

Small Groups at Nassau Church

Fall 2025



You are invited... to join a Small Group this fall!

First time participants are enthusiastically welcomed alongside perennial participants.

As Dawne Hess Barnes says, “The small groups help make fellow worshipers into friends!”

Whether you engage with the Linked-In Learning Series, Art of Faithfulness, or Adventures in Barth, small groups provide space to connect to one another and God.

Find all the options inside, check your calendar, and join as you are able!

What Kind of Christian?

Evangelical faith has been a driving force in American life. This fall, our small groups will engage the same themes explored in worship and adult education: revival and reform, nationalism and power, faith and faithful conversation. Together, we'll ask what kind of Christianity we practice today — and how Christ calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Linked-In Learning Groups meet weekly for five weeks.

MONDAYS, OCT. 20 - NOV. 17, 1:30-3:00 PM

Carol Wehrheim, leader
Wehrheim Home, Skillman

Carol Wehrheim is Clerk of Session. She finds small groups a necessary part of her life with Nassau Church and enjoys playing cornhole.

MONDAYS, OCT. 20 - NOV. 17, 4:00-5:00 PM

Children & Youth grades 3-8
Anne Thomsen Lord, leader
Room 304, Nassau Presbyterian Church

Anne Thomsen Lord has four children at home and works at the Princeton YMCA. She holds a Christian education degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and occasionally preaches at Old Tennent Presbyterian Church.

TUESDAYS, OCT. 21 - NOV. 18, 7:00-8:30 PM

Lauren Davis, leader
Davis Home, Princeton

Lauren Davis taught systemic thinking in public policy at Princeton University. Raised Presbyterian in Georgia and educated at a conservative Southern Baptist college, she is passionate about bridging divides and helping people see the connections between faith, compassion, and policy.

WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 22 - NOV. 19, 11 AM-12:30 PM

Dave Davis, leader
on Zoom

Dave Davis has been pastor and head-of-staff at Nassau since the fall of 2000. His PhD in Homiletics from Princeton Theological Seminary focused on preaching as a corporate act and the active role of the listener in the preaching event.

WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 22 - NOV. 19, 1:30-3:00 PM

Pam Wakefield, leader
Wakefield Home, Stonebridge

Pam Wakefield has served on session, as a deacon and as a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee.. She looks forward to welcoming a small group in her new home at Stonebridge in Skillman.

WEDNESDAYS, OCT. 22 - NOV. 19, 7:00-8:00 PM

Len Scales, leader
On Zoom

Len Scales serves as the Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, Mission, and Outreach. She also serves part-time as the Executive Co-Director of the Westminster Foundation and Presbyterian Chaplain at Princeton University

For remote participants:

An Audio recording of the Sunday morning Adult Education class will be available on the website by Monday afternoon. The 9:15 AM service of worship is livestreamed; recordings are available to watch or re-watch on the website. The audio will also be available on several podcast platforms: Amazon Music, Apple Podcast, and Spotify.

Art of Faithfulness Groups

Led by visiting artists and artist/members of our own church community, these groups meet for several consecutive weeks, focusing on a particular art form's relationship to faith while igniting the creative spirit that resides in each of us.

SUNDAYS, OCT. 19 - NOV. 16, 7:00-8:00 PM

Films about Immigration

*Marshall McKnight &
Roz Anderson Flood, leaders
On Zoom*

We will look at stories of conflict, sanctuary, and salvation in film that highlight a powerful spiritual impact which resonates with our Bible stories.

Marshall McKnight, a lifelong movie buff, has been a Nassau Church member since 2011. He is an Elder and is active on the Mass Incarceration Task Force. He also serves on the Adult Education, Human Resources and Membership Committees. He was a journalist for seven years and for the last 19 has worked for the State of New Jersey.

Roz Anderson Flood has been reading, writing, editing, and teaching poetry for over 50 years and serves on the board of Copper Canyon Press. At Nassau she participates in the Art of Faithfulness and sings in the Adult Choir. She is Assistant VP for Planned Giving at Jefferson Health.

MONDAYS, OCT. 20 - NOV. 17, 7:30-9:00 PM

Moving with the Mystics

*Annalise Hume, Leader
Assembly Room or Zoom,
Nassau Presbyterian Church*

Learn about Christian mystics and play with their wisdom through movement and contemplative exercises. (Ages 14+)

Annalise Hume is a dancer who spends her time teaching, facilitating movement workshops, and offering Spiritual Direction to others with the hope of helping individuals and groups take steps towards wholeness and flourishing. Her work brings together faith and movement as she invites participants to live out their own faith and purpose.

MONDAYS, OCT. 27 - DEC. 1, 1:00-2:30 PM

Creating Your Spiritual Journey through Mixed Media

*Robin Seiz & Kim Kleason, leaders
Music Room, Nassau Presbyterian Church
no class on Monday, November 24*

Participants will create a frameable mixed media piece of art which depicts their own spiritual journey. All levels are invited and welcome. No prior art or mixed media experience is necessary.

Robin Seiz is a Surface Designer, Printmaker, and Collage artist. Nature brings me back to myself. Most of my art is inspired by my time spent outdoors.

Kim Kleasen is found singing in the choir loft with her beloved Adult Choir, and playing her flute. Leadership with the Art of Faithfulness is amazing as Kim seeks to use the creative arts and our own God-given creativity to deepen our faith and our hope in God.

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Additional Small Groups

TUESDAYS, OCT. 21 - NOV. 18, 7:30-9:00 PM

Adventures in Barth, Season 10

Mark Edwards, leader
On Zoom

Get “Barth Smart” as we are challenged by a goldmine of Christian theology, the Church Dogmatics. Reading typically amounts to ~40 pages/week. This is a long running group that welcomes all newcomers.

Mark Edwards joined Nassau as Director of Youth Ministries in 2013. He is a lifelong Presbyterian and holds a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has taught at The College of New Jersey, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Princeton University, and is the author of *Christ Is Time: The Gospel according to Karl Barth (and the Red Hot Chili Peppers)*.

MONDAYS, OCT. 20 - NOV. 17, 12:00-1:00 PM

Come As You Are: Prayers from the Heart

Pat Costigan & Marie Behnke, leaders
on Zoom

We live in difficult times. The chancel text is no accident. The intention of this small group is to use these scriptures as a lens for prayer. We will start our prayers by reflecting on a word or phrase or sentence from the chancel text - praying for one another, for our church, for our communities, for our state, for our country, and for our world. Come for one session or for all sessions. Come to pray aloud or to pray silently. We will end each session with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Costigan has worked for 35 years in both the UK and US providing remedial instruction, supporting teachers and parents, and providing diagnostic assessments. Pat is an Elder, sits on the Adult Education Committee, and serves as an Usher.

Marie Behnke has been a member of Nassau Church for many years, presently serving as a deacon, part of an usher team, and monitoring the church prayer chain. Retired from over 20 years teaching, she now spend my time doing part-time professional development and volunteering for the New Jersey Science Teachers Association.

Sign Up

In-person sign ups begin Sunday, October 5, in the Assembly Room between services. Online sign ups begin Thursday, October 9. Space is limited for many groups, so register early!

Art of Faithfulness Weekend Event

SUNDAY, NOV. 9, 12:00 - 1:30 PM

The Art of Rounded Prayer

Christianne Bessièrès Lane, leader
Assembly Room, Nassau Presbyterian Church

Christianne has developed a musical and spiritual practice of creating rounds or canonic settings of biblical and other religious texts. Join us as together we experience and bring to life some of her “rounded prayers.” Lunch included. *Use the QR code below to sign up for this group.*

Christianne Bessièrès Lane is a mom, wife, and musician. She with her flutist husband, John, has been a member of Nassau Presbyterian Church since 2003, and sang in the Adult Choir for several years before the gifts of her two children. Now that her children are in school, she gratefully uses her gifts to create more music to serve God and beautify the world.



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