



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sing of a Savior

December 14, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ADVENT 3

If you are worshiping 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

Prelude

Pat-a-pan

arr. Gary Meredith

♦ Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 126:1-3

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then it was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Come, let us worship the God of joy.

♦ Opening Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Red Hymnal 93

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, as we watch and wait for signs of your expansive love,
forgive our narrow thinking.

As we repent in the wilderness with John,
**we confess we often lack the imagination
to testify to the coming light.**

As we visit the home of Elizabeth,
**we lament our loss of wonder
and our failure to recognize miracles among us.**

Even as we hear the witness of the angels and the shepherds,
**we confess we do not make haste to go and see the Christ.
Forgive our apathy and small-mindedness.**

**When the wait is over and all is finished,
open our minds to recognize the strength
and wisdom of Christ, God with us.**

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear this good news: in Christ, there is strength and wisdom,
expansive love and everlasting grace.

**We are forgiven and transformed
to proclaim the wonder of the One who is coming.
Come, Lord Jesus. Come.**

Time with Children

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Response

He Came Down

Cameroon song

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, 3rd floor.

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.



Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God, our hope and strength,
by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts
for the coming of your Word,
so that we may see the glorious signs
of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 35:1-10	pg 663
Scripture Lesson	Colossians 1:15-20	pg 200
Sermon	Holding It Together	David A. Davis



Thanksgiving

♦ Sermon Hymn	Of the Father's Love Begotten Verses 1, 2, 3, & 5	Red Hymnal 108
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♦ Affirmation of Faith	John 1:1-5
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**In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
What has come into being in him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overtake it.**

Offertory	Let All Mortal Flesh	John Ferguson Liturgy of St. James trans. Gerard Moultrie
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♦ Doxology	Angels from the Realms of Glory	Red Hymnal 143 Verse 4
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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



♦ Closing Hymn Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Red Hymnal 119

◆ Benediction

♦ Response Now May Your Servant, Lord Louis Bourgeois
Luke 2:29-32
vers. Dewey Westra

Postlude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence T. Tertius Noble

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist

9:15 - Pedro Govantes

11:00 - Len Scales

Time with Children

Carol Wehrheim

Musicians

Festival Ringers

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Don Dolan, organist

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

Tom Coogan

Doug Ladendorf

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The Week Ahead

Monday, December 15

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

4:00 PM *Caroling*
Brandywine Senior Living, Princeton

7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, December 18

9:00 AM *Deacon Bakers*
Assembly Room & Kitchen

10:00 AM *AlAnon*
Conference Room

1:00 PM *Christmas Care Package Prep*
Assembly Room

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, December 20

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM *Christmas Care Package Delivery*
Office Hallway

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

10:15 AM *Fellowship*
Assembly Room

11:00 AM *Worship*
Sanctuary

TODAY AT NASSAU

In-Depth Bible Study
9:15 AM Room 202

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

Worship
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
11:00 AM Sanctuary

Nassau Book Group
12:00 PM Room 202

Christmas Pageant
4:00 PM Sanctuary

Cantorei
5:00 PM Music Room

Christmas Tea
5:00 PM Assembly Room

Tending the Flock

Death — Hilda Jennings died on December 6, 2025.

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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