



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude	<i>Trumpet Tune from the Indian Queen</i>	Henry Purcell
Announcements and Greetings		Pastor Fran Cooper
†Passing the Peace		
†Processional Hymn	<i>Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word</i>	No. 596
†Bringing in the Light of Christ		
†Introit	<i>This is the day</i>	Natalie Sleeth
†Call To Worship (from Galatians 1)		Amy Cushman, Worship Leader

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

People: **Who gave himself for our sins,**

Leader: According to the will of our God and Father

People: **To whom be the glory for ever and ever.**

ALL: **Amen.**

Prayer for the Day

Dear Heavenly Father, we come before Your presence this morning with hearts filled with gratitude for the love You have shown us. As Your Word reveals, remind us again this day of the precious truth that we are set free through the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Traci Shepard

Scripture Lesson Galatians 1:6-9; 13-23 Worship Leader

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

Anthem *Here's One* Mark Hayes

Talk about a child who do love Jesus, here's one.

Ever since I heard the gospel story, I been walking up the road to glory.

Talk about a child who's been forgiven, here's one.

Talk about a child who's been converted, here's one.

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 **"The Gifts of Freedom"** Rev. Fran Cooper

WORSHIP SERIES: Traveling Light
(The Book of Galatians)

†Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 396

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Allegro* Joao De Sousa Carvalho

†Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

†Closing Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 98

†Benediction

†Benediction Response *Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* No. 671

†Postlude *Marche Romaine* Charles Gounod

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 24, 2023	PUMPKIN SUNDAY!
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
Monday, September 25, 2023	
7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council
7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study- Fruit of the Spirit
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 27, 2023	
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Larchmont Ringers - Handbell Choir
6:00 p.m.	8:35LIVE Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday, September 28, 2023	
9:15 a.m.	Preschool Chapel
7:00 p.m.	Couples Bible Study
Sunday, October 1, 2023	
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.	Women's Fellowship Luncheon
6:30 p.m.	Beacon Youth

Use this QR code to give online using your phone.



Join us for Sunday School!

Children ages 2-4 meet downstairs in the preschool wing (E103)
Children K-5th grade meet upstairs in the Great Room (E201)
Coffee Talk - meets downstairs in the Parlor
Upper Room - meets upstairs in room A201

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

September 24, 2023

Snacks With the Pastor - October 8th at 11:30 am

Pastor Fran is inviting folks interested in becoming more involved and/or joining our community to an information and sharing session in the Fellowship Hall. Please let her know if you would like to attend by emailing her at pastor@larchmontumc.org.

Women's Fellowship Luncheon and Speaker - October 1st at 11:30 am

Lunch is \$5
Please RSVP to Traci Shepard by September 25th.

Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 4th

Update for 2023: We are in need of 30 units of blood to close out our 2023 collection. If you are able to give an hour of your time at our Oct. 4 drive, we would appreciate it! Please contact Traci Shepard (757-761-2031 or email andrew.shepard1@cox.net) to make an appointment.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED TO MAKE FUNDAY SUNDAY A GREAT SUCCESS!

DID YOU KNOW "GraceInside," our Virginia Conference-supported missional ministry to incarcerated men and women in Virginia's State Correctional Facilities celebrated its 103 years in existence? Originally founded in 1920 by seven Protestant Christian denominations - including Methodists - to assign Chaplains to the state prisons (something that can't be provided or compensated with taxpayer monies per Virginia's state constitution), GraceInside Chaplains are ambassadors for Jesus Christ, helping to change hearts and to bring new life and hope to the all-too-often forgotten "least of these" through God's amazing grace.

Contact Gary Chiaverotti, your lay representative, with any questions.

Connect with our newest church members! Henry Cobb & Amy Cushman

Henry:
cobbsautomotive@gmail.com
757-793-8259

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Alcva68@gmail.com
757-642-6218



Larchmont United Methodist Church
sponsors this year's fall
PUMPKIN PATCH

Come pick out your specialty gourds and pumpkins

Sales begin Sunday September 24 (after we unload)
Through October 31 (or until we sell out).

The patch is open:
Monday – Fridays: 11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturdays - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sundays - 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

All proceeds go to our church's missional endeavors such as:

Union Mission, LAUNCH Park Place/Huntersville Ministries, Homeless Shelter Support, Food and Angel Tree Gifts, Concordia Nursing Home, James Monroe Elementary School, Rise Against Hunger, Local, National, and International Mission Trips

Come early for the best selection and also get your goodies from our Bake Sale!

1101 Jamestown Crescent, Norfolk
LarchmontUMC.org



Young Musicians of Virginia Concert

A free concert for the community will be held at our church and community on Friday, October 6th at 7pm. The concert will include our Advanced Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, Soli Deo (a cappella ensemble) and our Advanced Strings. The concert will last about an hour and fifteen minutes.

An Evening with Chrystal

E.

2023

The twentieth annual *An Evening with Chrystal E.* concert will be held at Larchmont United Methodist Church (1101 Jamestown Crescent | Norfolk, VA 23508). This event will take place **13 October 2023 at 7pm.**

Admission is free with donations greatly appreciated. This concert helps support the **Chrystal E. Williams Scholarship**, which is granted to a high school graduate who will attend a school of higher learning majoring in the performing arts. For updates or to make a donation, contact aneveningwithchrystale@gmail.com!

This concert features **Chrystal E. Williams**, who received a Master's Degree in Opera Performance from Yale University School of Music May 2010; versatile Brazilian composer and multi-instrumentalist, **Felipe Hostins**; and **Oksana Lutsyshyn**, well-known pianist, of the critically acclaimed Invencia Piano Duo. Featured works include Mahler's Rückert Lieder, along with works by Pauline Viardot, Spirituals, and other favorites!

Hope to see you there ☺



For additional information or to make a donation join the mailing list via aneveningwithchrystale@gmail.com or by liking *An Evening with Chrystal E.* on Facebook!

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Pumpkin Patch!

The pumpkins are here and we need you to staff a sales shift and bring treats to sell at the bake sale. Sign up using the QR code above.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday September 24, 2023	Next Sunday October 1, 2023
Worship Leaders	Amy Cushman	Liz Smith
Children's Worship	Traci Shepard	Pastor Fran
Media Tech	Suzanne Koehler	Suzanne Koehler
Sound Tech	Bill Huber	Bill Huber
Camera Tech	Ron Pionk	Ron Pionk
Sunday Counters	Robert King Brian Casey	Jonathan Clark Robert King
Monday Counters	Gary Chiaverotti Jeff Paiste	Watt Jones Chris Burge
Bus Driver	John Fitzwilliam	Kami Lannetti
Ushers	Susan Pollard Traci Shepard Doug Nashold Rob Baxter	Gary Chiaverotti Laura Calvert Chris Calvert Dave Lannetti

Our Mission is to »»

- .. Help seekers to begin in faith.
 - .. Help believers to grow in faith.
 - .. Help the community to thrive in faith.
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Current Worship Series: Traveling Light

Do you ever feel weighed down by expectations, guilt, and responsibility?

In his letter to the Church at Galatia, Paul reminds believers us that life in Jesus is lifted of burden and a call to lightness in grace.

Through this study, we will embrace change, exploration, trust, and love in Christ.
