

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian C H U R C H

JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
RETURNED FROM THE JORDAN  
AND WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT  
IN THE WILDERNESS.

LUKE 4: 1

**First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2024**

**Please silence your cell phone**

**Prelude**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
Anthony J. Showalter  
Suk Choi, Organist

**Hymns of Praise**  
(please stand if able)

*Lion and the Lamb*  
Brown, Johnson, Mooring  
Logan Altman, Worship Leader  
Sho Fujieda, Drums

**Welcome**

Pastor Jim

*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*

**Call to Worship**

Leader: On these days of Lenten journey,

People: *Christ goes with us side by side.*

Leader: While we gather here for worship,

People: *May our lives be focused with praise and care.*

Leader: As we sing, pray, and listen,

People: *May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.*

Leader: And may this time of worship,

People: *Be for us a constant guide.*

Leader: Now let us sing with joy and vigor,

People: *As we learn how to serve Christ more fully.*

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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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The Lamb that was slain  
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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*

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
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**Opening Prayer**

Holy God, we embark on this Lenten journey grateful for your presence along the way. Walk alongside us to call us to repentance, to woo us from our idols, to open our eyes to our neighbor in need, to guide us in the way of sacrifice. Meet us in our fears and joys alike and sustain us in our weakness. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that these 40 days might become for us a journey that renews our hope, strengthens our faith and prepares us for the agony of the cross as well as the new life of resurrection. Amen.

*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*

**House of the Lord**  
Wickham, Smith

*We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory yeah*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*Oh oh oh  
We shout out Your praise*

*We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*('Cause) We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free*

*We are forgiven accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise*

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet  
We shout out Your praise*

*We shout out Your praise  
There is joy in this house  
There is joy in this house today  
We shout out Your praise  
We shout out Your praise*

**Prayer of Confession**

Nancy LeBlanc

*Merciful God, you have surrounded us with abundant good and invited us to partake. Rather than respond with gratitude, we long for that which we do not have. We compare ourselves to others and want more, different, newer, shinier. We fail to discipline our desires and instead glorify and indulge them. We want maturity without growing pains, character without effort, courage without testing, wisdom without difficulty. Lord, forgive our foolish ways. Grant us instead a longing for your presence and a burning passion for your truth. Above all else may we seek to know your heart, to delight in your presence and to desire your ways and thoughts which are higher than ours. Hear us, forgive us, and restore us as we confess those times and places that we have disappointed you.*

Silent Prayer

*Amen.*

**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**

Pastor Sara

## Message for Young Disciples

Mark Imfeld

*As you with Satan did contend,  
And did the victory win,  
O give us strength in you to fight,  
In you to conquer sin.*

## Children's Prayer Song

*God is always near me,  
God will always hear me,  
When I pray.*

*As you did hunger and did thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and so to live  
By your most holy Word.*

## First Scripture Reading

**Proverbs 3: 1 - 8**  
Sydney Malone  
Pew Bible pp. 585 - 586

<sup>1</sup> My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;  
<sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life  
and abundant welfare they will give you.  
<sup>3</sup> Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
<sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good repute  
in the sight of God and of people.  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.  
<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.  
<sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup> It will be a healing for your flesh  
and a refreshment for your body.

## Hymn of Preparation

(please stand if able)

**Lord, Who Throughout**  
Claudia F. Hernaman  
#200 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

*Lord, who throughout these forty days  
For us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins  
And close by you to stay.*

## Second Scripture Reading

**Luke 4: 1 - 13**  
Pew Bible p. 61

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.' "

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## Sermon

**Preparing The Garden**

## Time of Reflection

### Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

Lift up, lift up your voice  
In a song of praise to our King.  
Lift up, lift up your voice  
To our Lord and Savior we sing.

Praise Him, Praise Him on high,  
All the stars of heaven proclaim;  
Praise Him, Praise Him O earth,  
All creation praises His name.

For the Lord is our rock,  
Our strength, and our fortress,  
Worthy is He to be praised.

He will deliver us  
From the hold of the wicked,  
To Him our song we will raise.

Lift up, lift up your voice,  
Come and praise Him  
Sing and rejoice;

#### *Come Lift Up Your Voice*

Stan Pethel  
LNPC Chancel Choir

Come lift up,  
Lift up your voice,  
Come and praise Him,  
Sing and rejoice;

Come lift up,  
Lift up your voice,  
Come and praise Him,  
Sing and rejoice;

Come and praise Him,  
Sing and rejoice.

Lift up, lift up your voice  
In a song of praise to our King.  
Lift up, lift up your voice  
To our Lord and Savior we sing.

Lift up, lift up your voice  
In a song of praise to our King.  
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To our Lord and Savior we sing.

To our Lord and Savior we sing.  
Come lift up your voice.

## Pastoral Prayer 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)

### *Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

Isaac Watts, Paraphraser  
#16 (vv. 4, 5)

*He sent his Son with power to save  
From guilt, and darkness and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
Repeat his mercies in your song.*

*Through this vain world he guides our feet,  
And leads us to his heavenly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure,  
When this our world shall be no more.*

### Charge and Benediction

**Choral 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 the Postlude is over before exiting the Sanctuary.]*

*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Judy Ruddiman in celebration of her late husband Bill's birthday.*

**Postlude**

***Forty Days and Forty Nights***  
Martin Herbst

*\*\*\*Music used by permission CCLI 504316\*\*\**





## Prayer Concerns

### LNPC Members

Claire Burrill  
Joe and Carolyn Ditto  
John Flannery  
Steve Foster  
C.M. Hourigan  
Joanne Jannard  
Cheryl Kelsey  
Nancy LeBlanc  
Kathleen Lechner  
Richard Odgers  
Ron Pearce  
Louanne Robeson  
Kathleen Roebuck  
Linda Schmidt

Jody Schnitzer  
Jean Shelton  
Bill Stevens  
Karen Vassey  
John and Lina Wakim

### Peace & Comfort

Family of Doris Black  
Jane Carpenter & Family  
(Husband)  
Family of Marilyn Campman  
Family of Jim McCurdy  
Brian Mangan & Family (Wife)  
Cecil Spearman & Family  
(Wife)  
Sandy & Bob Walden (Sandy's  
Sister)

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Sunday, February 18, 2024

## Announcements



### **Nursery Care - Sanctuary**

Nursery Care is currently not available.

### **Children Potty-trained through 5th Grade**

Worship is attended as a family until after the Children's Message. Then, our young children will be excused to go with their teachers to the Sunday School classroom located in the hallway off the Narthex.

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# Noteworthy News

- ◆ **Memorial Service for Doris Black:** Saturday, February 24th, at 11:00 am. A lunch reception in Gard Hall immediately follows the service. *This service will be livestreamed.*
- ◆ **Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, February 25th, immediately following the service. The meeting will be livestreamed.
- ◆ **Men’s Ministry Pizza & Game Night:** Saturday, February 24th, 3:00 pm, at Tony Pepperoni Pizzeria in Aliso Viejo. Registration is open on the Inpc app or at Inpc.org.
- ◆ **Request for Docketed Time:** Please contact Pastor Jim if you would like to present something at Session on Monday, February 26th.
- ◆ **Church Office Closed Tomorrow:** Monday, February 19th, in observance of President’s Day.
- ◆ **Chancel Flowers:** Dates are still available to donate and dedicate Chancel Flowers. See the flower chart in the Narthex, select a date or dates to donate, fill out a flower donation envelope and drop it in the basket with your donation of \$85.00.

## THIS WEEK at LNPC

<b>February 18</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 22</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream	1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist. LNPC Parking Lot
4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A	4:00 pm	Holy Yoga Chair Gard C
6:00 pm	Youth Group The Garage	5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C
		6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
<b>February 19</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 23</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>OFFICE CLOSED—PRESIDENT’S DAY</b>		7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B
7:00 am	AA Men’s Gard B	10:30 am	AA Women’s Gard C
10:30 am	AA Women’s Gard B		
6:00 pm	Finance & Ops Conference Room	<b>February 24</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
8:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	11:00 pm	Memorial Service Sanctuary/ Livestream
		3:00 pm	For Doris Black Tony Pepperoni’s
<b>February 20</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>		
9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed Gard B	<b>February 25</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
10:30 am	Pastor’s Bible Study Conference Room	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Sanctuary / Livestream
5:00 pm	Holy Yoga Gard C	11:00 am	Congregational Mtg. Sanctuary / Livestream
<b>February 21</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	4:00 pm	The Journey Gard A
6:00 pm	AA Mixed Gard B	6:00 pm	Youth Group The Garage
7:00 pm	Discipleship Class Gard A		

# Prayer Concerns

## Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Claro Alfonso (Imfeld)	Marie Neis (Borg)	(Troester)
Judy Baker (Baker)	Ann Oliphant (Galloway)	Ted Wells (Wells)
Annie Coleman* (Coleman)	John Osth (Khalifa)	Lauren Williams (Shelton)
Gary Fong (Ehlers)	Linda Parker (Troester)	Wilson Family (Coleman)
Mike & Kathy Gessner (Galloway)	Maryann Pette (Shelton)	
Sandy Griffin (Stocksdale)	Cindy Rhoades (Baker)	
Sherry Kerner (Ehlers)	Megan Shelton(Shelton)	
Maria Kocerhova (Troester)	Ken Simonson (Borg)	
Amy Lechner Bolls (Lechner)	Amy Sinkeldam (Ehlers)	
Rossana Madrid (Ondryas)	Kyoko Smith (Wright)	
Joni McGlynn (Baker)	Carolyn Strick (Troester)	
Barry McPeak (Ehlers)	Kevin Strick (Troester)	
Ray McPeak (Ehlers)	John Stritch (Ehlers)	
Marge Molyneaux (Shelton)	Michael Summers (Troester)	
Mike Moore (Flannery)	Lynnette Swickard (Baker)	
Samia Najm (Wakim)	Jim Wagner (Ehlers)	
	Dr. Mark Watters Family	

(\*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@Inpc.org or 949.249.1218**