



## The Larchmont Avenue Church

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# The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT: LOVE  
DECEMBER 19, 2021

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Arr. Ernie & Becky Brock  
Melanie Huang, flute; Debra Whitman, harp

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CANDLE OF LOVE

Leah, Ryan, Simon, and Nathan Griggs Pauly

The angel brought to Mary good news that God's love was coming into the world, and that her child would be a blessing to all. And Mary said,

**"My heart praises the Lord; my soul is glad, because God my Savior has remembered me, his lowly servant! From now on all people will call me happy, because of the great things God has done for me."**

From generation to generation, the Lord shows mercy to those who love and honor God. And Mary said,

**"God has kept the promise made to our ancestors! God's help has come! God has remembered us, showing mercy to Abraham and his descendants forever!"**

We relight the first Advent candle  
**to acknowledge the Light of Hope.**

We relight the second Advent candle  
**to herald the coming of the Prince of Peace.**

We relight the third Advent candle  
**as a sign of the joy that Christ is bringing.**

And we light the fourth Advent candle to proclaim the unstoppable power of God's love.  
**Prepare the way of the Lord!**

\*HYMN 140

*Once in Royal David's City*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, when the news came to Mary, her spirit rejoiced and her soul magnified your name. We know the news, and yet we continue to fear. We know the story, and yet we continue to doubt the strength of your promise.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for doubting your blessings.**

**Lift us up with the strength of your arm...**

**scatter the proud thoughts of our hearts...**

**and give us the faith of Mary to proclaim your love and bear witness to your Son...**

*Silence is kept for prayer and reflection.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA

*My Soul Gives Glory to My God (vs. 1&5)*

***My soul gives glory to my God; my heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.  
Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises with present faithfulness.***

\*THE PEACE

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

OLD TESTAMENT

Micah 5:2-5a

Rev. Bynum

This is the Word of the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

VOLUNTARY

*I Wonder as I Wander*

Arr. Sharon Wilson

Melanie Huang, flute; Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Debra Whitman, harp



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

LAC Sunday School Students

(Based on *The First Christmas* by Louise Egan)

INTRODUCTION

SCENE 1: THE PROPHETS

HYMN 83

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1)*

***Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.***

SCENE 2: THE ANNUNCIATION

ANTHEM

*Ave Maria*

David Bednall

Sofia Martinez, soloist; Nicole Sharlow, violin

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum;  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.*

*(Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with  
you; Blessed are you among women and  
blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.)*

SCENE 3: A DECREE FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS

HYMN 121

*O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)*

***O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in the dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.***

SCENE 4: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

HYMN 115

*Away in a Manger (vs. 1)*

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

SCENE 5: THE ANGELS

HYMN 113

*Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)*

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

SCENE 6: THE SHEPHERDS

HYMN 134

*Joy to the World! (vs. 1)*

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven (and heaven) and nature sing!*

SCENE 7: THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

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.**

THE GREAT AMEN

*(congregation singing)*

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

*Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

*Hosanna in the highest!*

*Gifts may be shared online at [lacny.org/giving](http://lacny.org/giving) or via the Realm Connect app. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station in the narthex.*

\*HYMN 133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Il Est Né*

Arr. Ernie & Becky Brock

Melanie Huang, flute; Debra Whitman, harp

## PAGEANT CAST LIST

*Narrator*      Simon Pauly

*Wise Ones*     Grey Harvey, August Helfst, and Sam Martin

*Townsperson*   Nathan Pauly

*Prophet*        Oliver Manice

*Mary*            Giselle Harvey

*Joseph*         Cameron Gray

*Gabriel*         Anais Wrappah

*Camels*         James Manice and Walker Moore

*Shepherds*     Cole Bartley, Otto Helfst, and Sam Martin

*Angels*         Claire Bartley, Caroline Martin, Elizabeth Martin, and Christian Meintjes

*Sheep*           Freya Helfst, Finley Manice, and Anna Meintjes

## MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Upcoming Events*

LAC has been invited to join our Interfaith neighbors for an afternoon of **community caroling!** We'll gather in Constitution Park this afternoon from 4-5 p.m. to make a joyful noise and sing some beloved Holiday classics. Hot Cocoa and songbooks will be shared beginning at 3:45 p.m.!

On December 22, LAC will hold a **Blue Christmas** service. We'll gather in the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. for a midday service of prayer, reflection, and spiritual support for folks who struggle around the Holidays. Whether you are missing loved ones, living day-by-day with depression or anxiety, or simply need space to pause and reflect amid this busy season—there is space for you here.

### *Welcome to Worship*

**Thank you** to all of the volunteers who made this year's pageant possible! *The First Christmas: A Children's Christmas Pageant*, written by Louise Egan and adapted by Brittany Beaver, Thea Beaver, and Alyssa Gomez, is the live telling of the Christmas story. From prophets to angels to the smallest sheep comes the reminder of the gift God sent to the world to show his unending love for us. We hope all will bring family and friends to share in this joy-filled service!

**Today's bulletin cover** features snapshots from our last in-person Pageant! (Send your best pics to the office to be added to the archive!)

### *Christian Education*

**Sunday School News:** Following today's Pageant Performance, our Sunday School will take a break and resume January 9, 2022!

**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:** TGIF and SHIFT are taking a break over the Holidays! See you in 2022!

The **Men's Bible Study** will next meet on Thursday, **January 13** at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room. Any questions, please email Arthur Washington at [ajwash3@outlook.com](mailto:ajwash3@outlook.com).

This Week at LAC:

**SUNDAY**

10:00 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.  
2:30 p.m.  
4:00 p.m.

**MONDAY**

3:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

6:45 p.m.  
7:15 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

11:00 a.m.  
1:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
7:45 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

12:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

All DAY  
4:00 p.m.  
5:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 19**

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)  
Confirmation Class (Russell)  
Miyazaki Studio Student Recital (Sanctuary)  
Community Caroling (Constitution Park)

**DECEMBER 20**

CCC (Library)

**DECEMBER 21**

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)  
AA (Chapel / Zoom)  
Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

**DECEMBER 22**

Staff Meeting (Lindsley / Zoom)  
Blue Christmas Service (Chapel)  
Symphonia (Chapel)  
Chancel Choir (Russell)

**DECEMBER 23**

Staff Christmas Lunch (Off-site)  
AA (Chapel)

**DECEMBER 24**

Christmas Eve!  
Family Service (Sanctuary/Online)  
Family Service (Sanctuary/Online)  
Traditional Service (Sanctuary/Online)

*Please note that the LAC Office will be closed from December 25-January 3!*

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of  
the Presbyterian Church USA ([pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org)) and  
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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!*





## Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and  
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

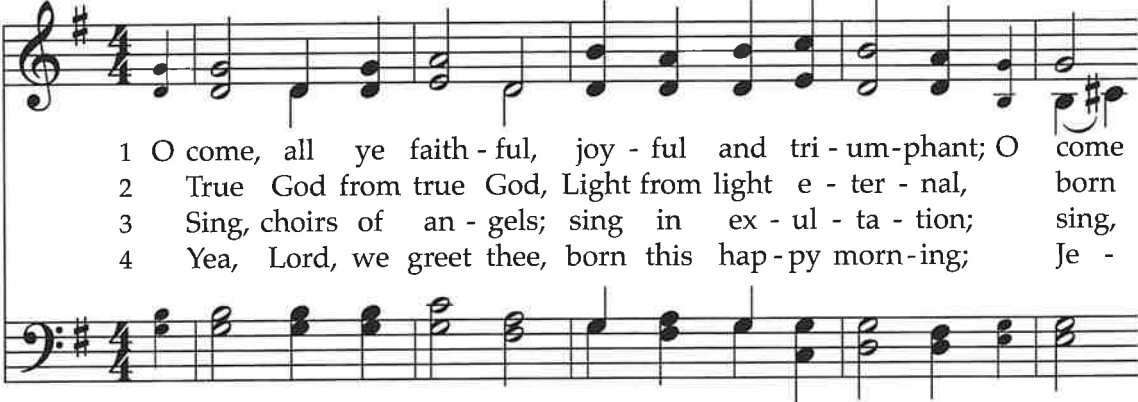
man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he is gone.

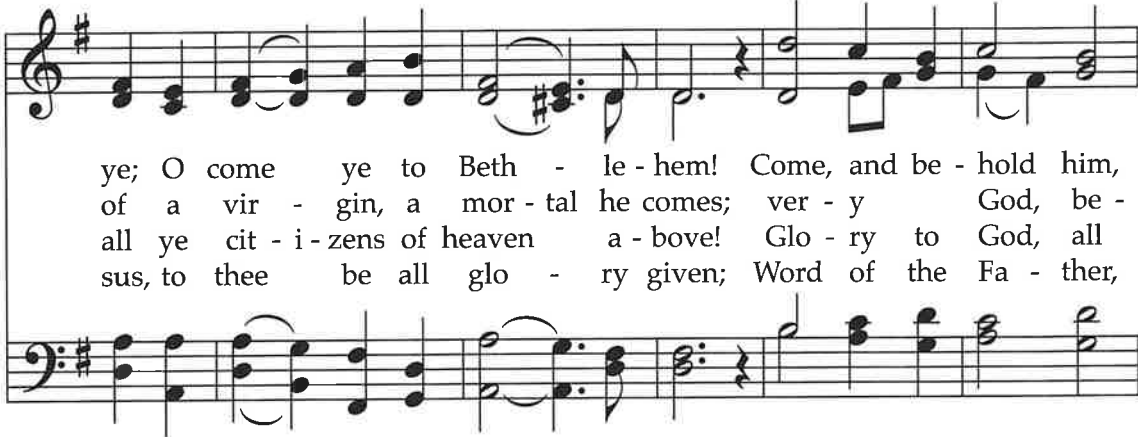
Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

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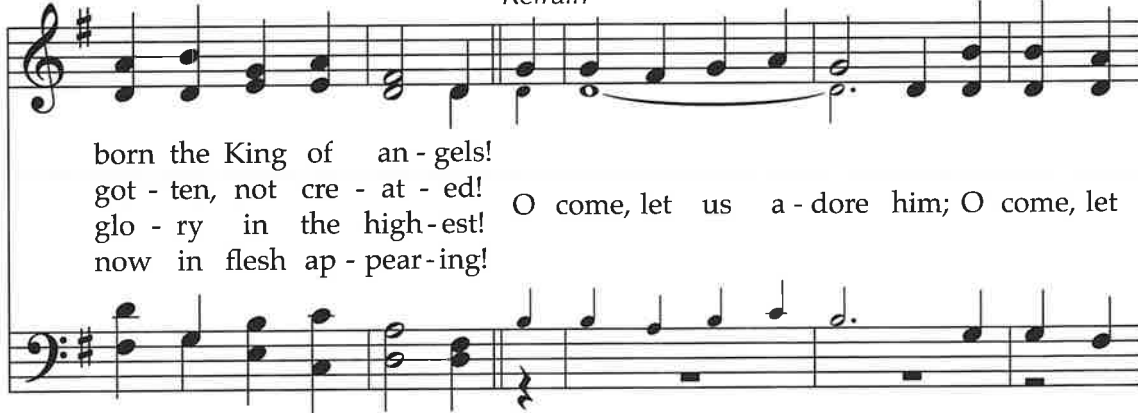


1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

## Refrain



born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.