

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian

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Family Candlelight Service

December 24, 2025

4:00 pm

Please Silence Your Cell Phone

Prelude

Light of the World (Sing Hallelujah)

Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash,
Martin Cash, & Scott Cash

Michael Smith & Taylor Furlong, Worship Singers
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Piano, & Sho Fujieda, Drums

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven,
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky.
Joy of the Father, reach through the darkness,
Shine across the earth, send the shadows to flight.

Light of the World, from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love.
From great heights of glory, You saw my story.
God, You entered in and became one of us.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!

Come and adore Him,
Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the world, crown in a manger,
Born for the cross, to suffer, to save.
High King of Heaven, death is the poorer.
We are the richer by the price that He paid.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!

Come and adore Him,
Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Light of the World soon will be coming.
With fire in His eyes, He will ransom His own.

Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory.
And there He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.

Sing hallelujah, Sing hallelujah.
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done!

Come and adore Him,
Bow down before Him.
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World.

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Opening Prayer & Invitation to Worship

(Please stand if able.)

Medley of Christmas Carols

(Please stand if able.)

Angels We Have Heard On High

Edward Barnes
#152 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

*See within a manger laid, Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, sing with us our Savior's birth.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn & Cummings

#171 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*Hark! the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored. Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail, the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."*

*Hail the heaven born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die;
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Howard, Ann, Grace,
& Claire Hirakawa

Musical Response

All on a Bethlehem Night

Joel Raney
LNPC Chancel Choir
Suk Choi, Piano & Kara Hilsabeck, Flute

One quiet night when all was still,
A weary couple came to town.
And in a stall upon a hill,
Great with child, the girl lay down.

And there was born the undefiled,
The Son of God, a tiny child.
And Mary sang her praise to God
All on a Bethlehem night.

Alleluia, what a night!
Alleluia, what a sight!
Alleluia, Christ is born!
All on a Bethlehem night.

Out in the field that special night,
Shepherds watching o'er their sheep
Saw in the sky a piercing light,
An angel woke them from their sleep.

"Be not afraid," the angel said,
"For lying in a manger bed
Is Christ the Lord, born unto you."
All on a Bethlehem night.

Alleluia, what a night!
Alleluia, what a sight!
Alleluia, Christ is born!
All on a Bethlehem night.

That holy night when Christ was born,
God in the flesh came down to man.
This simple child, salvation's horn
Is now become redemption's plan.

For on the night when God came down,
He laid aside his heav'nly crown
And took on flesh to bear my sin.
All on a Bethlehem night.

Alleluia, what a night!
Alleluia, what a sight!

Alleluia, Christ is born!
All on a Bethlehem night.
Alleluia, Christ is born!
All on a Bethlehem night.

All on a Bethlehem night.
All on a Bethlehem night.
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Children's Message

Becky Szeyller

Scripture Reading

Luke 2: 1 - 20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn

(Please stand if able.)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks
#155 (vv. 1, 3)

*O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.*

*Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently
The wondrous Gift is given;
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven!*

*No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him still
The dear Christ enters in.*

Christmas Homily

Time of Reflection

Musical Response

They journeyed far,
A weary pair;
They sought for shelter from
The cold night air.
Someplace where she could
Lay her head,
Where she could give her Babe
A quiet bed.

Was there no room?
No corner there?
In all the town a spot
Someone could spare?
Was there no soul come to their aid?
A stable bare was where
The family stayed.

Do you have room for the Savior,
And do you seek Him anew?
Have you a place for the One who lived
And died for you?

Are you as humble as a shepherd boy,
Or as wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night?
Would you have sought the light?
Do you have room?

Do You Have Room? Shawn Belt Edwards Jaime & Lani Colley, Duet

A star arose,
A wondrous light;
A sign from god this was
The Holy night.
And yet so few
Would go to see
The Babe who came
To rescue you and me.

This Child divine
Is now a King.
The gift of life to all the world
He brings;
And all mankind
He saves from doom,
But on the night for Him there was
No room.

Do you have room for the Savior,
And do you seek Him anew?
Have you a place for the One who lived
And died for you?

Are you as humble as a shepherd boy,
Or as wise as men of old?
Would you have come that night?
Would you have sought the light?
Do you have room?

Will you come tonight?
Will you seek the light?
Do you have room?

Blessing of Our Christmas Gifts and Joy Offering

Our Christmas Offering

I have traveled many moonless nights,
Cold and weary with a Babe inside
And I wonder what I've done.
Holy Father, You have come
And chosen me now to carry Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer;
I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone,
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
Be forever near me,
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me Your holiness,
For You are holy,
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven Arr. by Lloyd Larson Sydney Malone, Soloist

Do You wonder as You watch my face,
If a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of Your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
Be forever near me,
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me Your holiness,
For You are holy.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together,
Be forever near me,
Breath of Heaven.

Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness,
Pour over me Your holiness,
For You are holy, (you are holy).
Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

As we sing **Silent Night**, the lights will be dimmed. Ushers will light the candle of the first worshiper in each row from the Christ Candle. You will then pass the light of Christ from person to person.

(To avoid spilling hot wax, please keep lit candle upright as you light the candle next to you.)

Hold candles **high** on third verse, filling the sanctuary with light!

Lighting of the Candles
(Please stand if able.)

Peace, Peace / Silent Night
Fred Bock & Franz Gruber
#164 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

Peace, peace, peace on earth and good will to all.
This is a time for joy, this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together of peace, peace, peace on earth.

(Congregation Sings)

*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

Ring In of Christmas

Hymn of Celebration

Joy to the World
G.F. Handel
#146 (v. 1)

*Joy to the world the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

Blessing

(In consideration of our livestream, please remain seated until the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary. Thank you.)

Postlude

He Is Born
Traditional French Melody



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