



The Vision of Larchmont Church is to be a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive church that follows Jesus Christ.

December 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>Chant de Paix</i>	Jean Langlais
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Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ	Brooks Huffine, Acolyte Mikey Levow, Crucifer
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†Processional Hymn	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	No. 218
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†Introit	<i>He Came Down</i>	No. 2085 (TFWS)
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He came down that we may have peace; He came down that we may have peace;

He came down that we may have peace; Hallelujah forevermore.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle of Peace	David and Jill Loughery
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Leader: Today we light the second candle of Advent, the candle of Peace.
In a world desperately longing for harmony, we look to Christ, who is our peace.
“For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6).
As we light this candle, we proclaim Christ’s peace, which surpasses all understanding.

People: **May this flame remind us to be peacemakers, carrying the light of reconciliation into a broken world.**

Leader: Let us pray:

People: **God of peace, quiet our hearts and help us to live as peace-filled people. Amen.**

Leader: We light the first candle for hope and the second candle for peace.
(*Two blue candles are lit*) Come, Lord Jesus, our hope and peace.

ALL: **Reign in our hearts and in our world!**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dave Loughery

Peace Prayer ***We Will Live in Peace (Dona Nobis Pacem)*** Children's Choir

We will live in peace; We will live in peace. We will live in peace someday.

Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe That we will live in peace someday.

Dona Nobis Pacem (grant us peace).

Children's Message

Pastor Fran

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 1:16-25

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

"Peace"

Rev. Fran Cooper

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession (*Silent Confession*)

Merciful God we confess that we are slow to prepare the way for your coming. Our hearts are tangled with sin, and our paths are cluttered with selfish distractions. Forgive us, we pray. Clear our hearts and minds to receive your grace and truth. We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Anthem

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)

Donald Fraser

Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

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Let the bells ring loud and clear,

Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and the gently falling snow.

ring out now for all to hear.

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

From a simple ox's stall came the greatest gift of all.

Trumpets sound and voices raise

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

in an endless stream of praise.

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

Children sing of peace and joy

Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.

at the birth of one small boy.

Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.

Offering Prayer (unison)

**Help us to serve as living stones,
our work to be your vibrant home. Amen.**

†Doxology *Christ is the World's Light* (v. 4) No. 188

†Communion Hymn	<i>Thou Didst Leave thy Throne</i> (vv. 1, 2, 4) (Elements are brought forward during this hymn)	No. 2100 (TFWS)
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The Lord's Prayer

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward to receive the elements as led by the ushers.

Music During Communion

Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou amongst women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Selection from *Silence May Be Kept* by Dan Locklair

†Response Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 229

†Benediction

†Benediction Response	<i>Prepare the Royal Highway</i>	Choir
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†Postlude *The Peace* Dan Locklair

Poinsettias Are Coming!

You are invited to purchase red or marble poinsettias in honor or memory of family and friends. Six inch poinsettias are \$13 each. They will arrive for services on Dec. 14th. You are encouraged to take them after our holiday services. **Orders must in by Dec. 8th.** There are half sheets in the narthex for the offering plate, or fill out the dedication form with the QR code or the following link!:

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/8e2dc8>

Make checks out to Larchmont UMC with Poinsettias on the memo.



Angel Tree for Ghent Nursing Home

Small Christmas gift bags are being assembled by the Youth for every Ghent Healthcare resident. Delivery will be the week before Christmas if you would like to help. Additionally, we will have an Angel Tree to purchase special gifts for 20 residents of the Ghent Healthcare Center. The tree will be located outside the office after Thanksgiving. Please take a tag to make a special Christmas for someone in need. Contact Claudia Wade - wadecjl@verizon.net



Nativity Santa Breakfast

The Nativity Santa Breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 9:00-11:00 am in the social hall. Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and take a picture with Mr & Mrs. Claus. We will also have a nativity photo booth with costumes and a manger with baby Jesus. Children can make a stable nativity scene with Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. We look forward to seeing you!

Paint & Prayer

Come for a fun painting activity accompanied by a short devotion after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 14th. Heavy appetizers provided. \$5 each session for supplies. Use the link below to sign up. No art experience necessary!

WANTED: Children for our Annual Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Families, our annual Nativity play will be held Christmas Eve at 5pm. We are in need of children, ages 2 to grade 5 to participate. We will be having Nativity rehearsals on **Dec 14th and Dec 21st** immediately following the 10:30 service. Snacks will be provided. Character parts will be assigned the first rehearsal. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the first rehearsal! To sign up your child, please use this link

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/830e5869>

or QR code. (Parents, please submit one form per child).



Nativity Play



Peace on Earth Community Christmas Fair - Saturday, December 20

Larchmont is again helping with this wonderful community outreach in the Huntersville community, sharing food, toys, and general good tidings all about. We have been specifically asked to assist with set-up of tents, tables and chairs at 9am (need about 15 people and takes about an hour). The event itself is held from 11am - 1pm. Please let Pastor Fran know if you can help with set-up and/or the fair.



Advent/Christmas Worship: Brought to the Light

Too often, we reduce the four themes of Advent— hope, peace, joy, and love— to sentimental clichés tied more to the holidays than to the reality of life. But Advent isn't about pretending everything is fine. It's about Light showing up in the midst of darkness. Advent invites us to wrestle honestly with what hope, peace, joy, and love mean during real life— to look beyond surface-level comforts and encounter something deeper and truer in the person of Jesus. Advent reminds us that the Light has come—and that it's for those who know how deeply they need it.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Use this QR code to give online using your phone. →



Online Giving

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Lunch + Cookie Exchange
5:00 p.m.	Advent Study Night

Monday, December 8, 2025

6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Meeting
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Wednesday, December 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Larchmont Ringers
6:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:00 p.m.	Spaghetti and Caroling
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Friday, December 12, 2025

5:00 p.m.	EEE Travelers Babysitters Club
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Saturday, December 13, 2025

9:00 a.m.	Santa Pancake Breakfast
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Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	Worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
11:30 a.m.	Paint and Prayer
1:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Holiday Party

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

December 7, 2025

Advent Night – TONIGHT, 5-6:30 pm.

Join us for a church-wide snack dinner and study that will accompany our Advent Worship Series. Dinner is at 5pm, and then we break up into age groups to do studies and activities. Pastor Fran will lead the adult session in the Parlor; Monica will lead the Youth Session in the Youth Room (while they also do a mission activity); SS teachers will lead children's session in the Great Room. A nursery is also provided. Let's prepare our hearts for the season and share an evening of fellowship and learning about what Christmas is really about! Sign up here using the link or QR code. <https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/c6408e9797>



Advent Family Night



Deadlines Approaching for Year-End Giving!

If you plan to make a tax-advantaged gift of appreciated stocks or bonds to Larchmont Church in time to gain a 2025 tax credit, the deadline for such gifts is closer than you might expect. Your brokerage and ours will both need some time to transfer your gift. And remember, even financial professionals take time off for the holidays. We suggest that you **initiate your gift by December 8th** to ensure completion of the gift transfer by December 31st. We now use a different agent for transfer acceptance. Contact our Financial Secretary (giving@larchmontumc.org) for the form to send to your brokerage, or talk to Treasurer Chas Etheridge who can quickly walk you through the process. Thank you for generously supporting Larchmont Church.



Longest Night Service – Sun, Dec 21, 4pm

A service of remembrance often referred to as “Blue Christmas Service” or “Longest Night,” as December 21 is the longest day of darkness, will be held in the Church Chapel. The service will be a time of meditation and music as well as a time to light a blue candle in memory of a loved one. All are invited to this special service.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday December 7, 2025	Next Sunday December 14, 2025
Worship Leader	Dave Loughery	Monica Levow
Children's Worship	Fran Cooper	Helen Sommer
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Sara Morris
	Jeff Paiste	Les Thorpe
Sound Tech	Bill Huber	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
Trustee of the Month	Allison Arbuckle	Allison Arbuckle
Sunday Stewards	Ed Lilly	Sandra Clark
	Dave Lannetti	Fred Dobbs
Monday Counters	Julie Etheridge	Robert King
	Pris Peake	Watt Jones
Bus Driver	John Fitzwilliam	Kami Lannetti
Ushers	Jonathan Clark	Monica Levow
	Laura Calvert	Gary Chiaverotti
	Chris Calvert	Rob Baxter
	Dave Lannetti	Bill Lehew

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