



John Stushie, "Magi" 2017

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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**First Sunday of Christmas**  
**December 28, 2025**

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



**PRELUDE**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” Arr. Victor Labenske  
*Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Peter Bynum

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Hear the good news of the gospel: The time of salvation has come.

**All: God’s Word now dwells among us, full of grace and truth.**

One: Fill us, O God, with the light and life of Christ, through whom all things were made,

**All: so that we may be faithful disciples, bearing witness to your grace and truth; through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN #145**

*“What Child Is This”*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**Holy God, even though we are in awe of the love and light of Christ, we remain self-centered and cling to the sin of the world. We celebrate the birth of our Savior, yet we struggle in our commitment to follow him. We are called to pursue justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, yet we seem content to seek our own comfort and ignore the cries of those in need.**

**By the light of the Christ child, lead us on a path of goodness and righteousness, as we seek to honor Emmanuel, God With Us...**

*(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)***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(in unison)*

God of all truth, we give you thanks that your Word became flesh and now lives among us. As we prepare to hear the ancient words of Scripture and sing songs of praise and faith, enliven our hearts and minds to know afresh your living and eternal Word, Jesus Christ, who is present in this place. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 148

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Claunch

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Colossians 3:12-17

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROL SING**

*During this time we will celebrate the Christmas season by singing selected verses of carols requested by the congregation.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Claunch

**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 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**

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.

Rev. Bynum



**OFFERTORY**

“Quelle est cette odeur agréable?”  
*Caitlyn Carpenter, viola & Ben Wien, piano*

Arr. Timothy Shaw

**\*DOXOLOGY (#607)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN #110**

*“Love Has Come”*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

**\*POSTLUDE**

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Arr. Robert Vandall  
Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano*

*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.*

# Announcements & Happenings

## PRAYERS

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

## FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Nursery care available in Room 114 for infants/toddlers.
- Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary.
- Sunday School for ages 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade resumes January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Group resumes January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## FELLOWSHIP

- Join us for Coffee Hour in Russell Hall immediately following the service.

## MUSIC

Thank you to Douglas, our chancel choir, and all of our guest musicians and singers for helping us make beautiful music throughout 2025!

## SERVICE

- On **January 25<sup>th</sup>** during Coffee Hour the 2026 Service Trip Team will be having a fundraiser for their February trip to the Dominican Republic. Come join us for pancakes and to learn more about the work they will be doing!

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

The church office will be closed December 29-31 & January 1-2.

## STEWARDSHIP

Scan the QR code to make a pledge to the Stewardship 2026 Campaign.



## CONNECT WITH US

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