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Larchmont Avenue Church

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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

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



PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”
Larchmont Symphonia

Arr. Lowell Hohstadt

INTROIT

“The Lord Is My Refuge”
The Lord is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.

Douglas Kostner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION *Stewardship 2026*

***THE PEACE**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Scots Confession, Chapter 1)*

Clark Morehouse

One: We confess and acknowledge one God alone...

All: to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

One: This one God is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible...

All: omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

One: By this one God we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided...

All: for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

One: Let us worship the one, true, and sovereign God!

***OPENING HYMN #643** “Now Thank We All Our God”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison) (Scots Confession, Chapter 15)* Nancy and Jeff Osborne

“We confess and acknowledge that... our nature is so corrupt, weak, and imperfect, that we are never able perfectly to fulfill the works of the law... [I]f we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth of God is not in us.

It is therefore essential for us to lay hold on Christ Jesus, in his righteousness and his atonement, since... it is by him that we are set at liberty...” Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA (#581)**

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison) (Scots Confession, Chapter 12)* Robin Hruska

“Our faith and its assurance do not proceed from... natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Ghost... For by nature we are so dead, blind, and perverse, that neither can we... see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit... quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will.”

Blessed Spirit, as your holy Word is read and proclaimed, we ask you to open our hearts and minds to your eternal wisdom. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Claunch

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

ANTHEM

“You Shall Love the Lord Your God”

Victoria Davison

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength;
this is the greatest commandment.*

And the second commandment is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well.

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 6:1-15

SERMON

“Be Careful Not to Forget”

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #687 (verses 2 and 6)

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;

sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S

David Hruska

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.

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 electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.

Susan Morehouse



OFFERTORY

“If I Come to Jesus”

Arr. Han-Ki Kim

Larchmont Symphonia

*DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Emily Irving

*CLOSING HYMN #275 “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“Chonan Samgeori”

Arr. Han-Ki Kim

Larchmont Symphonia

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

TODAY'S MUSICAL GUEST

Larchmont Symphonia

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Who makes the decisions about what is happening in our church?

You do!

In the Presbyterian Church we, the congregants, decide on how our church is run.

We do this by serving as a Session member, a Deacon or a Trustee.

Who is eligible to serve? The only qualifications are church membership and a desire to serve.

How does someone participate on one of these boards?

There is a Nominating Committee that reaches out to our congregation searching for people who are interested in serving.

How does the Nominating Committee get these names?

From you! Either nominate yourself or a friend who may be interested in serving. Pass these names on to our church secretary Betty Roodal broodal@lacny.org or one of the Nominating Committee Members listed below. Or write the names below on this form and put it in the offering basket.

Not sure where you would like to serve?

Here is a basic description of our church boards if our church was viewed as a body:

The Session would be the head, making decisions on such programs as education, mission outreach, music, worship, personnel and Building and grounds oversight..

The Deacons would be the hands and heart of the church, providing meals, transportation and delivering flowers to those in need. They greet new members, prepare communion and host Coffee Hour as well as organize the annual picnic and block party and memorial receptions. They are the board that works closely with our congregants.

The Trustees are the feet. They focus on the financial stability of our congregation and buildings and grounds.

2025 Nominating Committee Members:

Alexandra Leclere aleclere@aol.com

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Your Name : _____

_____ I nominate myself for Session. Deacons Trustees (You can choose several)

_____ I nominate: _____
For Session. Deacons Trustees (You can choose several)

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

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

FLOWERS

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Women's Bible Study- Tues. 11/4@ 11am, Library.
- Men's Bible Study – Thurs, 11/6 @ 8:30am, Carhart
- We love having little ones in worship with us! If you prefer, there is a nursery for infants & toddlers (Room 114/Education Wing). Ask an usher for directions.

FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir rehearsals every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. HS to adults. Contact: dkostner@lacny.org.

SERVICE

- Midnight Run. Join us at 4pm in Russell 11/8, 12/6
- SEEKERS – "The Power of Virtue: Building Character & Community for a United Future" Guest speaker: Joseph Holland, November 13 at 7pm

STEWARDSHIP



Christ is the Cornerstone. We are the Foundation.

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10%↑ in gifts
110 total pledges

Commitments to date:
\$317,734

39

PRIOR DONORS

4

NEW DONORS

24

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THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:20 am Tiny Theologians
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
3:00 pm Sustainable Sunday (Carhart)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamar. Youth Orchestra (Chapel, Carhart, 202)
7:00 pm Session Meeting (Library)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

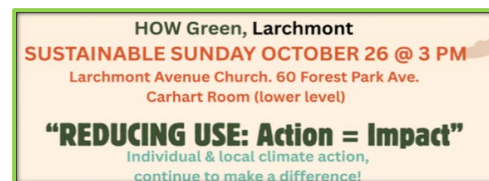
9:00 am Church & Community Committee Meeting (Lindsley)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm Youth Group 5th to 7th Grades :Pumpkin Decorating
6:15 pm Youth Group 8th to 12th Grades :Pumpkin Carving
7:00 pm Symphonia Rehearsal (Chapel)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00 pm West. Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Rm 202)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Daylight Savings Time Ends -Turn clocks back 1 hour



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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletin.



Upcoming Events

HOW Green, Larchmont
SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 @ 3 PM
Larchmont Avenue Church. 60 Forest Park Ave.
Carhart Room (lower level)

“REDUCING USE: Action = Impact”
Individual & local climate action
continue to make a difference!

Measure, Track & Reduce Use

CURE 100's Carbon Tracker provides insight, benchmarks and guidance on usage and reducing your carbon footprint.

Presenter: Leo Wiegman,
President, CURE 100
Director of Solar Programs, Sustainable Westchester





Energy Efficiency

Sustainable Westchester provides perspective on local action and energy programs for individuals to reduce usage, cut costs & increase clean, renewable, efficient energy sources.

Presenter: Noam Bramson,
Executive Director, Sustainable Westchester

Healthier You, Healthier Planet

Understanding human health risks from exposure & how reducing use can play a role in curtailing risks to our health and the environment.

Presenter: Kristen Carpenter,
Senior Environmental Scientist, CDM Smith



All are Welcome. Spread the Word! Admission is Free.
Learn more at lacny.org/earth-care OR call 914.834.1800

Coming in November:

- Save the Date: **NOVEMBER SEEKERS 11/13. "The Power of Virtue: Building Character & Community for a United Future"** with Joseph Holland, author, minister, entrepreneur & attorney.
- **Save the date 11/16 for Dedication Sunday Worship 10:00 AM**
- **11/16 Memorial Garden Dedication following worship.** Celebrating the thoughtful garden beautification undertaken by James Sykes III as his Eagle Scout project. Special Coffee Hour to follow. (Details forthcoming).
- **11/16 Dedication Sunday Wine & Cheese Reception 5:30-7:30 PM (Adults 21+) Russell Hall.**
- **11/16 @ 4 PM Interfaith Thanksgiving** (details to follow).
- **11/23: Bring a Friend Sunday & Larchmont Symphonia in Worship**



HELP US "HANG THE GREENS" FOR CHRISTMAS

One of the blessings of Advent and Christmas is seeing our sanctuary adorned with the beauty and symbols of the season. If you are interested in helping with those decorations, [please email us at lacoffice@lacny.org](mailto:lacoffice@lacny.org).

We will follow up with volunteers later with dates, times, and additional information