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Service of Word and Sacrament

November 29, 2026 10:30am

The First Sunday of Advent

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell, *pastor*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE — The Lee-Cornell Family

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord!
Make a highway in the desert for our God…

…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.

Sung Response Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah *verse 1* No. 85

*CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19* Owen and Gabe Lee-Cornell, *liturgists*

Listen to us, Shepherd of Israel, who leads the people like a flock.
You are enthroned over all the earth, reigning even above the winged heavenly creatures.
Show yourself to us! Wake up your power! Come to save us!
Restore us, O God! Make your face shine, that we can be saved!
How long will you hold our prayers against us?
How long will you feed us with our sorrow and give us our own tears to drink?
How long will you stand back, while we're at war with our neighbors and our enemies mock us?
Restore us, O God! Make your face shine, that we can be saved!
Shield us, your faithful, who stand by your side.
O God, protect your own with your right hand of might!
Bring us back to life, and we promise never again to turn away.
Restore us, O God! Make your face shine, that we can be saved!

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*You are invited to stand.
Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold.**
Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, *Glory to God the Presbyterian Hymnal.* All music used with permission. CCLI # 21252663; One License # A-740905.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Come Thou Long Expected Jesus No. 82

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Prayer of Confession

God-with-us, even in Advent, we confess that you can seem far away. You are hidden when we need you near. In our hurt, doubt, and fear, we do not try to draw closer to you; instead, we lash out– against you, our neighbor, even those we love. Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us! Let your face shine until our tears are dried, our sins are faded, and our hope is restored. After all, we belong to you, and in your hands we can be made new. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

**Sung Response* Creator of the Stars of Night *verse 4* No. 84

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally, Amen.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM Theodore Robert Villanueva

Presentation Alicia and Ricky Villanueva, *parents*

**Profession of Faith* *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Sung Response Child of Blessing, Child of Promise *verse 1* No. 486

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

Welcome and Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

At this time, young worshipers ages 3-10 may choose to remain in the sanctuary for the rest of the service or be dismissed for children's Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.

PROCLAIM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37 NRSVue

Jesus said, “But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

READING FROM THE PROPHETS Isaiah 64:1-9 NRSVue

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The God of Repentance Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

PRAYER HYMN There Is a Longing in Our Hearts *stanzas 1, 3, 4* No. 470

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to “LPC”) in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION 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[1] 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.

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*SENDING HYMN O Lord How Shall I Meet You No. 104

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Following worship, all are invited to share refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

Worship may be over, but our ***service*** has just begun.

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Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.

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[1] When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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