



**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**Please silence your cell phone**

Prelude

Meditation on St. Elizabeth (From 'A New Creation for Organ')  
Jaebon Hwang  
Yoojung Chung Ji, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Call to Worship

Leader:

We gather as God's people:

People:

To seek direction in the living of our lives.

Leader:

We gather as God's people:

People:

To be still and hear what God would have us do.

Leader:

We gather as God's people:

People:

To be renewed, restored and recreated.

Leader:

We rejoice that we are God's people:

All:

To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

You Came To My Rescue

Brett Younker, Chris Tomlin, Christy Nockels,  
Daniel Carson, Jonny Pike, Jorge Mhondera, & Willie Weeks  
Michael Smith, Worship Leader  
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

Freedom is a song I sing  
I can't contain the joy You bring  
All because of Your great love  
Now I live  
I was dead but now I breathe  
Awaken to Your grace so free  
In the power of Your cross  
Now I live

Salvation my freedom  
You gave Your all for me  
Forever You made a way for me

And You came to my rescue  
You came to my rescue  
Calling on Your name  
calling on Your name  
Love came down (oh)  
You came to my rescue  
You came to my rescue  
Calling on Your name  
calling on Your name  
Love came down

You're the light in the darkest night  
You lead me through the storm and fire  
When all around my hope gives way  
You're my rock  
You taught me how to sing Your song  
You've overwhelmed me with Your love  
You set my feet to dancing now  
You're my God

Salvation my freedom  
You gave Your all for me  
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Love came down

Alive

Alexander Pappas and Aodhan King

Opening Prayer

I was lost with a broken heart  
You picked me up now I'm set apart  
From the ash I am born again  
Forever safe in the Saviour's hands

*You are more than my words could say  
I'll follow You Lord for all my days  
Fix my eyes follow in Your ways  
Forever free in unending grace*

*'Cause You are You are You are my freedom  
We lift You higher lift You higher  
Your love Your love Your love never ending  
Oh oh oh*

*You are alive in us  
Nothing can take Your place  
You are all we need  
Your love has set us free (oh)*

*In the midst of the darkest night  
Let Your love be the shining light  
Breaking chains that were holding me  
You sent Your Son down and set me free*

*Ev'rything of this world will fade  
I'm pressing on till I see Your face  
I will live that Your will be done  
I won't stop till Your kingdom come*

*'Cause You are You are You are my freedom  
We lift You higher lift You higher  
Your love Your love Your love never ending  
Oh oh oh*

*You are alive in us  
Nothing can take Your place  
You are all we need  
Your love has set us free (oh)*

**Prayer of Confession**

Chris Green

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**Response of Thanksgiving**  
(please stand if able)

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

**Passing of the Joy & Peace of Christ**

**Anthem**

**Love Grows Here**  
Don Besig  
LNPC Chancel Choir

Take a look around you,  
Tell me what you see;  
People here to worship the Lord,  
Just like you and me.

Some have come in gladness,  
Some have come with fear;  
But all have come because they know  
That love grows here!

Yes, love grows here,  
And all of us can share  
The wonder and joy that it can bring.  
For God is near, teaching us to care,  
And showing our hearts how to sing.

Some of us are lonely,  
Some have many friends;  
Some lives just beginning,  
Some are near the end.

Yet we come together  
Knowing He is near,  
Once again reminding us  
That love grows here!

Yes, love grows here,  
And all of us can share  
The wonder and joy that it can bring.  
For God is near, teaching us to care,  
And showing our hearts how to sing.  
Yes, love grows here!  
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**Recognition of Children**

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 1: 1, 2  
Sienna Hourigan  
Pew Bible p. 1

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Hymn of Preparation  
(please stand if able)

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Isaac Watts  
#52 (vv. 1, 3)

*I sing the mighty power of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.*  
  
*I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at God's command  
And all the stars obey.*

*There's not a plant or flower below  
But makes your glories known,  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from your throne;*  
  
*While all that borrows life from you  
Is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that we can be,  
You, God are present there.*

Second Scripture Readings

Genesis 1: 26 - 31  
Pew Bible pp. 1 - 2

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Sermon

*Better Than Good, Part 1*

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

I've heard a thousand stories  
of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
and that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

I've seen many searching  
for answers far and wide  
But I know we're all searching  
for answers only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
before we say a word

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
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It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
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*Good Good Father*  
Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

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And I'm loved by You  
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Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.*

Hymn of Response  
(please stand if able)

*Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.*

Charge and Benediction  
(please remain standing)

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**  
Charles Wesley  
#558 (vv. 1, 4)

*Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in thee:*

*Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Chorale Response

*Prayer for the Road*

*May we be blessed as we go on our way.  
May we be kept in safety and love.  
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul,  
May this be our blessing Amen.  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen.  
Amen, Amen.  
May this be our blessing, Amen.*

*(In consideration of our livestream, please be seated until after the Postlude is over before exiting the sanctuary. Thank you.)*

Postlude

**Praise Him! Praise Him!**  
Mark Hayes

*Today’s Chancel flowers are given by Veda Chappell  
in celebration of our congregation.*

Worship Production Leaders

<u>Sound</u>	<u>Audio/Visual</u>
Carlos Morales	Ben Roebuck
Fabian Alfaro	Bill Adams
	Grady Jenkins

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**SERMON NOTES**

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## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Steve Foster  
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer  
Mary Gay  
Ellen Hampsten  
C.M. Hourigan  
Linda Klein  
Nancy LeBlanc  
Kathleen Lechner  
Minton Paul  
Allen Renning  
Tasha Schwarz  
Gary Wright

### Peace & Comfort

Family of Marvel Anderson  
Family of Suzanne Chapman  
Jaime & Lani Colley and Family  
(Jaime's Father)  
Fred and Janice Ehlers &  
Family (Fred's Mother & Friend)  
Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)  
Eileen Green (Brother)  
Ellen Hampsten (Nephew)

Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family  
(Nora's Father)  
Sharon and Greg Johnson &  
Family (Sharon's Brother, Bob)  
Lange Family (Mindy)  
Moore Family & John Flannery  
(Mike Moore)  
Family of Louanna Robeson  
*Ben and Jennifer Roebuck\**  
(Kathleen)

## LNPC STAFF

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# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H

## Sunday, February 1, 2026 Announcements



### ***Children bathroom independent through 5th Grade\****

Worship is attended as a family until the Recognition of Children, when our young children are excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

*\*If you are in need of nursery space during the service, you are invited to use the Quiet Room, equipped with livestream, located across from the Sunday School Room.*



# Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Program Fair:** Today, immediately following worship in Gard A. Stop in for refreshments and discover meaningful ways to grow, serve, and connect through fellowship, learning, outreach, music, or mission.
- ◆ **LNPC YTH Ski and Snowboard Night:** Friday, February 13th. Meet at 10:30 am at LNPC and spend the day on the mountain. Tickets are \$84 per student and cover transportation and lift ticket. Bring extra money for food. Register now online!
- ◆ **Men’s Ministry Disc Golf:** The friendly competition continues...Saturday, February 28th. We’ll meet at LNPC at 9 am and carpool to LN Regional Park. Never played before? Disc golf is easy to learn and fun for all ages and abilities. Come check it out and enjoy some time with friends, new and old. Register on the patio or online.
- ◆ **Holy Yoga:** Thursdays at 4 (Chair Yoga) and 5 pm (Floor Yoga) in Gard C. Classes are led by Susie Hess and are a gently flow laced with Christian music and Scripture readings, giving participants a chance to honor God through yoga practice. All abilities welcome! \$5 donation/class goes to LNPC Missions.
- ◆ **Chancel Flowers:** Be a part of this beautiful tradition at LNPC of dedicating Chancel flowers - a visible expression of gratitude, remembrance, and praise to God. Choose an open date from the flower chart located in the Narthex or call the church office for assistance. \$85.00. You are invited to take your flowers with you after the service.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

<b>February 1</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
11:00 am	Program Fair Gard A
11:45 am	Session Work Room
3:00 pm	Middle School The Garage
4:00 pm	High School The Garage
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
<b>February 2</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s Gard B
1:30 pm	Staff Meeting Conference Room
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B
<b>February 3</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B
10:30 am	Pastor’s Bible Study Conference Room
7:00 pm	Sea Coast Rehearsal Gard C
<b>February 4</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B
6:00 pm	PNC Conference Room

<b>February 5</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C
6:30 pm	AA District 12 Gard A
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
<b>February 6</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
9:30 am	AA Women’s Gard C
4:00 pm	Women’s Retreat San Diego
<b>February 8</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
10:00 am	Communion Sunday Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Faithful Conversations Sanctuary
11:30 am	Congregational Life Conference Room
11:30 am	YTH—Dinners for Diff. Kitchen
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Amy Bolles (Lechner)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	<i>Rene* (Woody)</i>
John Carruth (Ehlers)	George Rihovsky
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Bob Strickler (Ditto)
<i>Phil Hermesmeyer* (Muck)</i>	Dave Tuma (Troester)
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)

(\*New addition - Names will appear for 3 months unless otherwise specified by those who submit the prayer request.)

To submit a prayer request or notify us that one can be removed:  
office@lnpc.org or 949.249.1218



## MISSIONS MINISTRY

*"Missions on the Move"*

### Ongoing Missions Projects

**Friendship Shelter** – Thank you to the faithful women and youth who gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month to prepare sandwich bags that are delivered to the shelter. A lot of love and preparation is put into this project. Volunteers always welcomed

**Family Assistance Ministries (FAM)** – Weekly food distribution every Thursday in the LNPC parking lot. Thanks to the incredible team that shows up each week to serve this project, we couldn't do it without you!

### **Missions Team also supports the following projects:**

- ◆ South County Outreach
- ◆ Laguna Niguel Military Support Committee
- ◆ Presbyterian Disaster Fund
- ◆ LNPC VBC
- ◆ Plant With Purpose
- ◆ HomeAid

If you are interested in volunteering on any of these projects, please contact Debbie Heath or Cassandra Ondryas.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Join the Buildings & Grounds Team and use your gifts to help care for our church campus, serving alongside great people to create a safe, beautiful, and welcoming place for worship, fellowship, and ministry. We meet on the second Sunday of each month after church.

**LNPC.org**



**LNPC Ministries**



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### WORSHIP WITH US

**10AM SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
Sanctuary & Livestream

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**THE JOURNEY**  
4PM Contemporary Service, Gard Hall

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Sunday School (ages 3-10):** Children attend Worship with their families until they are invited to follow their teacher to the Sunday School room during the Recognition of Children.

*(For those in need of nursery space, a quiet room, equipped with livestream, is available across from the Sunday School room.)*

**Mid-week preschool outreach** beginning in the spring of 2026. See Becky for details and volunteer opportunities.

**Becky Szeyller - [becky@lnpc.org](mailto:becky@lnpc.org)**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Walking with God by Beth Moore**  
Tuesdays in the Library  
Start Date & Time TBD

Join us for this 5-week journey in step with the Savior. We will gather together in a faith-filled community to explore Scripture, strengthen our walk with Christ, and encourage one another through thoughtful discussion, prayer, and shared life experience.

**Becky Szeyller - [becky@lnpc.org](mailto:becky@lnpc.org)**

## MEN'S MINISTRY

We strive to build a Men's Ministry program that creates meaningful opportunities for fellowship, to establish and build relationships, offer a place of support, and provide opportunities for spiritual growth.

The Men's Ministry team plans events for the men of LNPC and meets the first Sunday of the month after worship in the Christian Education Room.

**Disc Golf Challenge**  
Saturday, February 28th, 9 am  
Meet at LNPC and carpool to LN Regional Park.

**Breakfast & Devotional**  
Saturday, March 28th, 8 am, Gard B

**Scott Troester - [scottytrost@gmail.com](mailto:scottytrost@gmail.com)**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Our middle school and high school groups gather weekly in the Garage for fun, fellowship, and faith conversations. We have monthly events, opportunities for service, and annual discipleship trips.

**Middle School Students:** Sundays at 3:00 pm in the Garage.

**High School Students:** Sundays at 4:00 pm in the Garage.

**Dinners for a Difference**  
Sunday, February 8th, 11:30 am, LNPC Kitchen

**Ski & Snowboard Night**  
Friday, February 13th, 10:30 am - Midnight  
Snow Valley Mountain Resort\*

**LA Clippers Basketball Game**  
Sunday, March 3rd, 3 - 11 pm  
Intuit Dome\*

**Disneyland**  
Saturday, April 18th, 7 am - 1 am (Sunday)  
Disneyland Park\*

*\*We meet at the church and carpool to event*

**Ben Roebuck - [ben@lnpc.org](mailto:ben@lnpc.org)**

## ADULT MINISTRY

**How Did We Get It and How Do We Use It?**  
Lenten Study  
March 4, 11, & 18 in Gard Hall, 6:00 pm

Join us as we think together about the origins of Scripture, the historical methodology for deciding which books would be included, and for a conversation about how we read, study, and apply Scripture.

Selected by the congregation as a first choice for the Lenten Study, our time together will be a very "user friendly" but reverent view of the Bible as God's word for us today. Light refreshments will be served.

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 10:30 am in the Conference Room

**Pastor Jim Szeyller - [pastorjim@lnpc.org](mailto:pastorjim@lnpc.org)**

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

***"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*** Matthew 18:20

Our ministry team builds meaningful Christian fellowship through monthly hosted events that bring our church family and community together. Join us on the second Sunday of each month—we'd love to have you!

**Bowling**  
Saturday, February 21st, 3 pm  
Saddleback Lanes, Mission Viejo

**Henrietta Mears Film & Potluck Lunch**  
Sunday, March 15th, 11:15 am, Gard Hall

## BOARD OF DEACONS

The ministry of Deacons is one of compassion, caring for the spiritual, emotional, and practical needs of the congregation, and ensuring no one walks alone in times of joy or hardship.

**American Red Cross Blood Drives**  
Sunday, March 29th, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm  
June 3rd, 10 am - 4 pm  
November 22nd, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm  
*All Blood Drives are held in Gard Hall*

**Thursday Holy Yoga & Holy Yoga Chair**  
Holy Yoga Chair at 4 pm  
Holy Yoga at 5 pm  
Gard C / Patio (Weather Permitting)

In need of Deacon support or do not know who your Deacon is? Contact Stephanie in the Church Office.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us as we praise God through music and the care of sacred space. Volunteers support worship by helping prepare, care for, and seasonally adorn the Sanctuary, creating a welcoming place for all who gather.

**LNPC Chancel Choir Rehearsal**  
Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Sanctuary

**Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki - [leelee@lnpc.org](mailto:leelee@lnpc.org)**