



Sunday, January 4, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

As with Gladness Men of Old
 Robert A. Hobby
 Yoojung Ji, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!
 People: *The glory of God has risen upon us!*
 Leader: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples,
 People: *But God will rise upon us, and God's glory will appear over us.*
 Leader: The light of God is with us;
 People: *All the nations' leaders will be drawn to the light of God.*
 Leader: God's light now dwells with us;
 People: *Come, worship God, and shine God's light to the world!*

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
 (please stand if able)

*Falling on my knees in worship
 Giving all I am to seek Your face
 Lord all I am is Yours*

*My whole life I place in Your hands
 God of mercy humbled I bow down
 In Your presence at Your throne*

*I called You answered
 And You came to my rescue
 And I, I wanna be where You are*

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Came To My Rescue
 Dylan Thomas, Joel Davies, & Marty Sampson
 Michael Smith, Worship Leader
 Sho Fujieda, Drums

*I called You answered
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 And I, I wanna be where You are*

*I called You answered
 And You came to my rescue
 And I, I wanna be where You are*

*In my life be lifted high
 In our world be lifted high
 In our love be lifted high*

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My Lighthouse
 Gareth Gilkeson and Chris Liewellyn

*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*

*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*

*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*

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

Ann Boscardin

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving (please stand if able)

Gloria Patri
Carol Stocksdale, Hymn Singer

*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

Child of the Poor / What Child is This
Scott Soper
LNPC Chancel Choir

Helpless and hungry, lowly afraid,
Wrapped in the chill of mid-winter;
Comes now among us,
Born into poverty's embrace,
New life for the world

Who is this who lives with the lowly,
Sharing their sorrows,
Knowing their hunger?
This is Christ, revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child,
A child of the poor.

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Who is the stranger, here in our midst,
Looking for shelter among us?

Who is the outcast?

Who do we see amid the poor,
The children of God?

Who is this who lives with the lowly,
Sharing their sorrows,
Knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child,
A child of the poor.

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where oxc and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners
Here the silent word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary.

Who is this who lives with the lowly,
Sharing their sorrows,
Knowing their hunger?

This is Christ, revealed to the world
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace;
Bring those with nothing to offer,
Strengthen the feeble,
Say to the frightened heart:
"Fear not: here is your God!".

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Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Genesis 15: 1 - 15

Sydney Malone
Pew Bible p. 12

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹³ Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years; ¹⁴ but I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵ As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

*We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Second Scripture Readings

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made. So they are without excuse;

We Three Kings of Orient Are
John H. Hopkins, Jr.
#185 (vv. 1, 2)

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Romans 1: 19, 20
Pew Bible p. 152

Offertory

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)
Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, & Salomon Lighelm

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail
and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and
You won't start now

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

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Sermon

Bigger Than Big, Part I

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

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)

*As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to thee.*

As with Gladness Men of Old
William C. Dix
#181 (vv. 1, 3)

*As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.*

Charge and Benediction
(please remain standing)

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Jim and Becky Szeyller
in celebration of their grandson Tavin's birthday.

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

A Time for New Beginnings
Lani Smith

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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)
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

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**Sunday, January 4, 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

- ♦ **Unhanging of the Greens:** Next Sunday, January 11th, after Worship. Many hands make light work. Please stay a few minutes after church to help remove the greens as we transition into a new season.
- ♦ **Pastor's Bible Study:** The study of our journey through the gospel of Matthew resumes this Tuesday morning, January 6th, at 10:30 am in the Conference Room. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, let's explore Scripture together. We hope to see you there!
- ♦ **Memorial Service for Louanna Robeson:** Thursday, January 22nd, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. A reception in Gard Hall will immediately follow the service.
- ♦ **Women's Retreat:** Friday & Saturday, February 6-7, in San Diego. Be a part of this weekend of spiritual renewal, thoughtful conversation, and community. Visit lnpc.org or our church app for more information.
- ♦ **LNPC YTH Save the Dates!:** Check out the LNPC App or website for more details.
 - * Friday, February 13th - Ski & Snowboard Night
 - * Sunday, March 1st - Clippers Basketball Game
- ♦ **Men's Ministry Upcoming Events in 2026:** Disc Golf on Saturday, February 28th and Breakfast & Devotional on Saturday, March 28th. Enjoy some fellowship with the other men at LNPC. Friends welcome! Go online for more information.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

SUNDAY		
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Faithful Conv.	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Men's Ministry	Conference Room
11:15 am	Missions	Gard A
3:00 pm	Middle School	The Garage
4:00 pm	High School	The Garage
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
MONDAY		
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
TUESDAY		
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B
10:30 am	Pastor's Bible Study	Conference Room
WEDNESDAY		
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B
6:00 pm	PNC	Conference Room
THURSDAY		
1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.	Parking Lot
4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair	Gard C
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga	Gard C
5:45 pm	Worship & Music	Conference Room
6:30 pm	AA District 12	Gard A
6:30	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
FRIDAY		
7:00 am	AA Men's	Gard B
9:30 am	AA Women's	Gard C
SATURDAY		
9:00 am	Buildings & Grounds	Conference Room
9:00 am	Bag Ladies	Kitchen
SUNDAY		
10:00 am	Communion Sunday	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:00 am	Unhanging the Greens	LNPC
11:15 am	Faithful Conv.	Sanctuary
11:30 am	Congregational Life	Conference Room
3:00 pm	Middle School	The Garage
4:00 pm	High School	The Garage
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Masi and Ali (Muck)	Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Amy Bolles (Lechner)	George Rihovsky
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
John Carruth (Ehlers)	Dave Tuma* (Troester)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)	Lindsey Yanez (Nunnikhoven)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)	

(*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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