

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

2nd Sunday of Advent • December 6, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

Please turn your cell phones off prior to entering the Worship Service.

"I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."

-Sarah Williams

MORNING PRAISE

Amazed

by Jared Anderson

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE* *How Great is Our God* by Tomlin Reeves & Cash

O Come All Ye Faithful by John Francis Wade

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP* (from Is 60:1-4)

Joe Brown

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: *For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.*

Leader: Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

People: *Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you. Let us join together in worship.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we too often prefer to hide from your light and make do on our own in the darkness. When we stumble we blame you and our neighbor. Forgive us and create in us a new heart this season. Teach us to follow you in love and reflect your light as we learn to live in grace together. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

Leader: God has created and saved us by grace

All: *Let us receive this gift with joy and live by the power of the Holy Spirit!*

**PRAISE TO GOD (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.*

**AFFIRMING GOD'S GRACE*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Prentice Park

MUSICAL OFFERING

While You Were Sleeping
Andrew Green, Soloist

by Mark Hall

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

John Bare
Karen Skinner

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #154*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN

MORNING PRAYERS 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.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Think About His Love

by Walt Harrah

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

*Lord, open our hearts and minds
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
That as the scriptures are read
And your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.*

SERMON

“Peace: From Stars in the Night”

Rev. Emily McColl

The story of God reaching for us continues. God's Word speaks through others.
Hope grows into Peace beginning with small lights in the darkness.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, 9.07

*In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.
Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the
Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the
work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the
power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.
This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the
foundation of all confessional statements about God,
humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people
to be reconciled to God and to one another.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #733

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

MESSAGE

*BENEDICTION

(THE PRAYER TEAM IS AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE BY THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW ON THE
RIGHT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.)

*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. Amen, Amen*

*POSTLUDE

Somebody's Knocking' at Your Door
Suk Choi, Organ

by H. U. Hielscher

Today's flowers are donated by Audrey Kieckhefer.
“In memory of my husband, Robert.”

Today's Pastoral Deacons is: Lynn Loper.

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“Remember God loves you”

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