



# The Larchmont Avenue Church

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December 24, 2021 at 8:30 PM

## Christmas Eve

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE  
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PRELUDES

*Of the Father's Love  
Begotten* Arr. Brook Boddie

Debra Whitman, harp  
*Two Carols for Flutes* Arr. Melvin Lauf, Jr.

*Silent Night; I Saw Three Ships*

Claudia Huter & Imogen Morrall, flute; Steve Huter, piano

*Three Spanish Carols* Arr. Mark Hellem

*El Belén Tocan a Fuego; El Noi de la Mare; Ya Viene la Vieja*

Larchmont Symphonia

INTROIT

*Gloria in Excelsis* Douglas Kostner

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.*

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE CHRIST CANDLE

Susie Yamaguchi, Mitchell, and Jack Green

The Light of the World has come for us; a child has been born for us.

**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal  
Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Once we were no people;

**Now we are God's people.**

Once we walked in darkness;

**Now we have seen a great light. Glory to God in the highest, and peace  
to God's people on earth. Alleluia!**

As we light these candles, we proclaim...

God's hope... God's peace... God's joy... God's love...

And now, tonight, the coming of God's Son.

**For unto us is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is  
Christ the Lord!**

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!*

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

*True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Very God, begotten, not created!*

*Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!*

*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

THE PROPHET

Isaiah 9:2-7

Jeff & Elise Carpenter

CAROL 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.*

THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

Jeff & Elise Carpenter

ANTHEM

*The Wexford Carol*

Elaine Hagenberg

*Good people all, this Christmas time, consider well and bear in mind  
What our good God for us has done in sending his beloved Son.  
With Mary holy we should pray, to God with love this Christmas day;  
In Bethlehem upon that morn, there was a blessed Messiah born.  
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;  
To whom God's angel did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.  
Prepare and go, the angels said, to Bethlehem, be not afraid;  
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a princely babe, sweet Jesus, born.  
With thankful heart and joyful mind, the shepherds went the babe to find,  
And as God's angel had foretold, they did our Savior Christ behold.  
Within a manger he was laid and by his side a virgin maid,  
Attending on the Lord of Life, who came to earth to end all strife.*

THE ANGELS

Luke 2:8-14

Bev McAllister

CAROL 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!***

THE SHEPHERDS

Luke 2:15-20

Bev McAllister

VOLUNTARY

*A Vaughan Williams  
Christmas*

Arr. Douglas Wagner

Larchmont Symphonia

MEDITATION

“The Christmas Pageant”

Dr. Bynum

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CAROL 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1)*

***Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”***

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SHARING THE LIGHT

*At this time, the light of Christ will be passed through the congregation. For ease, dip your unlit candle, wick-down, to the flame of the lit candle. Likewise, hold your lit candle upright for the neighbor who will draw light from yours.*

CAROL

*Night of Silence*

Arr. Daniel Kantor

**Choir Only:**

*Cold are the people, winter of life,  
We tremble in shadows this cold, endless night.  
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,  
Flowers that will echo the sunrise;  
Fire of hope is our only warmth,  
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.*

**Congregation Joins Choir:**

***Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.***

***Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing, “Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.”***

***Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth, Jesus, Lord at thy birth.***

\*BENEDICTION

\*CAROL 134

*Joy to the World*

*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.*

*Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, And wonders, wonders of his love.*

POSTLUDE

*Touro-Louro-Louro*

Arr. Mark Hellem

Larchmont Symphonia

***The Christmas Flowers in the Sanctuary Were Given in Memory of:***

Eric Almquist by the Almquist and MacGregor Families ✨ Wayne Armstrong by his family  
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from their children and grandchildren

*Thank you to the Larchmont Symphonia for sharing such beautiful music!*

Flute	Imogen Morrall
Oboe	Slava Znatchenii
Soprano Sax	James Mullen
Trombone	Rich Williams
Violin 1	Nicole Sharlow, James Tiebout, Sasha Bilik, Ava Albano, Kimberly Wei, Liana Haigis
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Bass	Wesley Troeger

## THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

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