



# Larchmont Avenue Church

60 Forest Park Avenue  
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**Christmas Eve Traditional Service**  
**December 24, 2024**  
**8:00 pm**

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



## PRELUDES

“*Fantasia on Greensleeves*” Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Larchmont Symphonia; Debra Whitman, harp

“*Joyeux Noël*”

Arr. Mark Hellem

Larchmont Symphonia

1.Noël Nouvelet 2.Quelle est cette odeur agréable? 3.Touro - Louro – Louro

## WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

## ANTHEM

“*Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day*” Arr. Howard Helvey  
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance, To see the  
legend of my play, To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my love,  
my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to  
man’s nature, To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my love, my  
love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

*In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance, Betwixt an  
ox and a silly poor ass, To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my  
love, my love, my love; This have I done for my true love.*

## INTROIT

“*Gloria in Excelsis*”

Douglas Kostner

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

## \*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Brito/Deshpande Family

One: “Good news of great joy,” the angel said, “for to you a savior is born.”

**All: “Peace on earth,” the choir sang, “for God reigns in the highest.”**

One: “Follow me,” the star beckons, “for Hope is born in Bethlehem.”

**All: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.**

One: As we light these candles, we proclaim God’s hope... God’s peace...  
God’s joy... God’s love... and, as we light the fifth and final candle,  
we welcome the light of Christ that has come into the world.

**All: Emmanuel has come and is coming. Come, all ye faithful, and  
worship God!**

## \*CAROL 133

“*O Come, All Ye Faithful*”

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

### A PROPHET PROCLAIMS

Isaiah 9:2-7

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

\*CAROL 88 (verse 1) “*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*”

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely  
exile here*

*until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O  
Israel.*

**AN ANGEL VISITS**

Luke 1:26-33

**\*CAROL 112** (verse 1) *“On Christmas Night All Christians Sing”*

*On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring;  
on Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring,  
news of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

**THE SAVIOR IS BORN**

Luke 2:1-7

**\*CAROL 121** (verse 1) *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

**THE ANGELS SING**

Luke 2:8-14

**\*CAROL 113** (verse 1) *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

**THE SHEPHERDS ARRIVE** Luke 2:15-20

**\*CAROL 119** (verse 1) *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

*Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”*

**CHILDREN’S STORY TIME** “The Gift of the Magi,” by O’Henry

Rev. Bynum

**SERMON**

“The Irony of the Incarnation”

Rev. Bynum

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

Arr. Howard Helvey

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.  
While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.  
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

**PRAYER OF ADORATION & DEDICATION**

Rev. Claunch

## SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*(After the first verse of "Night of Silence" is sung by the Choir, the congregation will join in singing "Silent Night.")*

*At that time, candlelight will be passed along. As your candle is lit, please turn to a neighbor to light theirs.)*

**\*CAROL 122** "Night of Silence" Arr. Daniel Kanto

*Choir only: Cold are the people, winter of life, We tremble in shadows this cold,  
endless night.*

*Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping, Flowers that will echo the sunrise;  
Fire of hope is our only warmth, Weary, its flame will be dying soon!*

*Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
'round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.  
Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born!"  
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**\*CAROL 134** "Joy to the World"

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.  
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.  
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

**POSTLUDE**

"Ya Viene la Vieja"  
Larchmont Symphonia

Arr. Mark Hellem

# 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](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

## FELLOWSHIP

- May your travels be safe and your celebrations joyous!

## MUSIC

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

## SERVICE

We offer our prayers and blessings to our Mission Partners and those they serve

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



In memory of Eric Almquist from the Almquist and MacGregor families. ♦ In memory of Jon Anderson and Elio Zappulla by Eve Anderson ♦ In memory of Wayne Armstrong by Lynn Armstrong ♦ Meg Deshpande & Alvaro Brito for the Allen and Brito-Cofre' families ♦ In loving memory of loved ones by Timothy & Cynthia Cannon ♦ In memory of Ray and DJ Petit, Norman and Vera MacDonald by Lindsay Danckwerth ♦ In honor of Jack and Dorothea Darris, Jim and Virginia Huff, Sue Reyelt by John Farris ♦ With gratitude for our family and friends from The Flickinger/Christiansen family ♦ In memory of Erika Lomitzky by the Leissl Family ♦ In memory of Bernard de la Rochefoucauld by Melissa Manice In loving memory of Steven HF Williams by Louise Moore Williams and Pete, Gala and Joanna ♦ In memory of our loved ones by Adrian and Christel Pugin ♦ In memory of Carol Shaner Read by Colleen Read & Howard Wien ♦ In loving memory of Warren and Thelma Serenbetz, by their family ♦ In loving memory of Warren L. Serenbetz, Jr., by his family ♦ With love for Kim and Bill Yamaguchi by their children

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

### LAC OFFICE CLOSED

Tues. December 24<sup>th</sup> thru Wed. January 1<sup>st</sup>

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

## STEWARDSHIP



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



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