



NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sing of a Savior

December 7, 2025

9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

ADVENT 2

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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

♦ Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 146:1-2, 7, 9

Praise the Lord,

We will praise the Lord as long as we live;

we will sing praises to our God,

who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captives free.

The Lord cares for the strangers;

the Lord sustains the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked God will bring to ruin.

Come, let us worship the God of love.

♦ Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Red Hymnal 88

Verses 1, 2, 6, 7

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. Amen.**

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.**

Anthem (9:15) Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Mark Miller

Time with Children

Lighting of the Advent Candls

♦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 Matthew 11:2-11 pg 11

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9 pg 64o

Sermon To God's Ears David A. Davis



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Thanksgiving

- ♦ Sermon Hymn Sing to the Lord a New Song Blue Psalter 96F
pg 603

- ## ◆ Affirmation of Faith Ephesians 2:13-21

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one
and has broken down the dividing wall,
that is, the hostility between us,
abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new humanity
in place of the two, thus making peace,
and might reconcile both to God
in one body through the cross,
thus putting to death that hostility through it.
So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near,
for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.
So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God,
built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone;
in him the whole structure is joined together
and grows into a holy temple in the Lord,
in whom you also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling place for God.**

Offertory Dona Nobis Pacem Z. Randall Stroope
from Isaiah 11

- ♦Doxology Angels from the Realms of Glory Red Hymnal 143
Verse 4

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Closing Hymn It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Red Hymnal 123
Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

♦ Benediction

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

Postlude Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel" Andrew Carter

Preacher	Musicians	Sound Engineer
David A. Davis	Michael Cooney, prelude organist	Nick Mastalesz
Liturgist	<i>Cantorei (9:15)</i>	Livestream
Joyce MacKichan Walker	Ingrid Ladendorf, director	Jeff Santoro
Time with Children	<i>Adult Choir</i>	Doug Ladendorf
Elizabeth Steel	Kelsey Hendler, soloist	Cover Art
	Noel Werner, director	By Austin Boland-Ferguson
	Don Dolan, organist	

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The Week Ahead

Monday, December 8

NO SCHEDULED EVENTS

Tuesday, December 9

- 9:30 AM *Staff Devotions & Meeting*
Niles Chapel
- 1:30 PM *Advent Communion Worship*
Stonebridge at Montgomery
- 7:00 PM *Adult Education Committee*
Zoom

Wednesday, December 10

- 4:15 PM *Carol Choir*
Music Room
- 5:15 PM *Choir 3-4-5*
Music Room
- 5:30 PM *Festival Ringers*
Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM *Adult Choir Fellowship*
Music Room Foyer
- 7:30 PM *Adult Choir*
Music Room

Thursday, December 11

- 10:00 AM *AlAnon*
Conference Room
- 7:30 PM *Worship & Arts Committee*
Zoom

Friday, December 12

- 8:00 AM *Men's Breakfast*
Zoom

Saturday, December 13

- 9:00 AM *Pageant Rehearsal*

Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 4:00 PM *Christmas Pageant*
Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM *Cantorei*
Music Room
- 5:00 PM *Christmas Tea*

TODAY AT NASSAU

In-Depth Bible Study
9:15 AM Room 202

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

Senior High Church School
9:15 AM Niles Chapel

Worship
9:15 AM Sanctuary & Livestream

Fellowship
10:15 AM Assembly Room

Wee Christmas
10:15 AM Sanctuary

Worship
11:00 AM Sanctuary

Deacon Card Sale
12:00 PM Office Hallway

Pageant Cast Rehearsal
12:15 PM Sanctuary

Advent Service of Remembrance
2:00 PM Niles Chapel

Cantorei
5:00 PM Music Room

Middle School Fellowship
5:00 PM Room 304

Youth Fellowship Dinner
6:00 PM Assembly Room

Breaking Bread Holly Dolly Christmas
6:30 PM Carter Home

Chorale
6:40 PM Music Room

Senior High Fellowship
6:40 PM Room 304

Tending the Flock

Death — Eileen Moffett, died in Princeton, New Jersey, on November 25, 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 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 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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