



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

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

The Truth From Above

Jim Dalton

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

No. 164

†Introit *Love Has Come*

No. 3059

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Heaven! Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

†Call To Worship

Brian Casey, Worship Leader

Leader: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

People: How can we praise the Lord when there is sorrow and death?

Leader: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

People: How can we praise the Lord when there is fear?

Leader: While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God
while I have any being.

People: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Leader: The One who made heaven and earth and sea; the one who keeps truth forever.

People: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Leader: The One who makes justice for the oppressed; the One who feeds the hungry.

People: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Leader: The One who protects the stranger; the One who upholds the widow and orphan.

People: Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.

All: Praise the Lord!

Prayer for the Day

Heavenly Father, thank You for Jesus, Your Son, who came to be King and bear witness to the truth. Lord, in a world that questions, "What is truth?" we pray to know Jesus more deeply as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Give us the discernment to hear His voice and the courage to live and speak Your truth, reflecting Your kingdom, not this world's. Help us be faithful witnesses, bringing Your light and grace to others, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Helen Sommer

Scripture Lesson

John 18:37-38

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come

Healey Wilan

*Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,
and the glory of the lord is risen up on thee. Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,
and for his merciful laud him all you people!
Kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!*

Sermon

"Why Feelings Don't Care About Your Facts"

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

No. 465

LOVE GOES F1RST Testimony

Eric Malinowski

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

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

Moment of Truth

Esther Megargel

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 18, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery
- 8:35 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Congregational Care

Monday, January 19, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study at the Wetzel’s

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Endowment Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 21, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Larchmont Ringers
- 6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 24, 2026

- 5:00 p.m. Snow Fun Potluck

Sunday, January 25, 2026

- 8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
- 8:30 a.m. Nursery
- 8:35 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Education Committee (Zoom)

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!
January 18, 2026

Build for the Future Sanctuary Renovation Plan Reveal - Complete!

Wow! What a turnout we had on Sunday! Approximately 150 church members got to see the initial drawings and graphic renderings of our first sanctuary renovation project since it was built in 1952. For those who were unable to make it, the bad news is that you missed some delicious pie! (Thanks again bakers! Yum!) The good news? You can still see all the graphic renderings AND take the survey via our church website's survey page at <https://www.larchmontumc.org/initial-plans>. We want to make sure everyone has a chance to provide feedback. We will therefore close the survey on **Sunday, February 1st**. For those who prefer submitting a handwritten survey, we have printed copies available in the church office and will also have them available in the Commons on Sunday (feel free to staple additional pages if you have more to share). When we close-out this survey, the LUMC building task force and architect will review each submission, work together to update the plan, and schedule another follow-on congregational meeting to review changes. In summary: We ate pie. We peeked into the future. We shared ideas. We had fun. Then, we ate more pie... All in all, that made last Sunday an above average day in the life of an absolutely extraordinary church, one that we are blessed to call our second home. Thanks for joining us. Please take the survey, let us hear from you, and buckle-up for a 2026 that is officially off to the races!



Scan me!

NEW FOLKS INVITED TO GATHER WITH PASTOR FRAN

New to our church community? Meet with Pastor Fran in the Chapel during the Sunday School hour for four Sundays in February during the Sunday School hour (9:30 – 10:15 am). We will talk about faith, church, and our place as disciples of Christ. Contact Pastor Fran for more information and to register: francooper@vaumc.org.

Women’s Fellowship: Give Love with Gloves

Help the Women’s Fellowship donate gloves and mittens for the children of James Monroe Elemnetary school now until January 26th! The collection box is on the Monroe Hallway at the Women’s bulletin board.

Use this QR code to give online using your phone. →



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 January, we are recognizing our Music Director, Karla Robinson. She...

- directs the Chancel Choir
- is a Vocalist
- directs the Bell Choir
- plans LUMC's special music programs
- is Rev. Fran's sketch co-star

Outside of LUMC, Karla...

- is Young Musicians of Virginia Choir Director
- is a soloist
- is a theater music director and performer
- loves a challenge in the kitchen, flower arranging, reading and dreaming of her next trip to Italy.

Thank you, Karla.



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS NEW WAY TO REDUCE YOUR TAXES?



When you file your taxes for 2026 a year from now, you can claim a tax deduction for your charitable giving even if you take the standard deduction and don't itemize. Last year's tax bill allows single persons to deduct monetary gifts up to \$1,000 and married couples filing jointly up to \$2,000.

Snow Fun Potluck: January 24th

The Snow Fun Potluck for families with children in elementary school and younger, will be on Saturday, January 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Social Hall. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.

After dinner, we will play SNOW THEMED games, activities and crafts.

RSVP with the number of people attending, email Cathy Hickman

education@larchmontumc.org or text 757-286-5671. We hope you can join us!

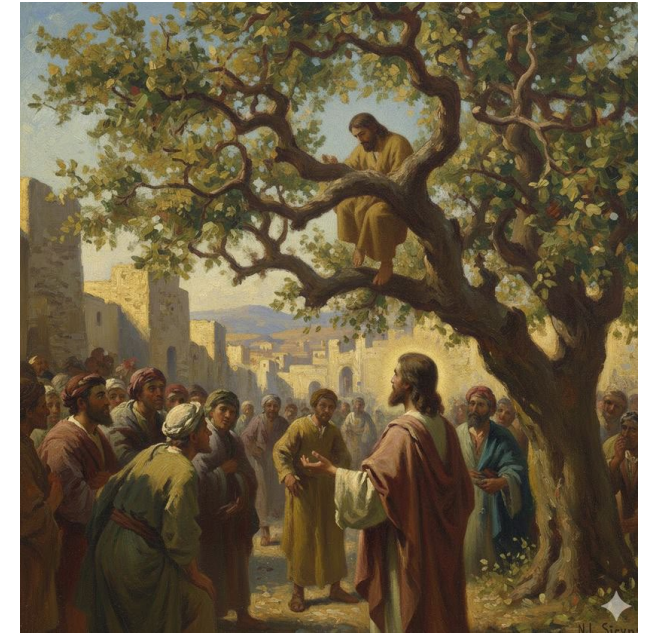
Flower Calendar 2026

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please sign up on the Flower Calendar Chart posted in the Sacristy. We have MANY DATES available.

Love Goes First: 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Our stewardship campaign, **Love Goes First**, is now underway as we reflect on how God's preemptive grace transforms our lives. Just as Jesus looked up into the sycamore tree and saw Zacchaeus – choosing to offer connection and love before a single word of repentance was spoken – we are reminded that transformation begins when we feel truly seen by God. This encounter didn't just change Zacchaeus' heart; it shifted his entire relationship with his resources, leading him to give generously and joyfully. As we journey together toward **Faith**

Dedication Sunday on February 8, 2026, we invite you to consider how being seen by Jesus inspires your own stewardship. By placing love first in our giving, we follow the example of Zacchaeus, moving from a spirit of scarcity to a life of radical, transformative generosity.



WORSHIP SERIES: LOVE GOES FIRST

**LOVE
GOES
FIRST**

Jesus gave us a Great Commission to reach out to people everywhere (Matt 28:19). This task is daunting in a world where negative thoughts about Christianity are so prevalent, where people believe we are the problem, and when so many hate us and all we stand for? If you are tired of just talking about the problems that divide us, this series will help us reach across division and wrestle with how we may find a way forward.

†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> <i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</i> <i>Praise God, all creatures here below;</i> <i>Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;</i> <i>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	No. 95
†Response Hymn	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	No. 671
†Benediction		
†Benediction Response	<i>Love Has Come (last 2 phrases)</i> <i>Love! Love! Love is the gift of Heaven! Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!</i>	No. 3059
†Postlude	<i>Veritas</i>	James Michael Stevens

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday January 18, 2026	Next Sunday January 25, 2026
Worship Leader	Brian Casey	Dave Lannetti
Children's Worship	Helen Sommer	Traci Shepard
Media Tech	Claudia Wade	Sara Morris
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	Brian Casey	Dave Lannetti
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	Gary Chiaverotti	Gordon Glover
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