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| The Larchmont Avenue Church  60 Forest Park Avenue  Larchmont, New York 10538  (914) 834-1800  Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum  Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  Director of Music: Douglas Kostner  January 29, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Service for the Lord’s Day | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January 29, 2023 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prelude *String Quartet No. 2: Allegro moderato* Alexander Borodin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nicole Sharlow, Ava Albano, violin; Ella Federspiel, viola; Kimberly Wei, cello | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Introit | | | | *Rejoice and Be Glad* | | | | | | | Douglas Kostner | | |
| Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welcome | | | | | | | Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum | | | | | | |
| \*Call to Worship  *(from Psalm 61)*  Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.  From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint.  **Lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge, a strong tower against the enemy.**  Let me abide in your tent forever,  find refuge under the shelter of your wings.  **For you, O God, have heard my vows;**  **You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \*Hymn 19 “God of Great and God of Small” | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prayer of Confession | | | | | | | | Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum | | | | | |
| **Almighty God, aware of your power and perfection, we cannot help but be mindful of our faults and sin.**  **Trusting in the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ, we turn to you, seeking the forgiveness that only you can provide.**  **Recalling the prayer of the Psalmist, we humbly pray, “Have mercy on me,**  **O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.”**  **As we pray for your forgiveness, help us to know you more, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, strengthen us in faith so that we might better serve you and share your love in all our actions. We ask for this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**  *(Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.)* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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, it 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 for Illumination Phil Oldham | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Lord, as we open your Word this morning, help us to create room in our hearts, minds, and spirits to hear what you have to say to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OLD Testament | | | | Micah 6:1-8 | | | | | *Pew Bible OT pg. 866* | | | | |
| *\* please stand if you are able* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Children’s Message Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum  *The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Anthem | | | *Blessed Are Those* | | | | | | | Benjamin Harlan | | | |
| Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.  Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  And blessed are those who thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  Blessed are the merciful, for they will have mercy.  And blessed are the pure, for they will see God.  Blessed are the makers of peace, for they are the children of God.  And blessed those who suffer for righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  Rejoice and be glad those who sow in tears, for they will see God. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible NT p. 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SERMON | | “The Enduring and Constant Love of God” | | | | | | | | | | | Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow |
| \*HYMN #739 | | | | | | “O for a Closer Walk with God” | | | | | | | |
| |  | | --- | | Prayers of the people and the lord’s prayer Rev. Bynum  **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 Rev. Bynum   |  |  | | --- | --- | | *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 *Be Thou My Vision* Michael Tyree  Nicole Sharlow, Ava Albano, violin; Ella Federspiel, viola; Kimberly Wei, cello | | \*Doxology *Hymn 607*  ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***  ***Praise Christ, all peoples here below;***  ***Praise Holy Spirit evermore;***  ***Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Bynum | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| \*Hymn 738 | | | | | “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” | | | | | | | | |
| \*Benediction | | | | | Rev. Dr. Aaron Janklow | | | | | | | | |
| Postlude | | | | *The Solid Rock* | | | | | | | | Brant Adams | |
| Nicole Sharlow, violin | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *\* please stand if you are able* | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Mentions and Announcements

*Welcome to Worship*

**Welcome** to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream.

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact the Office (LACoffice@lacny.org) to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Your voice and presence would be a gift in worship! If you would be willing to **assist as a liturgist**, please either follow the QR code to the right or email the church office at [LACoffice@lacny.org](mailto:LACoffice@lacny.org).

*Christian Education*

**Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

**Sunday School:** Ages Pre-K through 5th Grade are invited to go down to the Carhart Room for Sunday School following the Children’s Message

**TGIF and SHIFT** meets this Wednesday, February 1st. Middle Schoolers will gather from 5:00-6:00 p.m. and High School students will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

*Save the Dates*

Day of Service – Saturday, March 25 (morning)

Rummage Sale – Sat, April 22 – Sat, April 29 (hours TBD)

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| This Week at LAC: | |
| **SUNDAY** | **January 29** |
| 10:00 a.m. | Worship (Sanctuary / Online) |
| 10:20 a.m. | Sunday School (Carhart) |
| 11:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour (Russell Hall) |
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| **TUESDAY** | **January 31** |
| 6:45 p.m. | Al Anon (Library) |
| 7:15 p.m. | AA (Chapel / Zoom) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Mission Realization Dinner (Youth Suite) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Westchester Chorale (Russell/Sanctuary) |
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| **WEDNESDAY** | **February 1** |
| 11:00 a.m. | Staff Meeting (Lindsley) |
| 5:00 p.m. | TGIF (Youth Center) |
| 6:30 p.m. | SHIFT (Youth Center) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Chancel Choir (Russell Hall) |
| 7:30 p.m. | Symphonia (Sanctuary) |
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| **Thursday** | **February 2** |
| 4:00 p.m. | Westchester Children’s Chorus (Russell/Chapel) |
| 7:00 p.m. | AA (Carhart) |
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| **Saturday** | **February 4** |
| 9:00 a.m. | WCC Retreat (Russell, Sanctuary, Carhart, Chapel) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Midnight Run |

OUR MISSION

As a community of faith of all ages,

we gather to witness God’s love and grace through worship, service and education.

We seek inspiration to more effectively serve as disciples of Christ.

In a challenging world, we strive to nurture each other and our neighbors

by providing a safe haven

where both joys and burdens

can be shared.

All are welcome here.

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| The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of  the Presbyterian Church USA (pcusa.org) and  the Hudson River Presbytery (hudrivpres.org). |
| You may reach staff members via (914) 834-1800 at the following extensions: |

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