

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Nursery care available in Room 114 for infants/toddlers.
- Youth Group resumes January 15th

FELLOWSHIP

The Bynum family invites you to a Christmas Open House at the Church Manse (please note new time) 4-6pm Sunday, December 22nd 181 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont NY

MUSIC

- String Quartet and Flute Trio 12/24 (5pm).
- Larchmont Symphonia 12/24 (8pm).

SERVICE

The Longest Night Service
Monday December 23rd at 7 pm
Christmas Eve
5 pm Family Service
8 pm Traditional Service

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:15 am Sunday School (Carhart)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
4:00 pm Open House at the Manse

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

LAC OFFICE CLOSED

Tues. December 24th thru Wed. January 1st

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00 pm The Longest Night Service (Sanctuary)

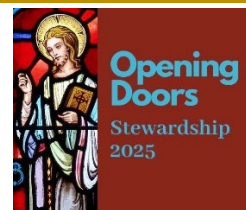
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Traditional Service

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR code to make a pledge to the Stewardship 2025 Campaign.



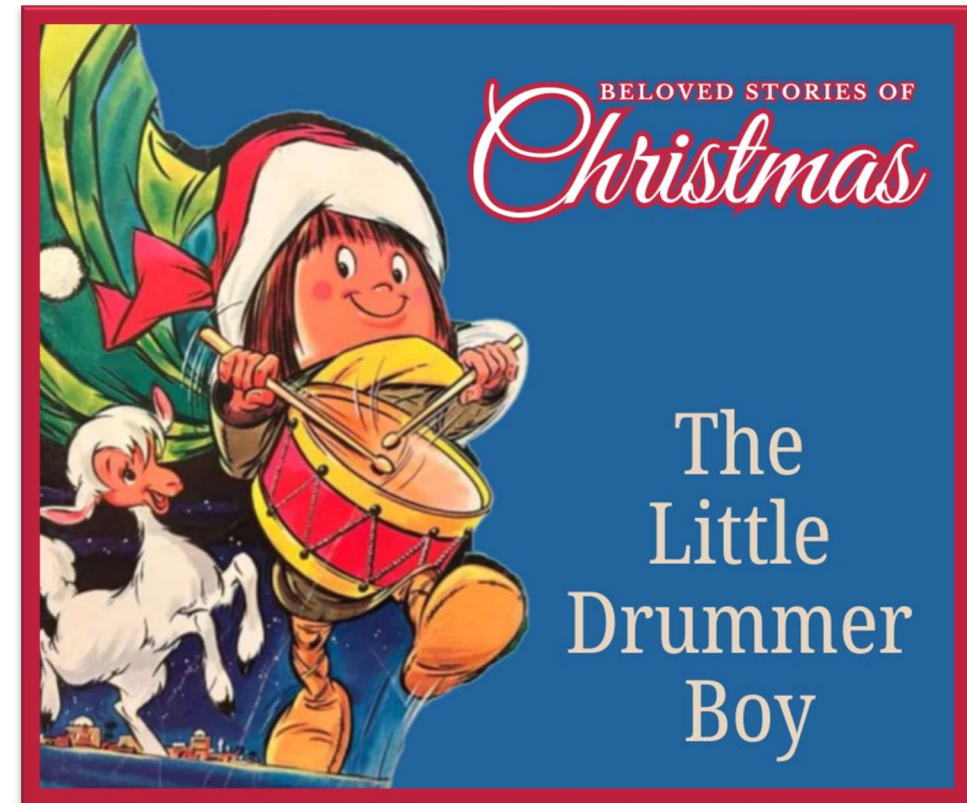
CONNECT WITH US

Visit: www.lacny.org

Senior Pastor : Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
(pbynum@lacny.org, 914-834-1800 ext. 308)
Associate Pastor : Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
(agclaunch@lacny.org, 914-834-1800 ext.303)



As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletins. Thank you!



Larchmont Avenue Church

60 Forest Park Avenue
Larchmont, New York 10538
(914) 834-1800

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE Preludio Horacio Salinas
Alturas Duo (Carlos Boltes, charango; Scott Hill, guitar)

INTROIT “Light the Advent Candle” Eleanor Daley
*Light the Advent candle four, think of joy forevermore,
Christ child in a stable born, gift of love the Christmas morn.
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night,
Candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** The Oleson/Coster Family
One: Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen, to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
All: Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth, to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.
One: Mary went to a place called Bethlehem, to a humble manger, with the light of a new dawn.
All: For God had looked with favor upon her, and upon all who are meek and lowly.
One: As we light our fourth Advent candle, we rejoice with Mary, for the child she bears will bring God’s Love to the world.
All: Come now, O Child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Love.

***THE PEACE**
The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

***OPENING HYMN #97** “Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
O God, giver of all good gifts, we come before you as children in need of your wisdom and grace. Our weaknesses and failings are ever before us. Our fears seem to grow, while our hopes often fade.
Break into the tangled web of our fears and our hopes, bringing light back into our darkness. Break into our vision of the future, bringing us back into your hands. Break into our expectations for the future, bringing us back to child-like curiosity and wonder, through Jesus Christ our Lord... (time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA #584** *Glory, glory. glory, glory be to God on high! (2x)
And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well! (2x)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison) Beverly McAllister
Lord, as we draw near to your holy Word this morning, we pray that you will speak to those who seek wisdom, that you will fill those who are feeling low, and that you will cause your light to shine in every heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 80: 1-7

ANTHEM Doña Maria le Ruego Arr. Javier Farias
Alturas Duo
*Doña María le ruego en nombre de la fortuna Me deje ver su niño que me van a dar la una.
Doña María yo vine a ver el niño'e Dios. Ustedes me dan licencia que me van a dar las dos.
Pregúntele Mariquita a su esposo Don José Deje mirar al niño que me van a dar la tres.
Tome en cuenta Mariquita casi gasté los zapatos Por ver a su Manuelito ya me va a dar las cuatro.
De Ñuble vine señora de los campos de Niblinto Por saludar a su niño antes que me den las cinco.
Señora Doña María, rayito de clara luz, Que viva por muchos años con su niño Jesús.
(Doña María, I beg you, in the name of fortune, Let me see your child, for it will soon be one o'clock.
Doña María, I came to see the little child of God. Will you grant me permission, for it will soon be two o'clock?
Ask Mariquita of her husband Don José, To let me see the little child, for it will soon be three o'clock.
Keep in mind, Mariquita, I've nearly worn out my shoes, To see your Manuelito, and it will soon be four o'clock.
I came from Ñuble, madam, from the fields of Niblinto, To greet your child before it's five o'clock.
Madam Doña María, ray of clear light, May you live many years with your little Jesus.)*

CHILDREN’S STORY TIME The Little Drummer Boy by Bernadette Watts Rev. Bynum

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:46b-5

SERMON “Simple Gifts” Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN

**Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum. A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum. To lay before the King, pa rum pum
pum pum. Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
So to honour Him, pa rum pum pum pum When we come.
Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum. I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum. I have no
gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum That’s fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum. Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum?**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Claunch

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever. Amen.

THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared via Realm, by scanning the QR code here or via pledge cards found in the pew or at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts” Arr. Mark Hayes
Camila Franzone, soloist
*’Tis the gift to be simple, tis the gift to be free ’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be
And when we find ourselves in the place just right ’Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained To bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight ’Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

***DOXOLOGY (#105)**

*People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #110** “Love Has Come”

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Rosita de Pica” Héctor Soto

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated.
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

* Please stand if you are able

TODAY’S SPECIAL GUESTS

Alturas Duo (Carlos Boltes and Scott Hill) are professional musicians specializing in the music of Latin America. They join us today for the premiere of an arrangement of a traditional Chilean villancico (carol) prepared for us by Javier Farias.

8-year-old Camila Franzone, is a music student at Larchmont Music Academy.