



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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November 28, 2021

The First Sunday in Advent: Hope

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE
NOVEMBER 28, 2021

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Domenico Zipoli

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Stacey, Vaughn, Gray, and Giselle Harvey

A new branch will grow from the root of Jesse.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him.

His reign will be one of widespread peace.

There will be no pain or sadness anywhere in the world;

for the knowledge of God will cover the earth

just as the waters cover the sea.

We light the first Advent candle to acknowledge the light of hope.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

*HYMN 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not walk in your light. Our paths are crooked, and we stray from the ways of your peace. Forgive us, deliver us, and awaken us, so that we may be ready to welcome you with joy.

In this time of silence, clear our souls of the refuse of this world, create in us clean hearts, and renew a right spirit within us, to the glory of your holy name...

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!**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Arthur Washington

O Lord, we know that you are coming at an unexpected hour. Come to us now, in Spirit and Truth. As your Word is read and proclaimed, rouse us from drowsy worship, awaken us to your coming, and lead us to your justice and righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 25:1-10

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

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

Alan Bullard

*The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the Apple Tree.
His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.
For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all, but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the Apple Tree.
I'm weary of my former toil, here I will sit and rest awhile;
Under the shadow I will be of Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree.*

OLD TESTAMENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Righteous Branch”

Dr. Bynum

VOLUNTARY

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Lee Dengler

ABERYSTWYTH

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station in the narthex.

*HYMN 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

LAC's Annual **Advent Workshop** returns on December 5th! Immediately following worship, all are invited to Russell Hall for advent-wreath making, cookie decorating, crafts for all ages, and some festive tunes! Please help us prepare enough cookie decorating kits by registering on Realm!

Save the Date: on December 12, 2021, immediately following worship, there will be a **meeting of the Congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church for the purpose of electing new church officers.

The next session of Rev. Bynum's Adult Education series will be on December 12 following the Congregational Meeting! All are welcome to join for an exploration of the **Art of Advent!**

LAC has been invited to join our Interfaith neighbors for an afternoon of **community caroling!** We'll gather in Constitution Park on December 19 from 4-5 p.m. to make a joyful noise and sing some beloved Holiday classics.

Help LAC bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors in need so that they know the true hope and joy that Christmas promises. As Christmas approaches, many of our neighbors will find it difficult to feel the joy of the season. In the wake of hurricane Ida, where so many lost so much, the number of families who are struggling to get by has soared. The LAC **Christmas Basket** program is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to demonstrate our willingness to help the less fortunate among us while we celebrate the spirit of giving. We are looking for LAC members to provide wrapped Christmas gifts or gift cards for 50 individuals in 14 families this year. Each family will also receive a gift basket filled with Christmas goodies.

There are two ways you can help.

1. **Adopt an individual** Wish lists for specific gift items or gift cards will be provided. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up genius that will be posted on lacny.org and emailed in Church Notes as soon as we get the family information from the Town of Mamaroneck.
2. **Donate funds.** The C&S committee will use monetary donations to purchase holiday treats, hats, scarves, small games, body lotion, and food gift cards to fill a basket for each family. Donations can be made via www.lacny.org/giving (select "Christmas Baskets" in the drop-down menu on the Giving page) or by mailing a check to LAC with "Christmas Baskets" in the memo. **We have been overwhelmed by your generosity in the past and have faith that it will continue this year.**

Thank you!

Church & Society Committee

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "Jesse's Stump," a Chrismon created by Rev. Madeline Hawley.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: Following the Children's Message, preschool-5th grade students are invited to Russell Hall for a time of fun, fellowship, and learning together!

On December 12, we will mark a special milestone in the life of faith by **presenting our fourth-grade students with Bibles!** We are excited to honor their deepening faith and acknowledge their special role as leaders within our all-ages Sunday School program. *If you are the parent of a fourth grader, please send a note to the office (mmajor@lacny.org) to confirm that you will be present in worship on December 12, and to help us double-check name spellings for inscriptions.*

We are drawing nearer to **LAC's Christmas Pageant!** We look forward to experiencing Christ's birth story anew on **December 19**. During December, pageant preparations—from auditions for speaking parts to costume distribution—will take place during Sunday School, and a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 18 from 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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. This week, we will pack care packages!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **December 2** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley. Any questions, please email Arthur Washington at ajwash3@outlook.com.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

12:30 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 28

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

Sunday School (Russell)

NOVEMBER 29

CCC (Library)

Session (Library)

NOVEMBER 30

Church & Society (Lindsley)

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

DECEMBER 1

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)

TGIF (Youth Center)

Shared Dinner (Youth Center)

SHIFT (Youth Center)

Symphonia (Chapel)

Chancel Choir (Russell)

DECEMBER 2

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)

Bible Study Fellowship (Zoom)

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell/Chapel)

AA (Chapel)

DECEMBER 3

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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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!



Savior of the Nations, Come 102

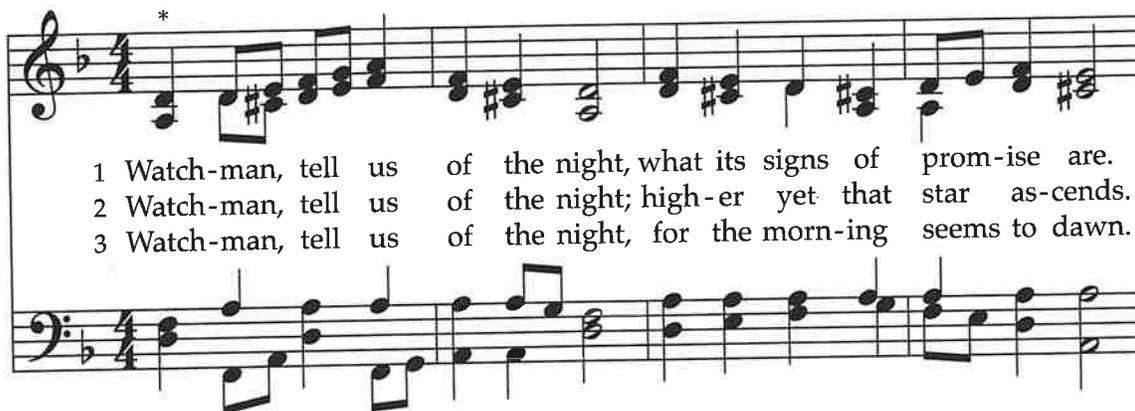
1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

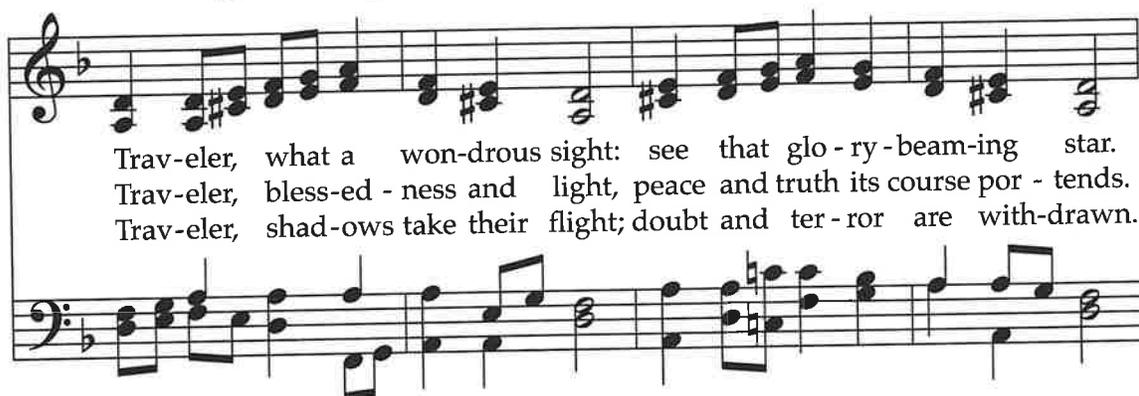
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

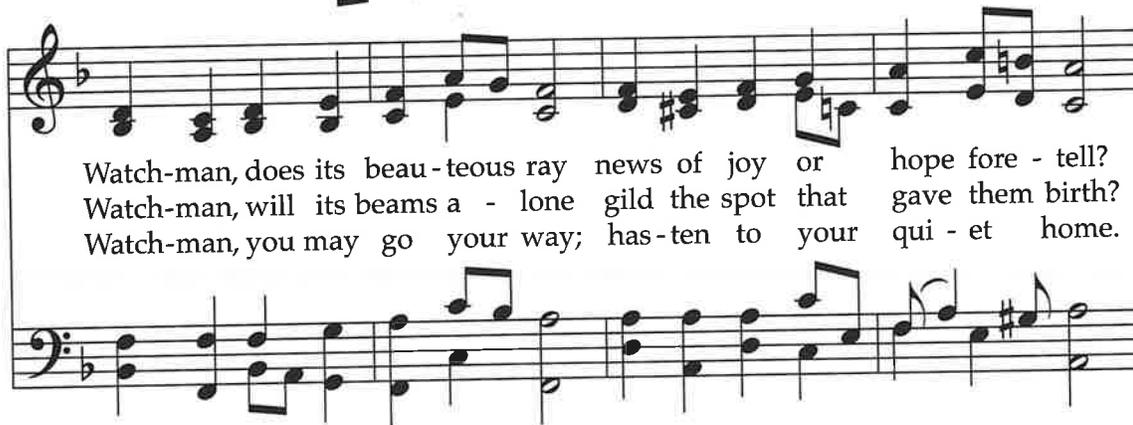
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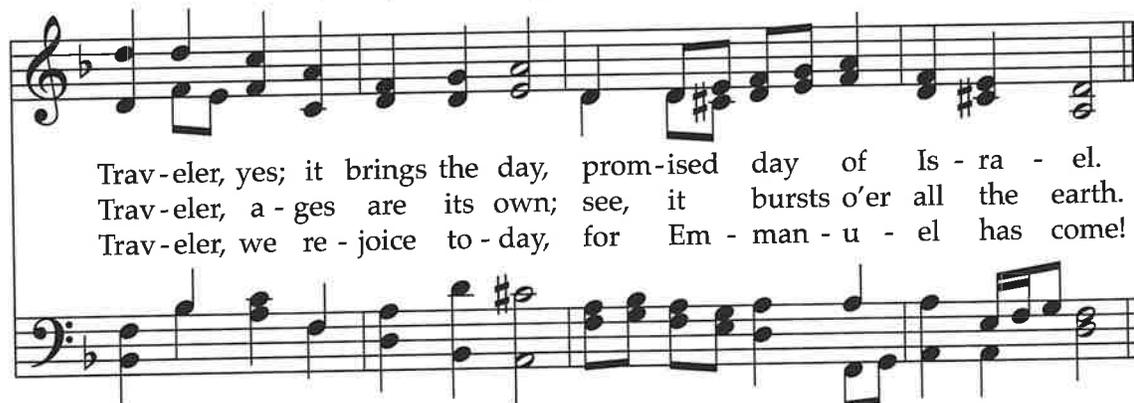
1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

**May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."