



LUMC

Lessons & Carols

DECEMBER 21 AT 10:30 AM

Let's Celebrate Together!

A Service of Lessons and Carols

December 21, 2025

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>Toccata on ‘Wachet auf’</i>	Paul Fey
Announcements and Greetings		
†Passing the Peace		
†Hymn	<i>People Look East</i>	No. 202
†Introit	<i>He Came Down That We May Know Love</i>	No. 2085
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Love		
Lily Towry and Joshua Gamboa		
Leader:	Today we light the fourth candle of Advent, the candle of Love. Through the incarnation of Jesus, God’s love has been poured out for all peoples. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish. But have eternal life.” (John 3:16)	
	As we light this candle, we reflect on the depth of God’s love revealed in Emmanuel – God with us.	
People:	May this flame remind us to love one another unconditionally as God has loved us.	
Leader:	Let us pray. God of love, transform our hearts to reflect Your incredible love. Help us to live as witnesses of Your great love in all we do.	
People:	Amen.	
Leader:	We light the first candle for hope, the second candle for peace, the third candle of joy, and the fourth for love. (<i>Light all four purple candles.</i>)	
	Come, Lord Jesus, our hope, peace, joy, and love.	
People:	Fill our hearts with Your great love.	
The Bidding Prayer and Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Dave Loughery
First Lesson	Isaiah 9:2-4; 40:1-2	Jonathan Clark
	<i>Christ’s Birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah</i>	
Anthem	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	arr. John Ferguson
Second Lesson	Luke 1:26-31	Debbie Miller
	<i>The Angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
Anthem	<i>Gabriel’s Message</i>	Ralph Ingraham
Third Lesson	Luke 2:1-7	Dave Lannetti
	<i>Luke tells of the birth of Jesus</i>	
†Hymn	<i>He Is Born</i>	No. 228
Fourth Lesson	Luke 2:8-16	Kami Lannetti
	<i>The shepherds go to the manger</i>	
Anthem	<i>This Christmastide</i>	Donald Fraser

Fifth Lesson	Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11	Mike Crockett
	<i>The Wise Men are led by the star to Jesus</i>	
†Hymn	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	No. 220
Sixth Lesson	John 1:1-14	Rev. Fran Cooper
	<i>Christ's Birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah</i>	
†Hymn	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 246
Offertory	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	arr. Jari Villanueva
	Brass Quintet	
Hymn Anthem	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Dan Forrest
†Benediction		Rev. Cooper
†Postlude	<i>Carillon-Sortie</i>	Henri Mulet

Symphony Musicians

Trumpet	Dave Vonderheide
Trumpet	Jeremy Garnett
French Horn	Avery Staples
Trombone	Tanner Antonetti
Bass Trombone	Rodney Martell
Timpani	Michael Laubach

Musicians

Conductor	Karla Robinson
Organ	Will Pearson
Music Arranger	Ralph Ingraham

This morning's musical offering is not a part of our church budget, but relies upon the generosity of people within the congregation and community who recognize the depth of inspiration received from the gift of music, and its vitally important role in the enrichment of our faith. Please make a note for the "Music Fund" on your check and accept the gratitude of the entire church.

Grateful appreciation is extended to Rodney Martell for contracting musicians and playing trombone; to Ralph Ingraham for his editing and arranging of our hymns and anthems for brass, and to our own amazing staff church musicians, Karla Robinson and Will Pearson, who bring their gifts and graces to us weekly. We are especially grateful for our gifted church choir members and handbell musicians who bring us their gifts in music and song.

Your gift to our special Christmas Mission Offering helps share Christ’s love both near and far.

During this month, we invite you to share in the spirit of giving. Our special Christmas Mission Offering supports our church's mission projects, near and far. Your contribution becomes part of a greater blessing, extending the love of Christ well beyond our walls and into the lives of those who need it most. Thank you for joining us in this tradition of generosity and hope. Offering envelopes will be in the Christmas Eve bulletins and available in the Narthex and Monroe entrances. Please use these envelopes if you can or specify “Christmas Offering” on your check. For online giving, scan this QR CODE and select Missions Giving from the drop-down menu funds.



THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 21, 2025	Lessons and Carols Service
9:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
9:30 a.m.	Nursery
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
11:30 a.m.	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Longest Night Service: Blue Christmas
Monday, December 22, 2025	
6:30 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study at the Wetzel’s
Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve (OFFICES CLOSED)
5:00 p.m.	Worship Service and Nativity Play
8:00 p.m.	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day (OFFICES CLOSED)
Sunday, December 28, 2025	Sacred Music Concert
9:15 a.m.	Heavenly Grounds
10:30 a.m.	Nursery
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service

Longest Night Service – Tonight at 4pm

A service of remembrance often referred to as “Blue Christmas Service” or “Longest Night,” as December 21 is the longest day of darkness, will be held in the Church Chapel. The service will be a time of meditation and music as well as a time to light a blue candle in memory of a loved one. All are invited to this special service.

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

December 21, 2025

WANTED: Children for our Annual Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Families, our annual Nativity play will be held Christmas Eve at 5pm. We are in need of children, ages 2 to grade 5 to participate. We will be having Nativity rehearsals **today** immediately following the 10:30 service. Snacks will be provided. Character parts will be assigned the first rehearsal. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the first rehearsal! To sign up your child, please use this link <https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/830e5869> or QR code. (Parents, please submit one form per child).



Nativity Play

Angel Tree for Ghent Nursing Home

Small Christmas gift bags are being assembled by the Youth for every Ghent Healthcare resident. Delivery will be the week before Christmas if you would like to help. Additionally, we will have an Angel Tree to purchase special gifts for 20 residents of the Ghent Healthcare Center. The tree will be located outside the office after Thanksgiving. Contact Claudia Wade - wadecjl@verizon.net



Deadline Approaching for Year-End Giving!

If you plan to give a year-end monetary gift to Larchmont Church and take a charitable gift tax deduction in 2025, there are some deadlines coming soon. The IRS requires that gifts sent by mail must be postmarked no later than New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, 12/31/25, in order to take the deduction. Gifts delivered personally must be received by Tuesday, 12/30, since our office will be closed New Year’s Eve. Thank you for generously supporting the ministry and mission of Larchmont Church, and for serving Jesus our Lord.



Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday December 21, 2025	Next Sunday December 28, 2025
Worship Leaders	Lessons and Carols	Liz Smith
Children's Worship	Lessons and Carols	Sacred Music
Media Tech	Claudia Wade Lucas Seymour	Sara Morris
Sound Tech	Bill Huber	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
Trustee of the Month	Allison Arbuckle	Allison Arbuckle
Sunday Stewards	Jonathan Clark Fred Dobbs	Brian Casey Robert King
Monday Counters	Chris Burge Demi Wheeler	Gary Chiaverotti GM Ziller
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