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn.

Come, let us worship the God of steadfast love and faithfulness!

- ♦ Opening Hymn Blessed Assurance Red Hymnal 839

Prayer of Confession

Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in the Lord's Word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than those
who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

**We wait for the Lord, our souls waits,
and in the Lord's Word we hope;**

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning. 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

Love the Lord Your God

Jean & Jim Stradthee

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.



Teacher Commissioning

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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

**Our Lord and our God,
now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.
Softener our hearts that we may delight in your presence.
Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth.
Shape our wills that we may desire your ways.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 14:25-35

pg 78

Sermon

Ears to Hear

David A. Davis

Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn

Jesus Calls Us

Red Hymnal 720

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to the table.
Gluten-free bread is served, and we use grape juice only.*

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

Out of the Depths, Op. 135a, No. 4

Max Reger

Sharing of the Cup

Out of the Depths, Op. 67a, No. 3

Max Reger

Concluding Prayer

♦ Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Red Hymnal 826

♦ Benediction

Postlude

Jig Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

Lauren J. McFeaters

Teacher Commissioning

Ingrid Ladendorf

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Doug Ladendorf

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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.”*

The Week Ahead

Monday, September 8

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, September 9

9:30 AM *Staff Devotions & Meeting*
Niles Chapel

Wednesday, September 10

5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Room 202

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, September 11

10:00 AM *AlAnon*
Conference Room

7:00 PM *Youth Ministry Committee*
Zoom

7:30 PM *Worship & Arts Committee*
Zoom

Friday, September 12

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, September 13

2:00 PM *Card Makers*
Assembly Room

Sunday, September 14

9:15 AM *In-Depth Bible Study*
Room 202

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

12:00 PM *Nassau Book Group*
Room 202

12:15 PM *New Deacon Training: Class of 2028*
Niles Chapel

2:00 PM *Interfaith Stitchers for Peace*
Assembly Room

5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room

5:00 PM *Middle School Fellowship*
Room 304

6:00 PM *Youth Fellowship Dinner*
Assembly Room

6:30 PM *Breaking Bread Worship*
Niles Chapel

6:40 PM *Senior High Fellowship*
Room 304

7:30 PM *Breaking Bread Dinner*
Assembly Room

TODAY AT NASSAU

In-Depth Bible Study
9:15 AM Room 202

Worship - Communion &
Teacher Commissioning
9:15 AM Sanctuary & Livestream

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

Fellowship
10:15 AM Assembly Room

Worship - Communion &
Teacher Commissioning
11:00 AM Sanctuary

Breaking Bread Worship
6:30 PM Niles Chapel

Breaking Bread Dinner
7:30 PM Assembly Room

Tending the Flock

Death —Ruth Ann Jesse, mother of Barry Jesse, mother-in-law of Linda Jesse, and grandmother of Alexandria, died on August 28, 2025 in Lacon, Illinois.

Death —Frances Purnell Cameron, sister of Caroline Purnell, died on September 1, 2025 in Savannah, Georgia.

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 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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