



The Larchmont Avenue Church

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The First Sunday of Advent: Hope
Bulletin for Online and In-Person Worship

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PRELUDE

A Child of the King

Kristin Campbell

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT

Your Word Is a Lamp

Douglas Kostner

Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Bev & Harmon McAllister

One: We shall light the Advent candles praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

All: Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

One: Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

All: Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

One: In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations, and arbitrate for many peoples. We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

*HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

Holy God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty.

Forgive us for our lack of faith.

Forgive us for our lack of hope.

Forgive us for our lack of love.

Create in us clean hearts that seek peace, and help us to share your light with the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

Silence is kept for Prayer and Reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY, GLORY, GLORY

Hymn 584

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high!

And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased.

Gloria, gloria, gloria, en las alturas a Dios!

Y en la tierra, paz a la gente que ama el Señor.

*THE PEACE

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Bev McAllister

**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.**

EPISTLE

Romans 13:11-14

Pew Bible NT pg. 162

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The children of the church are invited to join the pastor on the chancel steps.

ANTHEM

Rejoice, O Jerusalem

Healey Willan

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

*Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the
Lord shall come and all his saints with him; and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O
Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia!*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 2:1-5

Pew Bible OT pg. 631

SERMON

“Walking in the Light”

Dr. Bynum

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Light

**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 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

Gifts may be shared online at lacny.org/giving or via the Realm Connect app.

OFFERTORY

Sleepers, Wake!

J. S. Bach

Caitlyn Carpenter, viola; Ben Wien, piano

*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.*

*HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

People, Look East

Anthony Giamanco

Ben Wien, piano

MENTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

Next week, join us for **LAC's Annual Advent Workshop** following worship on December 4! All are invited to join in some intergenerational crafting and holiday snacks. Together, we'll create Advent Wreaths, Chrismons, and star lanterns for a special art installation in the sanctuary.

There will be a **meeting of the congregation** of the Larchmont Avenue Church following worship on December 11, 2022 for the purpose of electing new church officers! Please plan to attend in person in order to vote.

LAC's tradition of **Caroling** returns this year! On Friday, December 23, 2022, we'll meet at the church at 4pm; break into groups to visit special church members who would enjoy some holiday cheer; then regroup in Russell Hall for a post-caroling dinner buffet at 6pm! To join our merry band of singers and bring your holiday spirit to our joyous chorus, **you must RSVP** to LACcaroling@gmail.com and indicate the number of adults and the number of children under age 13.

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Larchmont Avenue Church! We are delighted to worship together, both in person, and with folks joining via livestream. Today's "Lighting of the Advent Candles" is from Brian Wren's *Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Liturgies and Prayers for Public Worship* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008) and is reproduced by permission. Copyright ©2007 by Brian Wren.

Today's bulletin cover art is "Swords into Plowshares" by Michael Cook.

Today's flowers are given by Bev and Harmon McAllister in memory of Bev's son, Scott, who passed away twelve years ago today.

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.

Christian Education

No **Sunday School** today—see you next week!

Nursery Care is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers age 2 and below.

TGIF and SHIFT will meet this Wednesday (November 30) for a service project! Middle Schoolers will meet from 5-6:00 p.m., and High School students from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Men's Bible Study will meet next on Thursday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Lindsley Room.

SPECIAL OFFERING

Thanksgiving is a time for us to gather with family and friends and to count our many blessings. It's a time to give thanks for all that is good in our own lives and to give to others who may not be as fortunate. It is in this tradition of caring that we express our love and support for people in need in our own community.

As in past years, the Thanksgiving offering here at LAC will be used to support the vital efforts of several local food-assistance organizations. These include H.O.P.E. Food Pantry, Larchmont Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force, and Meals on Wheels. The food they offer makes a tangible difference in the lives of people with critical needs right here in our own communities. Please use the blue mission envelopes in the pews or send checks marked "Thanksgiving Offering" to the church office. Contributions can also be made through Realm by selecting "Thanksgiving" from the fund menu.

Our Thanksgiving offering gives us at LAC the opportunity to make this a holiday in which those who struggle in our community can feel the loving comfort of others. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of people in need.

Wishing you peace and grace in this holiday season,
Church and Society Committee

This Week at LAC:

SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.
10:20 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

MONDAY

7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

4:15 p.m.
6:45 p.m.
7:15 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

11:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 27

Worship (Sanctuary / Online)
Sunday School Workshop (Carhart)
Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

NOVEMBER 28

Session (Library)

NOVEMBER 29

Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell)
Al Anon (Library)
AA (Chapel / Zoom)
Westchester Chorale (Sanctuary)

NOVEMBER 30

Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
TGIF (Youth Center)
SHIFT (Youth Center)
Symphonia (Chapel)
Chancel Choir (Russell)

DECEMBER 1

Men's Bible Study (Lindsley)
Westchester Children's Chorus (All)
AA (Carhart)

DECEMBER 2

DECEMBER 3

Midnight Run (Russell Hall)

THE LARCHMONT AVENUE CHURCH

The Larchmont Avenue Church is a member church of
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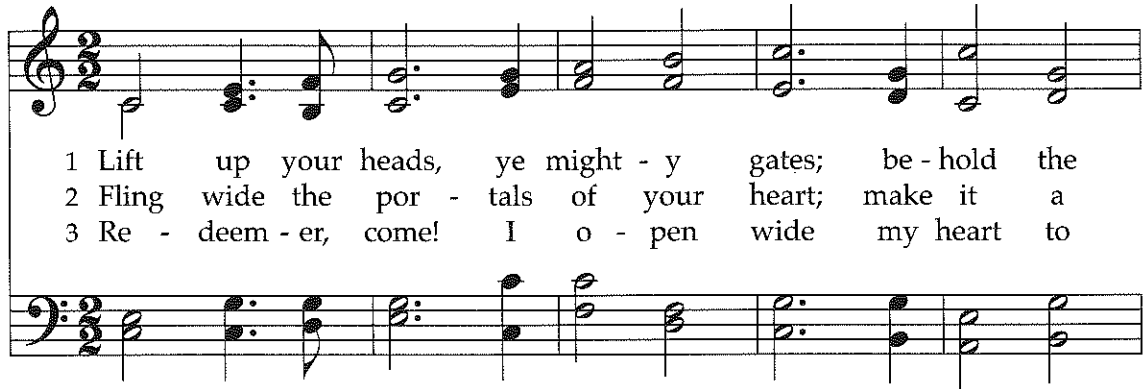
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LAC Website: www.lacny.org Fax: (914) 834-1832

Place prayer requests at: The LAC Prayer Connection (ext. 342)

You may reach Rev. Bynum via his mobile phone at (843)302-2511.

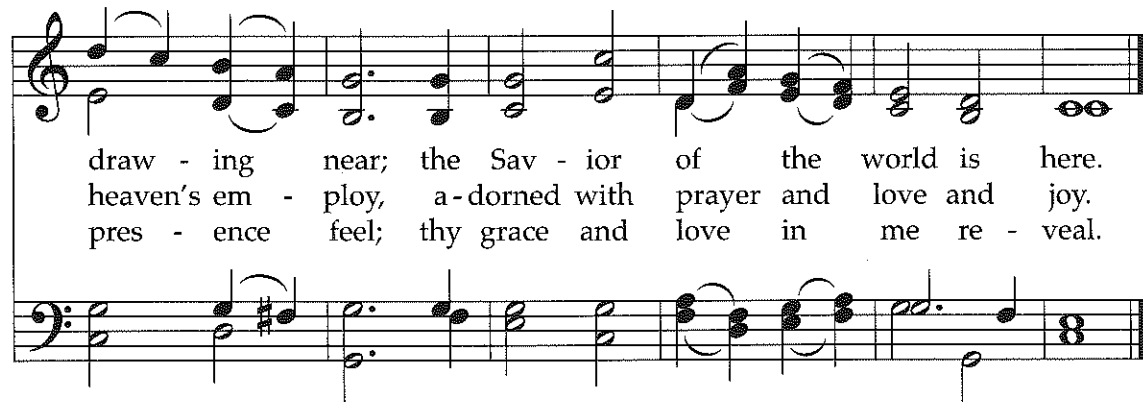
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

Glory to God

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Gloria, gloria

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
 Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*May be sung as a canon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
 Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

GLORIA (Taizé)

Glory, Glory, Glory

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Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry be to God on high!
 ¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, en las al - tu - ras a Dios!

And on earth peace to all peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.
 Y en la tie - rra, paz a la gen - te que a - ma el Se - ñor.

TEXT: Based on Luke 2:14; Pablo Sosa, 1989
 MUSIC: Pablo Sosa, 1989
 Text and Music © 1989 GIA Publications, Inc.

CUEQUITA

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

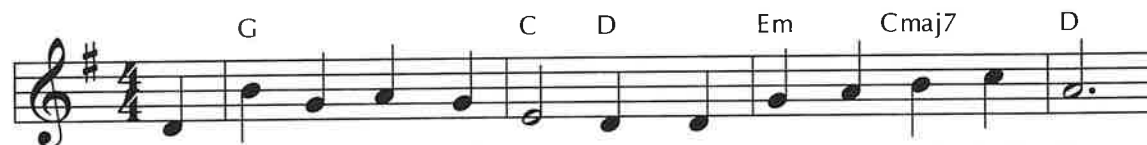
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

The author / composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



G C D Em Cmaj7 D

- 1 We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
- 2 Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start?
- 3 When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end,
- 4 That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way,



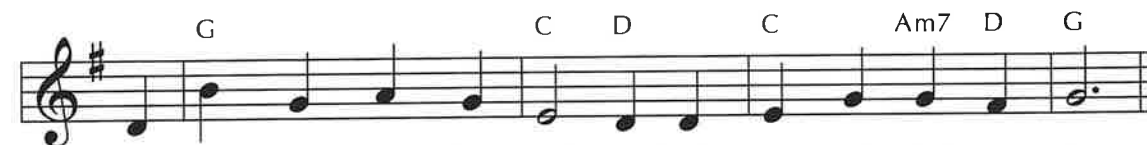
G C D C Am7 D G

in gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart.
 when na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend,"
 to share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day.



C Am D G Am Am7 D

when li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun:
 The child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains,

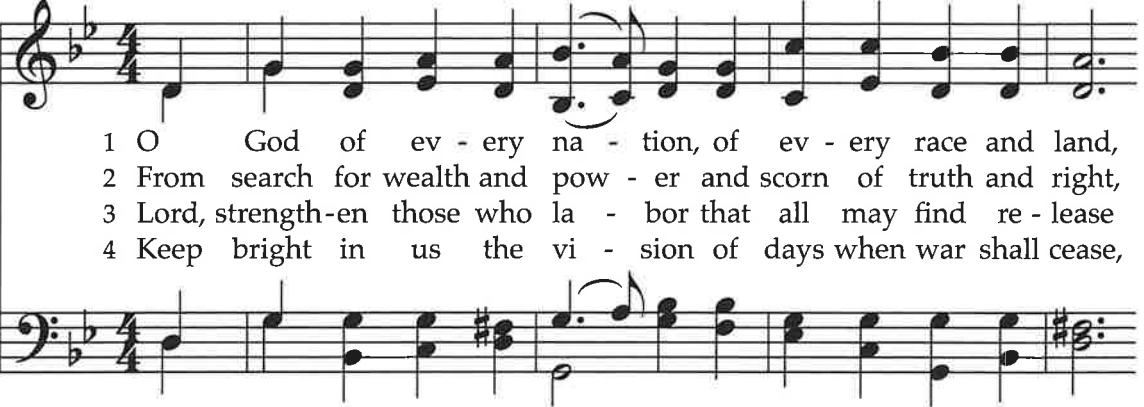


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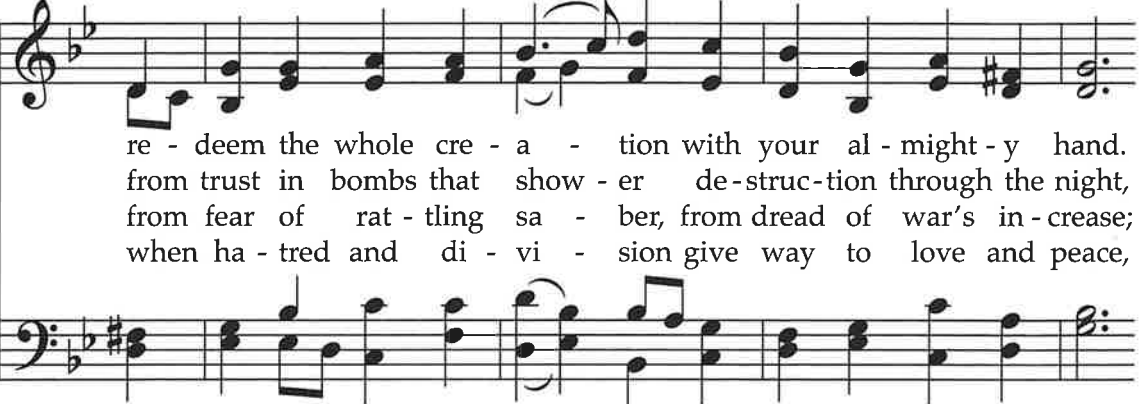
a lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
 we pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
 sha - lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
 to bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.


O God of Every Nation 756



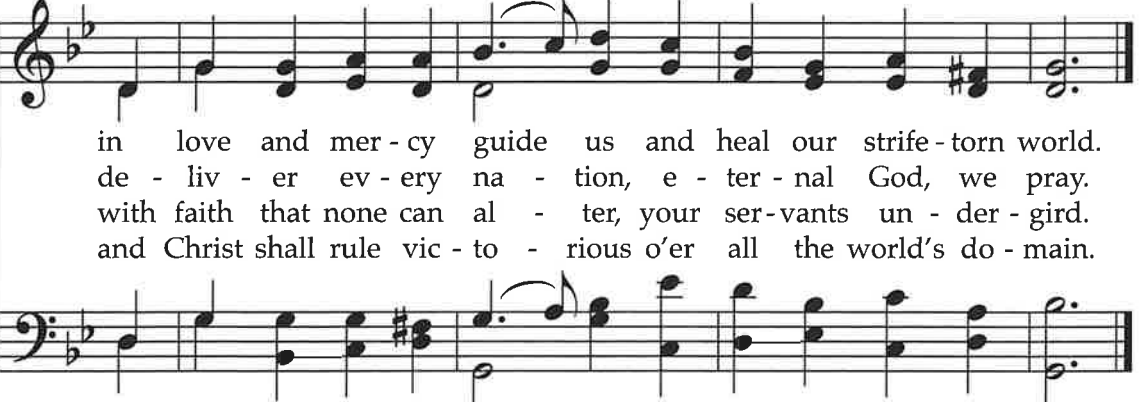
1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.