LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Vision *of Larchmont Church is to be a vibrant, engaging, and inclusive church that follows Jesus Christ.*

November 22, 2026
Thasnksgiving Sunday
†Please stand as you are able

Prelude ***Arvo Pärt - Spiegel im Spiegel* (Mirror in the Mirror)** Giovanni Battista Mazza

Announcements and Greetings Pastor Fran Cooper

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn ***All People That on Earth Do Dwell*** No. 75

†Call To Worship (*Based on James 1:22–25)* Jack Meservey, Worship Leader

Leader: Come, people of God, to hear the Word that gives us life!
People: Open our ears to listen and our hearts to understand.
Leader: Let us not be hearers of the Word only and forget what God has revealed to us.
People: Help us to be doers of the Word, living what we believe.
Leader: Like a mirror, God's Word reveals who we are and who we are called to become.
People: May we see ourselves clearly through the eyes of God's grace and truth.
Leader: Blessed are those who receive God's perfect law of freedom, persevere in faith, and put God's Word into action.
All: We come not simply to hear, but to be transformed; not simply to believe, but to live our faith.
Let us worship the God whose Word calls us to action! Amen.

Call To Prayer ***Come, Let Us Reason*** Ken Medema

"Come, let us reason together;" that's what God says.
"Come, let us reason together," says the Lord.
Tho' your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow
Tho' they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
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Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Moment — 3rd Grade Bibles

Scripture Lesson — James 1:22-25; Luke 10:25-29 — Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord — **People: Thanks be to God**

Breakthrough Prayer

God, please break through the barriers we set up, and show us how to become the vibrant, engaging, inclusive church community you call us to be. Amen.

Sermon — *"When Relationship Truly Connects"* — Rev. Fran Cooper

WORSHIP SERIES: Come, Let Us Reason Together

Anthem — ***The Commission*** — Arr. Ed Hogan

Solo, Sarah Kingsley with choir and band

See my hands and look at my feet. It's ok if it's hard to believe.
I have faith that you will do greater things.
It's my time to go, but before I leave.

Go tell the world about me. I was dead but now I live.
I've got to go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.

Don't forget the things I taught you. I've conquered death and I hold the keys.
Where I go, you will go too someday. But there's much to do here before you leave.

So, go tell the world about me. I was dead but now I live.
I've got to go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the
end of the journey, the end of the road. My Spirit is with you wherever you go.
You have a purpose and I have a plan.
I'll make you this promise: I'll come back again. But until then,

Go tell the world about me, for I was dead but now I live.
I've got to go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.
Go tell the world about me. I've got to go now for a little while,
but goodbye is not the end.

Go tell the world.

†Hymn — ***Let All Things Now Living*** — No. 2008

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 22, 2026	
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Combined Worship Service – 3rd Grade Bibles
11:30 a.m.	All Church Fellowship Potluck
Monday November 23, 2026	
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council
Tuesday November 24, 2026	
7:00 p.m.	BSA Troop 24
Wednesday, November 25, 2026	
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Thursday, November 26, 2026	
	Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 29, 2026	
8:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m.	Nursery
8:35 a.m.	835LIVE worship Service
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

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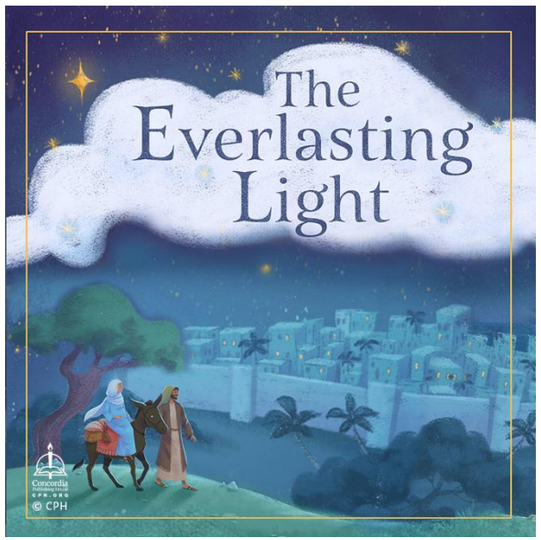


Advent/Christmas Worship

Everlasting Light

Our Advent and Christmas theme this year is based on Isaiah 60 and employs the cherished hymn, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Phillip Brooks' masterpiece hymn beautifully describes Bethlehem on a December night, moving back and forth from a description of Christmas to the meaning of Christmas. It ends with the prayer, "O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel" with wonderful biblical hope woven together in a tapestry of Christmas faith.

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

November 22, 2026

The alter display is given to the Glory of God and in thanks for all He has given us.
By Gary Chiaverotti and Debbie Miller



Calling All Children!

Join us for Our Christmas Eve Navtivity play!

Larchmont United Methodist Church invites ALL children ages 2 through 5th grade to be part of our special Christmas Eve Nativity Play!

We are looking for enthusiastic children to help us bring the story of Jesus' birth to life! Whether your child would like to be a narrator, Mary, Joseph, shepherd, wise man, or one of our adorable animals, there is a special place for everyone!

- Nativity Play Practices: **Sunday, December 13th & Sunday, December 20th,** Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
- Location: Church Sanctuary
- Duration: Approximately 30 minutes

Nativity Play

Please use the QR code or the link: http://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/830e5869 to RSVP for our first practice on December 13th. If your child is unable to attend the first practice, don't worry! Please reach out to me personally so I can make sure your child has a special spot in our Nativity Play.

I can't wait to see all of our children come together to share the beautiful story of Christmas! What a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and share the joy of the season with our church family!

Questions or unable to attend the first practice? Please contact:
Amy Guirlinger amy.guirlinger@gmail.com

Come be part of this special Christmas tradition!



December 6th: Holiday Lunch and Cookie Swap at 11:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall
December 17th : Women's Fellowship at Chicken Salad Chick at 6 p.m.

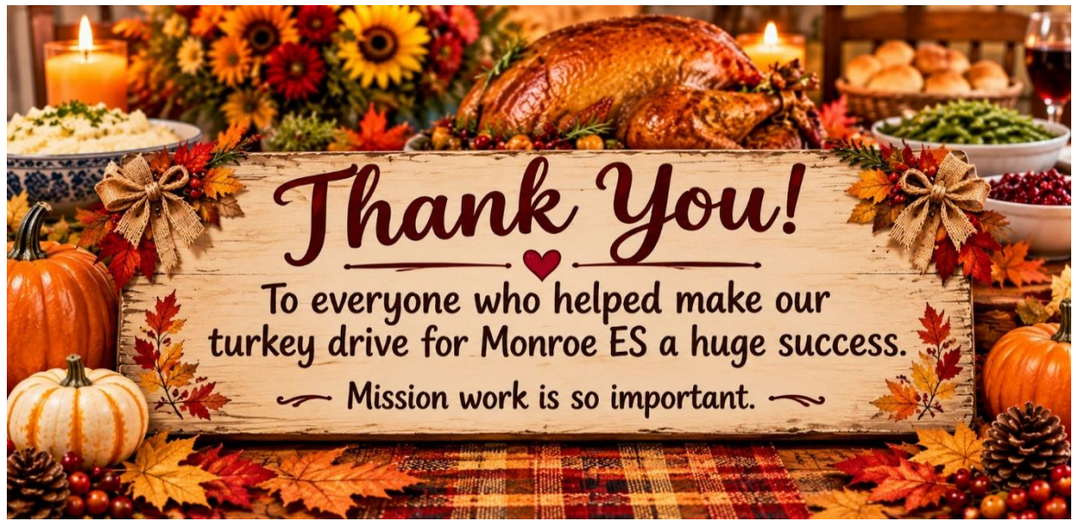


PRISON FELLOWSHIP
ANGEL TREE

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree helps churches and other organizations restore and strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children and families. Every Christmas, Angel Tree mobilizes local churches and organizations to minister to hundreds of thousands of children by delivering a gift, the Gospel message, and a personal message of love on behalf of relatives behind bars.

We have invited 10 children and their caretakers to a pizza party with Santa on the 12th of December. The children's names and suggested gifts have been placed on angel tags and hung on a small Christmas tree in the Common area so members of the congregation (as they are led) can ensure these young people will not stay invisible during the holidays. Please deliver gift cards to Jack or Sue. All other gifts can be left near the display. As you are discerning, remember WWJD.

Please contact Jack or Sue Meservey at jackmeservey@gmail.com or suemeservey44@gmail.com if you have any questions







Thank you, for a very successful Food Drive.
Your response was wonderful! We have filled the Larchmont Food Locker for the Holidays.

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, as we build for the future today,
may our gifts shine Your light and show Your way.
Help us to serve as living stones,
our work to be your vibrant home. Amen.

Offertory	***How Great is Our God*** JuJu Garlic on Steel Drums	Tomlin, Reeves, and Cash
†Doxology	***Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow***	No. 94
†Blessing of the Blankets		
†Closing Hymn	***We Are Called***	No. 2172
†Benediction and Blessing of Food and Fellowship		
†Benediction Response	***We Are Called***	No. 2172
†Postlude	***Festive Bells***	John Rutter

SPRC Staff Spotlight



The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is very important to the ministries of our church and the committee felt it was important to recognize them.

For November we are recognizing our Housekeeper, Robert Ragland. As the church's Housekeeper, Robert is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and sanitary conditions of all church spaces. He has worked at LUMC in this capacity for the past two years. He is always willing to go above and beyond to meet the needs of the church and assist in the housekeeping needs of all church special events.

Robert's Background: He grew up and was raised in Louisa, Virginia. He has resided in Norfolk for the last 20 years. He has an Associates Degree in Occupational Safety Health and is currently working on a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Management from Columbia Southern University.

Robert's interest and hobbies include golf, true crime documentaries and he is a history buff.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday November 22, 2026	Next Sunday November 29, 2026
Worship Leader	Jack Meservey	Sandra Nichols
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Wina Giddens
	Lucus Seymour	Claudia Wade
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Security Trustee	Kami Lannetti	Ben Hatcher
Sunday Stewards	Brian Casey	Jonathan Clark
	Dave Lannetti	Ed Lilly
Monday Counters	Pris Peake	Demi Wheeler
	Julie Etheridge	GM Ziller
Bus Driver	Michael King	Jonathan Clark
Ushers	Rob Baxter	Monica Levow
	Jonathan Clark	Ben Hatcher
	Brian Casey	Traci Shepard
	Monica Levow	David Lannetti

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