

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026

Please silence your cell phone

Prelude ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***
Dick Sanderman
Dr. Hye Kyung Lee, Organist

Welcome Pastor Ray Medina

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Carl & Susie Hess,
Misha, Melanie, & Bodhi Pakvasa, and Hannah Hess

LEADER: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

PEOPLE: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Opening Prayer

Hymns of Praise ***Praise You Anywhere***
(please stand if able) Ben Fielding, Brandon Lake, Hank Bentley, & Jacob Sooter
Lani & Jaime Colley, Worship Singers
Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki, Worship Leader
Sho Fujieda, Drums & Madison Spach, Guitar

Sometimes you've gotta dance through the darkness,
Sing through the fire,
Praise when it don't make sense.
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the giant,
Worship from the lion's den.

Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the mountain,
Louder in the valley,
Trusting that He's gonna get you there.
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the wonder,
Wait for the answer,
Worship with your hands in the air.
I'll praise You anywhere.

Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
Praise, give Him praise,
Give Him praise in the highest.
He is worthy.
Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.

Faithful all my life,
Blessings day and night,
Countless reasons why
I'll praise You anywhere.

Every promise kept,
Goodness every step,
Each and every breath,
I'll praise You anywhere.

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He Shall Reign Forevermore
Tomlin and Maher

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.
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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.

Prayer of Confession Chris Green

Declaration of Forgiveness

Response of Thanksgiving ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel***
(please stand if able)

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.

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

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 Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

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

Recognition of Children

First Scripture Reading

Romans 15: 4 - 13
Pew Bible, pp. 163 - 164

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by
steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May
the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 6 so that together you may with one voice
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ has
become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he
might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles
might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";
10 and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
11 and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";
12 and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."
13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn of Preparation — *Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(please stand if able) Theodore Baker and Harriet Krauth Spaeth, Translators
#163 (vv. 1, 3)

Lo! how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
As saints of old have sung.

It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.

True man, yet very God,
From sin and death he saves us
And lightens every load.

Sermon — *Growing Hope - Root of Jesse*

Second Scripture Reading — Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Pew Bible, pp. 640 - 641

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and

faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Time of Reflection

Blessing of the Tithes & Offerings

Tom Stocksdale

Offertory

I Wonder As I Wander
John J. Niles
Judy Ruddiman, Solo

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
The promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing,
He surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
For poor ordinary people like you and like I;
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Out under the sky.

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)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
Charles Wesley
#135 (vv. 1, 2)

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.

Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever,
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.

Charge and Benediction

(please remain standing)

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.

(You are invited to move about the Sanctuary following the Choral Response.)

Postlude ***Swiss Noel***
Claude Daquin

Today's Chancel flowers are given by Pat and Dan Kun
in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Worship Production Leaders

Audio	*Video*
Carlos Morales	Pearce Imfeld
Fabian Alfaro	Bill Adams
	Nora Imfeld

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Welcome
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God Bless
SANCTUARY
Thank you for joining us.

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian CHURCH



Sunday, November 29, 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

- **Military Toy Drive:** Help brighten Christmas for military children and families by donating new, unwrapped toys! Drop off your gifts at the Missions Cart today, November 29th, and Sunday, December 6th, or during the week in the Gard Hall lobby. Together, let's spread Christmas joy and show our appreciation for those who serve!
- **Caroling on Sunday, December 6th**: Everyone is invited to gather in Gard Hall after worship for a festive Christmas carol sing-along and refreshments! Following our all-church sing-along, a light lunch will be provided for those continuing the celebration by caroling to our homebound friends. ***If you plan to join us for off-site caroling, please register online or on the patio.***
- **CWF Tickets:** Celebrate the joy and wonder of Christmas at LNPC's beloved Christmas Worship Festival! Enjoy beautiful music, cherished carols, and the spirit of the season. Tickets are $25 and available online or on the patio after worship on Sundays. Use the enclosed postcard to invite your family and friends to share in this wonderful Christmas tradition!

THIS WEEK at LNPC

November	**29**	**SUNDAY**
Military Toy Drive Starts Today!		
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
4:00 pm	The Journey - Praise Music Sing-Along	Gard A

November	**30**	**MONDAY**
7:00 am	AA Men's	Gard B
10:30 am	AA Women's	Gard B
11:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:00 pm	Men's AA	Gard A
8:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B

December	**1**	**TUESDAY**
9:30 am	Al-Anon	Gard B

December	**2**	WEDNESDAY
6:00 pm	AA Mixed	Gard B

December	**3**	**THURSDAY**
1:00 pm	FAM Food Dist.	Parking Lot
6:30 pm	District 12 AA	Gard A

December	**4**	**FRIDAY**
7:00 am	Men's AA	Gard B
10:30 am	Women's AA	Gard C

December	**5**	**SATURDAY**
7:00 am	NCL Event	Gard Hall
9:00 am	CWF Rehearsal	Sanctuary

December	**6**	**SUNDAY**
Last Day for Military Toy Drive!		
10:00 am	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary/ Livestream
11:00 am	All Church Caroling & Refreshments	Gard A
11:15 am	Men's Ministry	Christian Ed. Room
11:15 am	Missions	Gard A
11:30 am	Caroling to Homebound	Off-Site
4:00 pm	The Journey - Praise Music Sing-Along	Gard A



Prayer Concerns

Family & Friends (Church Contact)

The Bennetts (Cox)
Marcy Bisson (Jenkins)
Shelby Borg (Borg)
Ginny Bowman (Heath)
John Carruth (Ehlers)
Annie Coleman (Coleman)
Beckah & Gabe (Ehlers)
Mike & Kyle Eales (Galloway)
Dr. Harvey Fair (Fair)
Robyn Fong (Ehlers)
Jon Galloway (Galloway)
Darlene Hester (Mays)
Blake Hourigan (Hourigan)
Rex Mays (Nunnikhoven)
Theresa Mays (Nunnikhoven)
Brigitte Mir (Hampsten)
Dave Moore (Borg)
Sophia Truong and Elaine Phan & Family (Lee Lee)
Bobby Pilkerton (LeBlanc)
Rene (Woody)
Robert Ruiz, Jr. (Pasco)
Bob Strickler (Ditto)
Herbert Togashi (Malone)
Joseph Yang

(***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@lnpc.org or 949.249.1218

Prayer Concerns

LNPC Members
Terry Argast
Steve Foster
Jody Fristoe-Schnitzer
C.M. Hourigan
Linda Klein
Nancy LeBlanc
Kathleen Lechner
Margaret Lee
Dave Ross
Tasha Schwarz
Jean Shelton
Lois Wright

Peace & Comfort
Fitzpatrick Family (Jill's Father)
Family of Klaus Gutbier (Borg)
Nora and Mark Imfeld & Family (Nora's Father)
Kathleen Lechner (Daughter)
Debbie Perkins (Husband, Jim)
Ben and Jennifer Roebuck (Kathleen)
Dave Ross (Son)
Tasha Schwarz & Family (Husband)
Wanling Cau & Family
and Lee Lee Truong-Sawicki (Lee Lee's Uncle Chi)
Lina & Jean Wakim (Lina's Mother)

Service: Military & Mission
Joseph Yanez (Nunnikhoven)

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