



*Christ Pantocrator dome fresco, Karanlık Kilise ("Dark Church"), Turkey*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 23, 2025

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



**PRELUDE** English Folk Song Suite: “Seventeen Come Sunday” Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Larchmont Symphonia

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Christmas Cheer and Thanksgiving Offering Becky Gray

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The words of the Lord: “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! I myself will gather my flock and bring them back to their fold.”

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: “I will raise up for David a righteous branch, who shall reign and deal wisely and execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: God is breaking into the world with power, grace, hope, and love.

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

Leader: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

**\*WELCOMING GUESTS/PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN #309** “Come, Great God of All the Ages” (*verses 1 and 2*)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*) Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies, but slow to name the ways we hurt others. You call us to pursue justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, but we invest our time, energy, and faith in other things. You offer life in your name as a gift of simple grace, but we still we live as if every good outcome is completely up to us.**

**Heal us and help us, O God. Turn us away from sin, and affix our eyes upon Christ, to the glory of your holy name... (*time for silent prayer*)**

**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*)

**Holy God, by the power of your Holy Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**ANTHEM** “King of Glory, King of Peace”

*King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; And, that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.  
Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me, And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.  
Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.  
Small it is, this poor sort, to enroll thee; Even eternity's too short to extol thee. Amen!*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 23: 33-43

## SERMON

“Save Yourself”

Rev. Bynum

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #227

*Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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, 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.*



## OFFERTORY

English Folk Song Suite: “My Bonny Boy” Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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

## \*CLOSING HYMN #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

## \*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE English Folk Song Suite: “Folk Songs from Somerset” Ralph Vaughan Williams  
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.*

### Notice of Congregational Meeting

On December 7, 2025, at the end of the worship service, a meeting of the congregation of the Larchmont Avenue Church will be called for the purpose of electing new church officers and three at-large members of the 2026 All-Church Nominating Committee.

## TODAY'S MUSICAL GUESTS

The Larchmont Symphonia, under the leadership of Nicole Sharlow, joins us in worship today.

## 309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly  
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, sure foun - da - tion,  
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to  
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;  
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;  
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,  
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -  
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each  
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -  
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the  
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong  
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to  
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987

MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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THE CHURCH

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.  
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.  
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.  
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.



## Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

# 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](mailto:broodal@lacny.org)
- Christmas Poinsettias. Dedicate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one. Suggested donation: \$30.00/plant. Sign up: by 12/21 ([www.lacny.org/giving](http://www.lacny.org/giving) page). Click on Poinsettias in the drop down).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Women's Bible Study- Tues. 12/2 @ 11am, Lindsley
- Men's Bible Study- Thurs. 12/4 @ 8:30 am, Lindsley.

## MUSIC

It's time for our Advent and Christmas choir!

Advent choir will be singing in Worship on 11/30, 12/7, & **Christmas Eve at 8 pm**. Rehearsals are 12/3, 20, 17.  
Contact [Dkoester@lacny.org](mailto:Dkoester@lacny.org) if interested.

## SERVICE

- Thanksgiving Offering is here once again. Funds raised will be used to support the effort of local food assistance organizations (HOPE, LM Hunger Task Force) Check your pews for the blue mission envelopes or forward a check to the Church Office with Thanksgiving Offering in the memo line.
- Midnight Run 12/6 @ 4pm, Russell Hall.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Christ is the Cornerstone. We are the Foundation.**



"... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house..."  
(1 Peter 2:5)

Goals:  
**10% ↑ in gifts**  
**110 total pledges**

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to date:  
**\$573,054**

**77**

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**11**

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**46**

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## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)  
10:20 am Tiny Theologians  
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)  
11:15 am Personnel Committee Meeting (Library)

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:00 pm LMYO. (Carhart)  
7:00 pm Session Meets (Library)

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)  
7:00 pm Symphonia (Chapel)  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell)

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Office & Preschool Closed  
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Office & Preschool Closed

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