



Sunday Worship November 30, 2025

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude

Rejoice, The Lord Is King
John Darwall
Suk Choi, Organist

Welcome

Pastor Jim Szeyller

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Steve and Lori Galloway

Call to Worship

Leader: Something stirs deep within us ...

People: A longing, a hope,

Leader: A thirst for joy,

People: A hunger for peace,

Leader: A yearning for blessing.

People: We know deep within

Leader: That our hopes and fears

People: Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

Leader: It is Advent ...

People: Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Leader: Advent ...

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise
(please stand if able)

He Shall Reign Forevermore
Tomlin and Maher
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums

*In the bleak mid-winter all creation groans
For a world in darkness, frozen like a stone.
Light is breaking in a stable for a throne.*

*And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.*

*If I were a wise man, I would travel far.
If I were a shepherd, I would do my part.
But, poor as I am, I will give to Him my heart.*

*And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.*

*Here within a manger lies
The One who made the starry skies,
This baby born for sacrifice:
Christ, the Messiah!*

*Into our hopes, into our fears
The Savior of the world appears,
The promise of eternal years:
Christ, the Messiah!*

*And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.
Unto us a Child is born,
The King of kings and Lord of lords.
And He shall reign forevermore, forevermore.*

Even So Come
Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, & Jess Cates

*Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.*

*So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.*

*All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway,
A path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.*

*Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation
Shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.*

*Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus come.*

*There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever,
Faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon.*

Prayer of Confession

Dori Moorehead

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

A Prelude to Advent
Arr. Ruth Elaine Schram
LNPC Chancel Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thy justice here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come Emmanuel.

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9: 2 - 7
Grace Hirakawa
Pew Bible p. 638

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn of Preparation
(please stand if able)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Thomas Helmore
#133 (vv. 1, 3)

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
And drive away the shades of night,
And pierce the clouds and bring us light!
Rejoice! rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Second Scripture Readings

John 1: 1 - 15
Pew Bible pp. 91 - 92

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ")

Sermon

God Becoming Flesh - Transformation

Time of Reflection

Blessing of Our Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!
People celebratin' the birth of a King.
Shoutin' hosanna till the heavens ring.
Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!

Christmas is comin', Mary's baby boy,
Bringin' us a message of comfort and joy.
Glory hallelujah, what a wonderful thing.
Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!

Glory filled the heavens.
Music filled the night.
Shepherds heard the angels sing,
Wise men saw the light.

Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!
People celebratin' the birth of a King.
Shoutin' hosanna till the heavens ring.
Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!

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.

Christmas is Coming
Joel Raney
Jaime & Lani Colley, Duet

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel.
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel!

Glory filled the heavens.
Music filled the night.
Shepherds heard the angels sing,
Wise men saw the light.

Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!
People celebratin' the birth of a King.
Shoutin' hosanna till the heavens ring.
Christmas is comin',
Let the church bells ring!

Let the church bells ring!
Let the church bells ring!

Hymn of Response
(please stand if able)

*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!*

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 Almighty King
Felice Giardini

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Carl & Carolyn Knutson
in remembrance of Barbara Jean Knutson.

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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)
Moore Family & John Flannery
(Mike Moore)
*Family of Louanna Robeson**

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**Sunday, November 30, 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

- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Men’s Ministry Ducks Hockey Game:** Friday, December 5th. Meet at LNPC at 5:00 pm to carpool to the Honda Center. Tickets are limited. Sign up on the patio or online.
- ♦ **Military Toy Drive:** Bring new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0 to 12 and drop them at the Missions Cart on Sunday, December 7th and bring joy and cheer to our military families.
- ♦ **We are Caroling on Sunday, December 7th!:** 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.
- ♦ **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:** Sunday, December 14th, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets available on the patio on Sundays, online, or in the office.

THIS WEEK at LNPC

November 30 SUNDAY

Military Toy Drive Collection Day!

10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary / Livestream
11:15 am	Israel Meeting	Gard A
3:00 pm	Middle School	The Garage
4:00 pm	The Journey	Gard A
4:00 pm	High School	The Garage

December 1 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

December 2 TUESDAY

9:30 am	Al-Anon Mixed	Gard B
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December 3 WEDNESDAY

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

December 4 THURSDAY

1:00 pm	FAM Food Distribution	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	District 12 AA Mtg.	Gard A
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

December 5 FRIDAY

7:00 am	AA Men’s	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women’s	Gard C
1:00 pm	LNC Set-Up	Gard Hall
5:00 pm	Duck’s Game—Men’s	Meet at LNPC

December 6 SATURDAY

9:00 am	CWF Rehearsal	Sanctuary
11:00 am	NCL spirit of Giving	Gard Hall

December 7 SUNDAY

Military Toy Drive Collection Day!

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

Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

Amy Bolles (Lechner)	Theresa Mays
Ginny Bowman (Heath)	Erik McMahon (Rihovsky)
Mary Brown (Troester)	<i>Dave Moore* (Borg)</i>
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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