



"Birth of Christ," Bernardo Daddi (circa 1325-1350)

Larchmont Avenue Church

60 Forest Park Avenue
Larchmont, New York 10538
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Christmas Eve Traditional Service

December 24, 2025

8:00 pm

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



*Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Luke 2:1-7

Rev. Bynum

***CAROL 121**

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (verse 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 thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

ANTHEM

“Dormi, Jesu”

John Rutter

*Dormi, Jesu! Mater ridet. Quae tam dulcem somnum videt.
Dormi, Jesu blandule. Dormi, Jesu blandule.
Si non dormis, mater plorat Inter fila cantans orat, Blande, veni, somnule.
Dormi, Jesu blandule. Sleep, sweet baby!
My cares beguiling; Mother sits beside thee, smiling;
Sleep, my darling, tenderly. Dormi, Jesu blandule.*

THE ANGELS SING

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Claunch

***CAROL 113**

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (verse 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 ARRIVE

Luke 2:15-20

***CAROL 119**

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” (verse 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!”*

SERMON

“Perfectly Imperfect”

Rev. Bynum

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Claunch

OFFERTORY

“Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”

Arr. Howard Helvey

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

*Tomorrow shall be my dancing day: I would my true love did so chance To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

*Then was I born of a virgin pure, Of her I took fleshly substance; Thus was I knit to man's nature,
To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.
In a manger laid and wrapped I was, So very poor this was my chance, Betwixt an ox and a silly poor
ass, To call my true love to my dance; Sing O my love, O my love, my love, my love;
This have I done for my true love.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*At this time, the light of Christ will be passed through the congregation.
When your candle is lit, please pass the light to your neighbor.*

*CAROL 122

“Silent Night”

*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.*

*Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing “Alleluia to our King:
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.”*

STORY BEHIND THE SONG

Rev. Bynum

*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.*

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

*“Ya Viene la Vieja”
Larchmont Symphonia*

Arr. Mark Hellem

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.*

**Please stand if you are able.*

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!

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Share prayer requests by calling our prayer line at (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please get in touch with the office at broodal@lacny.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

FELLOWSHIP

- May your travels be safe, and your celebrations be joyous!

MUSIC

- String Quartet and Flute Trio 12/24 (5pm).
- Larchmont Symphonia 12/24 (8pm).

SERVICE

We offer our prayers and blessings to our Mission Partners and those they serve.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Pat and Jim Allen, in loving memory of Jim's mother, Judy Allen, and Pat's parents, Stan and Mary Lou Reeves ♦ Kathryn Almquist, in loving memory of Eric Almquist ♦ Lynne Armstrong, in memory of Wayne Armstrong ♦ The Beaver Family, in memory of Gemmie and Dide ♦ Molly Bynum, for The Hennings ♦ The Bynum Family, in loving memory of Jan, Grady, and Ruth ♦ Timothy & Cynthia Cannon, in loving memory of Tim's sister Bridget ♦ Kim & Barbara Flickinger Christiansen, in memory of loved ones who have gone before us ♦ Anna Grace Claunch, in memory of Paula Weldon, John Claunch, & Tripp Frohlichstein ♦ Merry Christmas from Meg Deshpande & Alvaro Brito! ♦ John & Martha Farris, in memory of the Farris/Huff Family ♦ Mitchell Green & Susie Yamaguchi, for Kim Yamaguchi on her favorite holiday ♦ Gregory & Sharon Hawkins, for all the Hawkins and Prices who have gone before us ♦ The Leissl Family, in memory of Erika Lomitzky ♦ Clark & Susan Morehouse, in loving memory of our parents, Jean & Larry Morehouse and Kay & Bill Currie ♦ Elizabeth & Jean-Pierre Poyet, in memory of Ann, Walter and Adam Glass ♦ Adrian & Christel Pugin, in memory of loved ones ♦ Colleen Read & Howard Wien, in memory of Carol Shaner Read & June Oliver Ulfers ♦ The Rosenthal Family, in honor of Janice Dunbar ♦ The Serenbetz Family, in loving memory of Warren and Thelma Serenbetz and Warren Serenbetz, Jr. ♦ Kimberly Shostak, in memory of Kim's parents Bob and Judi Fletcher ♦ Amanda Weiss, in memory of Ruth Weiss and Kit & Rick Ritz ♦ Rich & Diane Williams, in memory of Kenneth & Joan Wanderer and John & Joan Williams

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT LAC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Family Service
8:00 pm Traditional Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

LAC OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed December 24-26, December 29-31, and January 1-2.

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