



Larchmont Avenue Church

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” Arr. Lee Burswold
Nicole Sharlow, violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH** Pat and Jim Allen

One: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

All: The world says, “Worry,” and we say, “Rejoice.”

One: The news says, “Fear,”

All: and we say, “Rejoice.”

One: The world says, “Be happy,”

All: and the church says, “Be faithful.”

One: As we light our third Advent candle, we pray for hope, peace, and joy.

All: Come now, O child of Mary. Come now, O Prince of Joy.

***THE PEACE**

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

***OPENING HYMN #140** “Once in Royal David’s City”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Bynum

Righteous God, we confess that we have failed to love as you call us to love.

Instead of serving you and serving others, we have served our own needs and satisfied our own wants.

Forgive us for our sins, Lord, and look with mercy upon us. As our children lead us in worship today, we ask you to give us child-like love, faith, hope, and trust, to the glory of your holy name... (time for silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA #584** *Glory, glory. glory, glory be to God on high! (2x)*
And on earth peace to all people in whom God is well pleased! (2x)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Financial gifts may be shared via Realm, by scanning the QR code here or via pledge cards found in the pew or at the rear of the sanctuary.



OFFERTORY “Sing We Now of Christmas” Arr. Kristin Campbell
Cameron Gray, violin

PRAYER (*in unison*)

O Lord, we offer these gifts to you in faith, hope, and love. As we prepare to hear and experience the beloved story of your birth once more, we ask you to clear away the clutter in our minds and our hearts. Through the words of angels and children, speak to us with grace and generosity, so that we too may see, and hear, and follow. Amen.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT (Children Only Sing) *The Children of LAC*

SCENE 1: THE PROPHETS

RESPONSIVE 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: A DECREE FROM CAESAR AUGUSTUS

RESPONSIVE 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 3: THE BIRTH OF JESUS

RESPONSIVE HYMN 122 *Silent Night (vs. 1)*

*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.*

SCENE 4: THE SHEPHERDS

RESPONSIVE HYMN *Do You Hear What I Hear? (vss. 1 and 2)*

*Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night, with a tail as big as a kite,
with a tail as big as a kite.
Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees, with a voice as big as the sea,
with a voice as big as the sea.*

SCENE 5: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARS

RESPONSIVE HYMN 118 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
(vss. 1, 3, and 4)*

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around, and glory shone around.
"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign,
and this shall be the sign."
"The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
all humbly wrapped in swaddling bands, and in a manger laid,
and in a manger laid."*

SCENE 6: THE HEAVENLY HOST

RESPONSIVE 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 7: THE SHEPHERDS GO TO THE MANGER

RESPONSIVE HYMN 145 *What Child Is This (vs. 1)*

*What child is this who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring him laud The babe, the son of Mary!*

SCENE 8: THE JOURNEY OF THE MAGI

RESPONSIVE HYMN 151 *We Three Kings (vs. 1)*

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

SCENE 9: AND THE REST IS HISTORY

CLOSING HYMN 134 *Joy to the World (vss. 1 and 4)*

*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!
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.*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Claunch

***POSTLUDE**

“Noël Étranger”

Louis-Claude Daquin

You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude, but there is no expectation that you remain seated. Feel free to greet your neighbors! * Please stand if you are able

Today's Musical Guests are Isla Dapkins, violin; Brynn Coady, violin; Nicole Sharlow, viola; Nola Coady, cello; Debra Whitman, harp.

THE CHILDREN OF LAC

Claire Bartley, Cole Bartley, Evelyn Gaitan, Sebastian Gaitan, Chloe Halliley, Grey Harvey, Henry Kinnally, Owen Kinnally, Emma Kulzer, Jack Oleson, Nicholas Oleson, Caroline Potts, Wells Potts, Anna Rosenthal, Graeme Rosenthal, Jane Thompson, Mila Widner, Zoe Widner, Timmy Wien

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share with our LAC community? Call our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

Christmas Poinsettias: Dedicate in memory or honor of a loved one. Suggested donation: \$30.00/plant. Sign up by 12/21 at lacny.org/giving (click on "Poinsettias" in the drop-down menu).

Take the plant home after the Christmas Eve Service.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Nursery care available in Room 114 for infants/toddlers.

FELLOWSHIP

LAC FAMILY CAROLING EVENT!

When: Friday December 20th, 4-8pm

Where: Manice Family home (**15 Locust Ave, Larch.**)

Details: 4:00pm – Arrival and instructions

RSVP Today! Sunday, Dec. 15th.

laccaroling@gmail.com.

MUSIC

Mark your calendars!

- Children Guitarist Duo 12/22.
- String Quartet & Flute Trio 12/24 (5pm).
- Larchmont Symphonia 12/24 (8pm).

SERVICE

Stay tuned for service opportunities coming in the New Year.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:00 am Worship: Christmas Pageant (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00pm Meetings: Trustees (Lindsley)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:30 pm Holiday Brass Concert (Sanctuary)

7:00 pm AA(Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Noon Staff Luncheon

5:00pm Youth Group (5th to 7th Grades)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 – Cont'd

6:15 pm Youth Group (8th to 12th Grades)

7:30 pm Symphonia (Chapel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 pm Caroling at the Manice Family home

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party (AP Manse)

Christmas Eve Worship: 5 pm (Family) and 8 pm (Traditional)

STEWARDSHIP



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As an Earth Care Congregation, we ask you to please recycle your bulletins. Thank you!

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.