

The Larchmont Avenue Church

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The Second Sunday of Christmas

Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 2, 2022

PRELUDE

Go Tell It on the Mountain

John Carter

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

CALL TO WORSHIP

May all of God's people give praise to the Lord.

We joyfully proclaim Christ is here!

The God of all creation animates us with the breath of the Spirit.

The Lord, the giver of life, has come to dwell among us!

Let us worship God!

*HYMN 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we know that no one is worthy to stand before God, none but Christ alone.

Gather us in, your children who run and hide, ashamed, afraid, apathetic.

We trade your goodness for ashes.

We trade your peace for control.

We trade your promise for certainty.

Forgive us, Lord, for our failures to follow you. Gather us in, your children who seek your face, and bless us with your abundant mercy...

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!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Alexandra LeClere

Lord, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path. As we turn to your eternal Word this morning, let your light shine as a guide that will lead us to you -- the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalm 147:12-20

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

SERMON

“The Light of All People”

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

VOLUNTARY

What Child Is This?

Vince Guaraldi

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...Therefore we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

(congregation singing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your Glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

... Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacques Berthier

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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!

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 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Marianne Kim

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Ready to pack up this year's Advent Wreath? Please return your **wreath forms** so that we may re-use them next year! The red collection bin is in the central hallway off of the Forest Park foyer!

Calling all LAC college students and recent graduates: there will be a **LAC Youth Alumni Midnight Run** on Saturday, January 8th! Join together with old friends for an evening of serving our housing insecure neighbors! Contact Jim Hanley for any questions: jhanley@taconicbuilders.com.

The next Adult Education session will be on January 9th following worship and will explore **Presbyterian Polity**! Have you ever wondered what makes Presbyterians different from Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, and other denominations? We'll explore how we govern ourselves and make decisions as a congregation. While this session is mandatory for all new church officers, it is open for anyone to join in the discussion! A Zoom option will be available for folks who register by January 6.

Welcome to Worship

Today's bulletin cover is "An Ancient Light" by Jan Richardson.

Christian Education

Sunday School News: Sunday School is on a Holiday hiatus, and will resume January 9, 2022! Little ones are welcome to remain with their families, and can find coloring pages and art supplies at the Usher Station.

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, and will gather next on January 5, 2022!

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

LAC's chapter of **Bible Study Fellowship** (Westchester Woman's Day Group) will resume meeting in-person in Russell Hall on January 13th at 9:30 a.m. If you interested in participating, please reach out to LAC liaison Stacy Brandom. To find a session that suits your schedule, check out <https://www.bsfinternational.org/>.

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 2

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)

MONDAY

3:30 p.m.

JANUARY 3

CCC (Library)

TUESDAY

6:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

JANUARY 4

Al Anon (Library / Zoom)

AA (Chapel / Zoom)

WEDNESDAY

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 5

TGIF (Youth Center)

Combined Dinner (Youth Center)

SHIFT (Youth Center)

Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m.

JANUARY 6

AA (Chapel)

FRIDAY

JANUARY 7

SATURDAY

3:00 p.m.

JANUARY 8

Youth Alumni Midnight Run (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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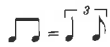
Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

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!

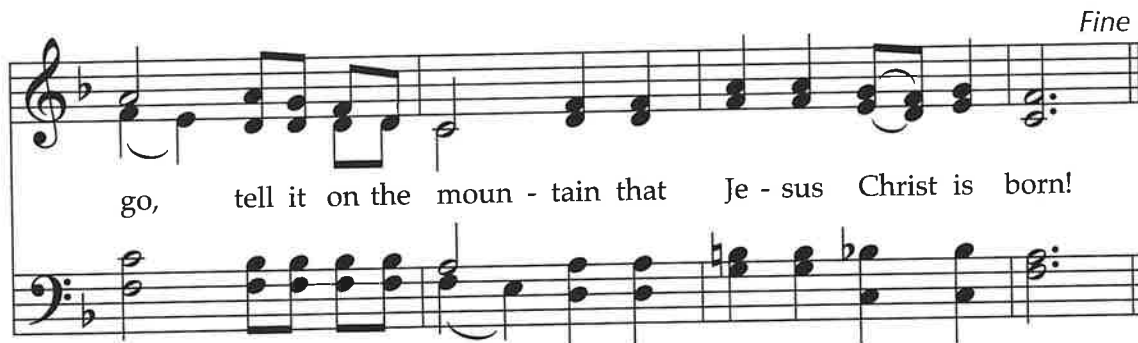


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Refrain 

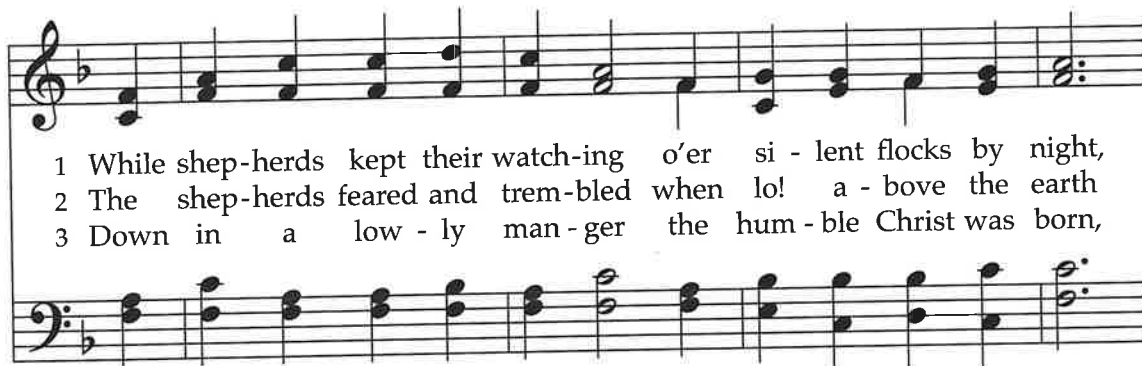


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

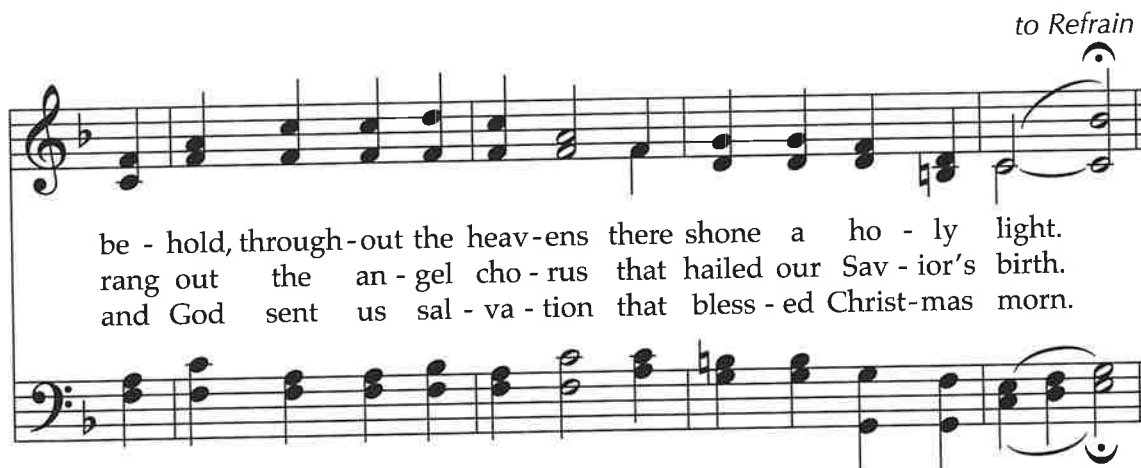


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Fine



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

to Refrain

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.