

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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October 31, 2021 All Saints & Reformation Sunday

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 31, 2021

PRELUDE Sonntag Johannes Brahms

Debra Whitman, harp

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God alone,

Soli Deo gloria!

We gather as people reformed and reforming,

proclaiming the cornerstones of our faith:

Scripture alone, Christ alone,

faith alone, grace alone,

And glory, always, to God alone.

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. You have never stopped moving in the world, never stopped calling your church to follow your lead.

Forgive us, O God, when we are indifferent to your will.

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to follow the winds of your spirit, which come to reshape us and reform us as your people.

Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

*THE PEACE

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

O Lord, You have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, saints, and martyrs, faithful people in every age. Strengthened by their witness, we seek to follow in their footsteps of faith, running as best we can the race that is set before us. As your Word is read and proclaimed, we pray that you will speak to us your truth that echoes through the ages, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Congregation: May God be with you there!

Students: May God be with you here!

Children exit for Sunday School

ANTHEM

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
behold the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain,
for the former things are passed away.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "He Will Wipe Every Tear"

Dr. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need

Claude Smith

Larchmont Symphonia

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCES

Mila Kinnear, John Kippax, & Rich Williams

June Beaver † Thomas Beaver † Barbara Brazill † Douglas Campbell †
Clayton Carpenter † Joyce Carpenter † William T. Dentzer Jr. † Gregg Edelmann †
Alexander Everhart † Loretta Fergerson † Harriet L. Foster † Suzanne Lynn †
Laura MacNaughton † Annie Kate McBrien † Evelyn McKenzie † Rev. Steve Michie †
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Shirk † Olympia Rossheim † Fritz Weinkopf

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

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*HYMN 326 For All the Saints

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

Deep River Larchmont Symphonia

Carrie Lane Gruselle

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Immediately after worship today, all Sunday School students are invited to burn off some pretrick-or-treat energy with a **playdate** at the Chatsworth Playground! Join us for fun, fellowship, and some (less sugary) snacks!

Next Sunday, November 7, Rev. Bynum's "First Words" Adult Education series will continue! Plan to linger after worship for an exploration of Psalm 1.

Save the Date: LAC will host this year's **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Could you prepare a meal or snack for a member of our congregation in need? The **LAC Food Connection** under the auspices of the Deacons provides occasional meals for our members who might have surgery or something that prevents them from cooking themselves. Please contact Alexandra at aleclere@aol.com to offer your help. We will add you to our list of volunteers. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship

Thank you to the Larchmont Symphonia for sharing their musical gifts and lifting our spirits this morning!

Today's bulletin cover is "To Commune with All Saints" by Elise Ritter.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: Following the Children's Message, students will head over to Russell Hall where parents may retrieve their kiddos following worship. *Extra copies of the registration form for new visitors are available at the Usher station and check-in desk!*

Nursery Care for our smallest congregants—infants and toddlers ages 2 and below—is available on the ground floor of the education wing in Room 114.

Youth Groups: On Wednesdays, TGIF will meet at in the Youth Center at 5:00 p.m., SHIFT will join at 6:00 p.m. for a shared dinner, then SHIFT will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Questions? RSVP? Email Sam at swashington@lacny.org!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **November 4th** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley. Any questions, please email Arthur Washington at ajwash3@outlook.com.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY OCTOBER 31

10:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary / Online) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School (Russell)

11:15 a.m. SS Play Date (Chatsworth Playground)

MONDAY NOVEMBER 1

3:30 p.m. CCC (Library)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 2

ALL DAY Election (Russell)

6:45 p.m. Al Anon (Library / Zoom) 7:15 p.m. AA (Chapel / Zoom)

7:45 p.m. Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

5:00 p.m. TGIF (Youth Center)

6:00 p.m. Shared Dinner (Youth Center)

6:30 p.m. SHIFT (Youth Center)
7:30 p.m. Symphonia (Chapel)
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir (Russell)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 4

8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Lindsley) 9:30 a.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Zoom)

4:00 p.m. Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)

7:00 p.m. AA (Zoom)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5

5:00 p.m. Junior Symphonia (Lawn/Russell)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA (pcusa.org) and the Hudson River Presbytery (hudrivpres.org).

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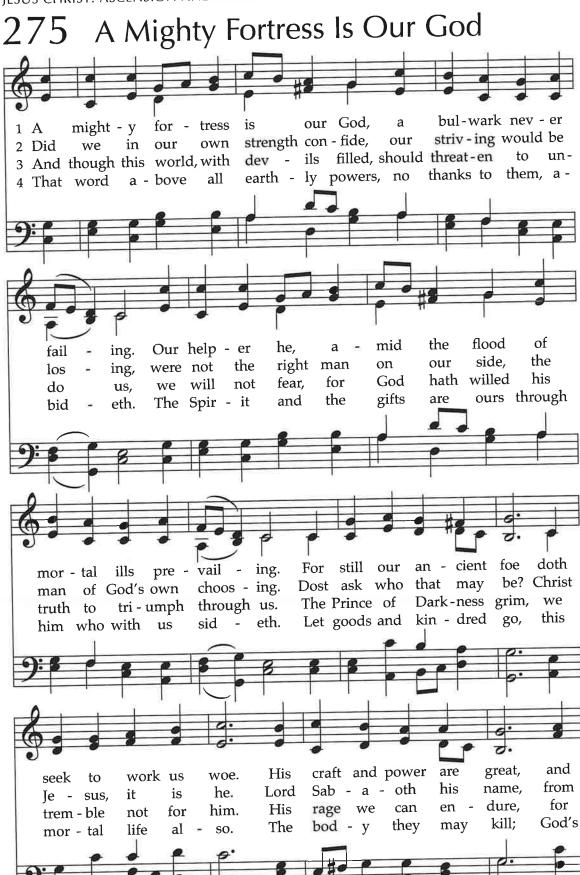
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Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342) You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

Our COVID Safety procedures may not allow us to pass the offering plate, however, LAC always welcomes your gifts of time, talent, and treasure! Financial gifts may be shared via this QR code, or you can email the Office about finding other ways to share your time!





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.



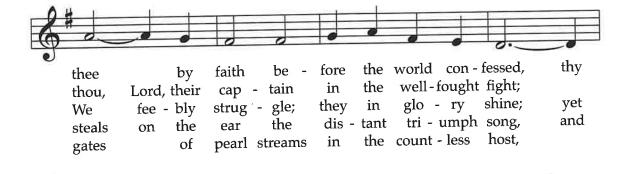
many other Scriptures, such as Psalm 149:3, Romans 13:11, Psalm 16:9, 1 Corinthians 15:52, and Job 19:25. These familiar echoes help to give the text depth and breadth.

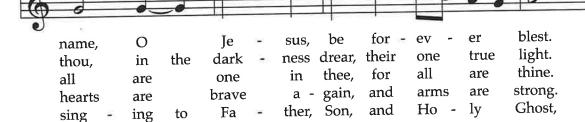
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For All the Saints



- 1 For all the saints who from their la-bors rest, who
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might;
- 3 O blest com mu nion, fel low-ship di vine!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
- 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through







The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

