

**December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve - 5pm**

Prelude	<i>Toccata on 'Angels We Have Heard on High'</i>	Richard Elliot
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## †Bringing in the Light of Christ

## Owen Guirlinger (Crucifer)

No. 219

## The Malinowski Family

**People:** May this flame remind us that Christ's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus, Light of the World, thank You for stepping into our darkness. May Your light shine brightly through us as we celebrate Your birth and await Your return.

Reader: We light the first candle of hope, the second for peace, the third for joy, the fourth for love, and the Christ candle to commemorate His birth.

Come, Lord Jesus, our Savior.

**People:** Shine in our hearts as a beacon of the hope, peace, joy, and love found in You.

Rev. Cooper

arr. Ralph Ingraham

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*Please join us in singing the following carols after the readings.*

*Come and behold him, born the King of angels;*

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

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## LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

December 24, 2025

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The Poinsettias are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God and in memory and in honor of those in our thoughts this Christmas season.



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### ***Star Child***

*Star child earth child, go between of God,  
Love child, Christ Child, Heaven's lightning rod.  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.*

*Street child, beat child, no place left to go,  
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know.  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes to everyone, everyone alive.*

*Grown child, old child, memory, full of years,  
Sad child, used child, story told in tears.  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes for everyone, everyone alive.*

*Spared child, spoiled child, having, wanting more,  
wise child, faith child, knowing joy in store.  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes to everyone, everyone alive.*

*Hope for peace child, God's stupendous sign,  
down to earth child, star of stars that shine!  
This year, this year, let the day arrive  
when Christmas comes to everyone; everyone alive!*

*Yes, Christmas comes for everyone, everyone! Everyone alive!*

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### **Office Hours during the Christmas Holiday**

- Office Closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>
  - Office Open Monday and Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Office Closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>
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## **Joy to the World (verses 1 & 2)**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.*

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;  
while fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.*

Children's Message

Rev. Cooper

†Hymn

## **Joy to the World (verses 3 & 4)**

*No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.*

Nativity participants will return to their families during these verses of **Joy To The World**. Please come to the parlor after the service to return costumes. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made this play possible!

Invitation to Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Receiving of the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

**Star Carol** (Alfred Burt, arr. A. Skipton) Karla Robinson, soprano  
*Long years ago on a deep winter night, high in the heaovens a star shone bright,  
While in the manger a wee infant lay, sweetly asleep on a bed of hay.*

*Jesus the Lord was that baby so small, laid down to sleep in a humble stall;  
Then came the star and it stood overhead shedding its light 'round His little bed.*

*Dear baby Jesus, how tiny Thou art; I'll make a place for Thee in my heart,  
And when the stars in the heavens I see, ever and always I think of Thee.*

**I Wonder as I Wander** (John Jacob Miles) Amelia Dobbs, soprano  
**Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen** (Johannes Brahms) Will Pearson, organ

†Sharing the light of Christ John 1:1-5

The pastor and acolyte will light their candles from the Christ candle  
and then pass the light on to the congregation.

†Candlelight Service **Silent Night, Holy Night**

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†Sending Forth

Postlude

**Toccata Brillante**

Fred Bock

### **O Little Town of Bethlehem**

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;  
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love;  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.*

Reading- Luke 2: 6-7

### **Away in a Manger**

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.*

Reading- Luke 2: 8-12, 14

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

#### Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"*

Reading- Luke 2: 16-20, Matthew 2:1

### **We Three Kings (verses 1 & 5)**

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold him arise; King and God and sacrifice:  
Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Reading- Matthew 2:11

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**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.



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**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.



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**Save the Date!**

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **January 14, 2026** in the Fellowship Hall at 1pm. Contact Traci Shepard for more information.

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**Helping Hands Needed!**

Many hands make light the work! Please stay after the 10:30 service on Jan. 4th to take down our holiday decorations. Please RSVP to Mary Thorpe at [LMand2@comcast.net](mailto:LMand2@comcast.net) or use the QR code.





# Sacred Christmas Song Service

Led by Gene Mazurek and Friends

**Sunday, December 28**  
**One Service - 10:30 am**

**Larchmont United Methodist**  
1101 Jamestown Crescent  
Norfolk, VA 23508  
[larchmontumc.org](http://larchmontumc.org)

## Assisting in Worship

Christmas Eve 5pm

December 24, 2025

Media Tech

Jeff Paiste

Sound Tech

Bill Huber

Camera Tech

Clarise Hicks

Ushers

Monica Levow

Traci Shepard

Drew Shepard

Sarah Shepard

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The following children and adults helped to lead our worship service tonight:

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Nativity Play Director:

Amy Guirlinger

Nativity Assistants:

Anna Guirlinger

Maya Reed

Rachel Szechtman

Narrators:

Andrew Reed

Luka Garcia

Joseph:

Maxwell Moynihan

Mary:

Emmeline Pince

Star:

Andrew Reed

Donkey:

James Szechtman

Angel:

Layla Garcia

Shepherds:

Mikey Levow

Stanley Malinowski

Sheep:

Nova Hogan-Scott

Wisemen:

Julian Reed

Miles Moynihan

Camels:

Luke Szechtman

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### UPCOMING NEW YEAR'S SERIES: 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.

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