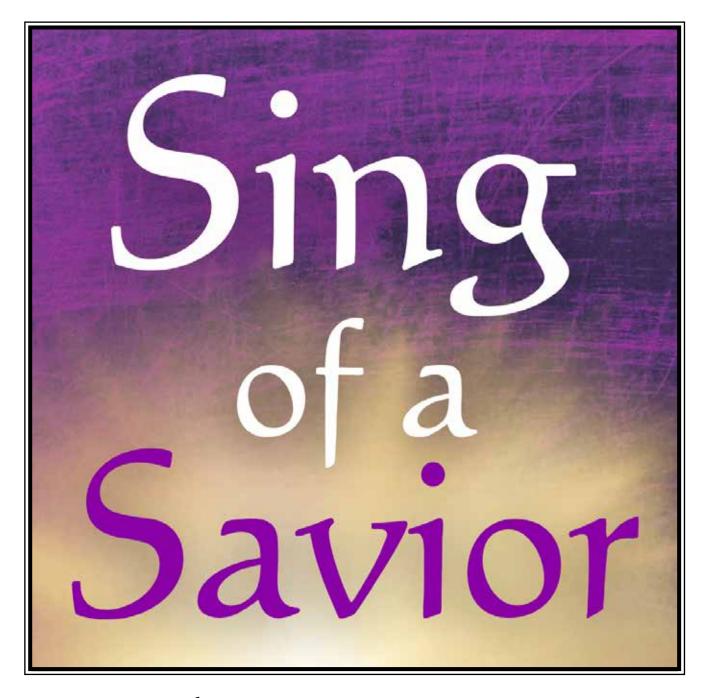


# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 21, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP
ADVENT 4

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 Concerto Grosso

Arcangelo Corelli

No. 6 in F Major

Allegro-Pastoral

Introit Magnificat Francesco Durante

(Movement 1) Luke 1:46-49

Call to Worship

Psalm 122:1, 6-8 (adapt.)

I was glad when they said,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers."

For the sake of my relatives and friends,

I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good.

Come, let us worship the God of peace.

Opening Hymn

People, Look East

Red Hymnal 105

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 wight the home of Elizabeth

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.

Anthem Magnificat Durante

(Movements 2 & 3)

Scripture Lesson Luke 1:46-55 pg 200

World Without End Sermon David A. Davis



## **Thanksgiving**

God Reigns! Earth Rejoices! • Sermon Hymn Blue Psalter 97A pg 607

### Affirmation of Faith

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us. a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders, and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Offertory Magnificat Durante

(Movements 4, 5 & 6)

Doxology Angels from the Realms of Glory Red Hymnal 143

Verse 4

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Closing Hymn Joy to the World

Red Hymnal 134

Benediction

•Response

Now May Your Servant, Lord

Louis Bourgeois Luke 2:29-32 vers. Dewey Westra

Postlude

Concerto Grosso No. 6 in F Major *Allegro* 

Arcangelo Corelli

Preacher

David A. Davis

Liturgist
Len Scales

Time with Children

David A. Davis

Musicians

Adult Choir

Noel Werner, director

Kesley Hendler, Marissa Chalker,

Joseph Kelley-Obando,

Elem Eley, soloists

Don Dolan, organist Chris Jones, violin Nancy Wilson, violin Mary Anne Walker, viola

Margaret Mankey, cello

Sound Engineer

Nick Mastalesz

Livestream

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## **The Week Ahead**

#### Monday, December 22

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

#### **Tuesday, December 23**

9:30 AM Staff Devotions & Meeting Niles Chapel

6:00 PM Cantorei/Alumni Fellowship

7:00 PM Alumni Choir/Cantorei Rehearsal

#### Wednesday, December 24

3:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship

Sanctuary

4:30 PM Carol Sing

Sanctuary

5:00 PM Christmas Worship

Sanctuary

9:00 PM Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols

Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, December 25**

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

#### Friday, December 26

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

#### Saturday, December 27

OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

### Sunday, December 28 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

10:00 AM Worship

Sanctuary & Livestream

10:15 AM Bible Story & Craft Time

Room o7

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#### **TODAY AT NASSAU**

Christmas Care Package Delivery 9:00 AM Office Hallway

> 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

Fellowship
10:15 AM Assembly Room

Church Mouse Reveal 10:15 AM Conference Room

Worship
11:00 AM Sanctuary

#### 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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