



Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2025

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Jesus Shall Reign

John Hatton

Suk Choi, Organist

Hymns of Praise

(please stand if able)

My Lighthouse

Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson

Michael Smith, Worship Leader

Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Keyboard & Sho Fujieda, Drums

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

In my wrestling and in my doubts

In my failures You won't walk out

Your great love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Joe and Pat Nunnikhoven

In the silence You won't let go

In the questions Your truth will hold

Your great love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning,

People: *With joy and thanksgiving.*

Leader: Keep the fire of your Spirit burning in us,

People: *And let us hear your prophecies with fresh ears.*

Leader: With hearts full of anticipation,

People: *We await your coming, O Lord.*

Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God.

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings

With each morning I'll rise and sing

My God's love will lead me through

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh

You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Opening Prayer

*Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us Through the storms
Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us Through the storms
Fire before us You're the brightest
You will lead us Through the storms*

*My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore*

Lion and the Lamb

Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, & Leeland Mooring

*He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him*

*So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty*

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*Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord*

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Prayer of Confession

Jill Fitzpatrick

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving
(please stand if able)

Gloria Patri
Suk Choi, Organist

*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

Prepare the Way
 Marc A. Robinson
 LNPC Chancel Choir

Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?
 Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?

 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

First came the prophet crying in the wilderness,
 Speaking to the people saying,
 “One is coming to judge and save,
 You must prepare the way of the Lord”

Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?
 Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?

 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Then came the Baptist, crying in the wilderness,
 “I baptize you with water, O
 But one is coming who will baptize you
 With the Holy Spirit and fire.

Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?
 Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?

 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Now we join the crying in the wilderness
 Let us lift up our voices saying,
 “Come Lord Jesus into our lives,
 Let us prepare the way of the Lord.

Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?
 Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear the crying?

 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
 Saying, O
 Prepare ye, Prepare ye,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

(3 times)
 Can you hear the voice crying in the wilderness?
 Can you hear, hear the crying?

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Grady Jenkins
Pew Bible p. 1

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Marcus Aurelius C. Prudentius
John M. Neale & Henry W. Baker, Translators
#145 (vv. 1, 2)

*Of the Father's love begotten,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending he,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore!*

*O that birth forever blessed,
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bore the Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face,
Evermore and evermore!*

Second Scripture Readings

Luke 1: 26 - 38
Pew Bible pp. 56 - 57

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sermon

Connecting - Mary and Joseph

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Mary Did You Know
Buddy Greene and Mark Lowry

Mary did you know That your baby boy
Would one day walk on water
Mary did you know That your baby boy
Would save our sons and daughters

Did you know That your baby boy
Has come to make you new
This Child that you delivered
Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know That your baby boy
Would give sight to the blind man
Mary did you know That your baby boy
Would calm a storm with His hand
Did you know That your baby boy
Has walked where angels trod
And when you kiss your little baby
You've kissed the face of God
Oh Mary did you know

The blind will see The deaf will hear
The dead will live again
The lame will leap The dumb will speak
The praises of the Lamb

Oh Mary did you know That your baby boy
Is Lord of all creation
Mary did you know That your baby boy
Will one day rule the nations
Did you know That your baby boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb
And the sleeping Child you're holding
Is the great I Am

Pastoral Prayer and 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)

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.*

*Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing)

Chorale Response

*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

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Lowell Mason
#135 (vv. 1, 2)

*Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.*

*By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Prayer for the Road

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Arr. by A. L. Page

Faithful Conversations

Today’s Chancel flowers are given by Karol Biggar
in celebration of her son Bob’s birthday
&
by Tom and Carol Stocksdale
in celebration of their grandson Brooks Strunka’s birthday.

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Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members

Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
Mary Gay
Ellen Hampsten
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Kathleen Lechner
Minton Paul
Allen Renning
Kathleen Roebuck
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)
The Fair Family (Angela's Aunt)
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)
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Sunday, December 7, 2025
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.*



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Noteworthy News

- ◆ **We are Caroling This Morning!:** Meet in Gard A after the 10:00 am service for a light lunch and a Christmas Carol sing-along. Those interested may join small groups of carolers who will then go out and visit our beloved homebound LNPC family.
- ◆ **Advent Study:** Join Pastor Jim on Wednesday night, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th, at 7:00 pm in Gard A, for *A Weary World Rejoices*. Pause and rediscover the deep hope of Advent as we reflect on the promise of Christ’s coming and the joy He brings to a weary world.
- ◆ **Movie Night - Middle School YTH:** Friday, December 12th. We will meet at Regal Aliso Theaters at 6 pm and see Zootopia 2 together. Register online and bring a friend!
- ◆ **Christmas Worship Festival:** Next Sunday, December 14th, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets available on the patio on Sundays, online, or in the office.
- ◆ **Memorial Service for Suzanne Chapman:** Thursday, December 18th, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. A reception in Gard Hall immediately follows the service. This service will be livestreamed.
- ◆ **Advent Postcards:** Available in the pews for you to take and give to neighbors, friends, and family to extend an invitation to our Christmas season offerings.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

December 7 SUNDAY

<i>Military Toy Drive Collection Day!</i>		
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Faithful Conversations	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Men’s Ministry	Cristian Ed. Room
11:15 am	Missions	Gard A
3:00 pm	Middle School	The Garage
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
4:00 pm	High School	The Garage

December 8 MONDAY

7:00 am	AA Men’s	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard B
1:30 pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7:00 pm	Personnel	Conference Room
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B

December 9 TUESDAY

9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B
7:00 pm	CWF Rehearsal	Sanctuary

December 10 WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B
6:30 pm	PNC	Conference Room
7:00 pm	A Weary World Rejoices	Gard A

December 11 THURSDAY

1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution	Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
5:00 pm	Holy yoga	Gard C
6:30 pm	CWF Rehearsal	Sanctuary

December 12 FRIDAY

7:00 am	AA Men’s	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard C
6:00 pm	MS YTH Movie Night	Regal Aliso
7:00 pm	CWF Rehearsal	Sanctuary

December 13 SATURDAY

9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds	Conference Room
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December 14 SUNDAY

10:00 am	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Faithful Conversations	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Room
4:00 pm	Christmas Worship Festival	Sanctuary

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Amy Bolles (Lechner)	Theresa Mays
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Erik McMahon (Rihovsky)
Mary Brown (Troester)	Dave Moore (Borg)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	George Rihovsky
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Erica Lane Kirk and Children (M. Fair)	David Tuma (Troester)
	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:
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