

# Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

4th Sunday of Advent • December 20, 2009 • 10:00 am

\*For those who are able, please stand.

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

“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.”

—*John 1:14*

*MORNING PRAISE*

*Little Town*

by Chris Eaton

*WELCOME*

*\*SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE It Came Upon a Midnight Clear  
Angels from Realms of Glory  
Worship Ensemble and Congregation*

CAROL  
REGENT SQUARE

*\*CALL TO WORSHIP*

Randy Free

Leader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home. Yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared to them the greatest news of all.

People: *Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see—the ones who have much to teach us about waiting and watching for God.*

Leader: On this fourth Sunday in Advent, we light the fourth candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

People: *God announces a new day for those who respond to God’s call. Let us hear and believe God’s promise to us.*

*PRAYER OF ADORATION*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)*

*Loving God, we have been so distracted by our own concerns and pleasures that we have not heard the songs of angels or seen your activity in the common place. You have brought light to the world and we have chosen to hide our eyes from its brightness. We want to be led to a new day by the good news of great joy. 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: Light, joy, and peace are here for us to receive.

All: *Let us rejoice in God's love and receive God's transformation!*

*\*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*

*SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM* Administered to Lawren Ainsley Wark Kouzi  
and Alastair James Wark Kouzi  
Sons of Fiona and Bill Kouzi

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* by John Wyeth  
*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
with this water, God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving parent, learn to listen to God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

*MUSICAL OFFERING* *A Season, A Savior, A Star* by Robert Sterling  
Chancel Choir  
Dr. Larry Ball, Director

*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE* Janice Ehlers & Stacy Podres

*WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE*  
*Please complete the yellow cards provided.*

*LNPC MINUTE FOR MISSION* Fred Ehlers

*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*

*Where These Merry Shepherds Go*  
Suk Choi, Organ

by C. Balbastre

*\*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*

John 1:14-18

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 92

*SERMON*

*"What Jesus is Giving You for Christmas?"*

Dr. Randy Steele

Would you like to know what Jesus got you for Christmas this year? It is the same things he has been giving people since the very first Christmas — the gifts of grace and truth.

*\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 151*

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

*\*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*

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*  
Suk Choi, Organ

by J. S. Bach

Today's flowers are donated by David Ross.  
"In memory of my late wife, Nancy."

Today's Pastoral Deacons is Dee Wells.

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**“Remember God loves you”**

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