

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • December 27, 2009 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“[Jesus] said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’”

— *Luke 2:49*

MORNING PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

by Rick Founds

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE* *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* by Brian Doerkson
Blessed Be Your Name by Redman
Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Paula Mathews

Leader: Come to enjoy the mighty works of God. Give thanks to God with your whole heart.

People: *God has blessed us with the gift of the Christ-child. Mighty are the works of God!*

Leader: The abundant grace of God is offered to all. Let us receive all that God has given to us with grateful hearts.

People: *As we open ourselves to God’s blessings, let us share with others what we have received. Let us worship God!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we sought to live life our own way. We have taken for granted the blessings we enjoy from your hand. Even in celebration of the Christ-child’s birth, we have not taken time to receive that gift or ponder what it means for us. Forgive us and equip us for clear thinking, honest response, and loving service. Hear us now as we offer our personal 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 is gracious and keeps covenant with us even when we go our own way.

All: Let the forgiveness we have received transform us into forgiving people.

**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

Kristen Spalding

MUSICAL OFFERING

"A Christmas Gloria"

by Evelyn Larter

Chancel Choir

Directed by Lee Lee Truong

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kirstin Gerry

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #151*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

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

He Is Lord with O Come, Let Us Adore Him

arr. M. Hayes

Suk Choi, Piano

**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)

*O Lord our God,
Your Word is a lamp to our feet
And a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
That we may be obedient to your will
And live always for your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

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SERMON

“Back to the Father’s Business”

Dr. Randy Steele

What we don’t know can hurt us. Like Jesus’ parents, we too can be “lost to him.”
But in finding him, we also find the way to the Father.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT #146*

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH

**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*

He Shall Feed His Flock
Suk Choi, Organ

by G. F. Handel

Today’s Pastoral Deacons is: Judy Grant

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“Remember God loves you”

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