



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

February 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Récit de Chromhorne

Francois Couperin

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* No. 295

†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 Claudia Wade, Worship Leader

Leader: We gather together, empowered by the Risen Christ,

People: **To worship and encounter the Holy One.**

Leader: We trust that the infinite love of God will move us beyond our places
of doubt and fear.

People: **And into a world where our witness points to the Good News.**

Prayers of the People Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message Traci Shepard

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:24-26

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Marianne Kim

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And from a sincere heart, love one another.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Where charity and love are, God is there.

Sermon "The Only Thing It Takes to Go First is Everything" Rev. Fran Cooper

†Hymn

Take Up Thy Cross

No. 415

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	<i>Improvisation on Ubi Caritas</i>	Will Pearson
†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 94
	LASST UNS ERFREUEN	
†Hymn	<i>Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow (vv. 1,4)</i>	No. 338
†Benediction		
†Benediction Response	<i>Love Has Come (last 2 phrases)</i>	No. 3059
	<i>Love! Love! Love is the gift of Heaven! Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!</i>	
†Postlude	<i>Fugue sur les jeux d'anches</i>	Francois Couperin



WORSHIP SERIES: LOVE GOES FIRST

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERIES: Seven

Miracle: Signs of Life in the Gospel of John

Jesus' miracles have meanings that extend far beyond the people they first impacted. Seven

Miracles is a study for Lent that examines miracles in the Gospel of John to help us discover meaning in the miracles for our lives today.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Worship Leader	Claudia Wade	Gary Chiaverotti
Children's Worship	Cathy Coleman	Cathy Hickman
Media Tech	Wina Giddens	Sara Morris
Sound Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Lucas Seymour
Camera Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Security Trustee	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
Sunday Stewards	Chris Calvert	Ben Hatcher
Monday Counters	Fred Dobbs	Robert King
	Jonathan Clark	Sandra Clark
	Gary Chiaverotti	Demi Wheeler
	Robert King	Pris Peake
Bus Driver	Dave Lannetti	Jonathan Clark
Ushers	Jonathan Clark	Traci Shepard
	Brian Casey	Ben Hatcher
	Gary Chiaverotti	Monica Levow
	Dave Lannetti	Bill Lehew

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THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 15, 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
- 9:30 a.m. Gather With the Pastor (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Beacon Youth Admirals Game

Monday, February 16, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Social

Wednesday, February 18, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Ashes To Go (outside Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Monk's Meal
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Meeting (Chicken Salad Chick)

Sunday, February 22, 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
- 9:30 a.m. Gather With the Pastor (Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting (Parlor)
- 11:30 a.m. Beacon Youth Noon Crew Lunch (Tacos y Tequila)
- 7:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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



Online Giving

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Baxter by Rob and Barbara Baxter.

Faith Dedication Sunday: Carrying the Vision Forward

What a powerful day it was! **Faith Dedication Sunday** was truly a wonderful event, filled with a tangible sense of community, gratitude, and shared purpose. Seeing our sanctuary full of energy and commitment reminded us of our vision to be vibrant, engaging, and inclusive. We are thrilled to announce that **over 50% of our giving units** have already submitted their pledges for the upcoming year! If you couldn't attend the service or haven't yet had the opportunity to make your pledge during our **Love Goes First** campaign, there is still plenty of time to participate. Every pledge, regardless of the size, helps us plan our ministries and outreach for the year ahead. Your support ensures that "Love Goes First" isn't just a slogan, but a lived reality in everything we do.

<https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/pledge2026>



2026 Pledging

HELP WANTED: Part-Time Children's Director

Larchmont United Methodist Church in Norfolk, VA is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Children's Director to provide planning, oversight, and support for all activities related to our children and their families. This will include but is not limited to, attending Sunday worship services, coordinating Children's Sunday School, organizing Special seasonal Events (such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter programs, and Vacation Bible School), recruiting volunteers, and publicizing all events and activities. For a complete Job Description, interested candidates should direct questions or send a resume and cover letter to Rev. Fran Cooper, francooper@vaumc.org.

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 (9:30 – 10:15 am) **TODAY and next Sunday, the 22nd**. 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.

Snow Fun Potluck: This Saturday, February 21st

The Snow Fun Potluck for families with children in elementary school and younger, will be Saturday, February 21, 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!

Cards of Hope

Every special occasion many of us receive gift cards that end up getting lonely and bored at being ignored and never used. This year let us donate those unused Visa, Master Card, American Express, department store and other purchased cards so we pass them on our Food Locker clients or others in our community who are in need. Please place gift cards in the box marked "Cards of Hope" provided in front of the office. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:25). Contact Jack or Sue at jackmeservay@gmail.com or suemeservay44@gmail.com with any questions.



Women's Fellowship Supper Club: Chicken Salad Chick

Join in when you are able next Thursday, Feb 19th from 6 to 8 pm! Reach out to Traci Shepard for more info. andrew.shepard1@cox.net

Walk with Christ

The missions committee invites all to join in a "Walk with Christ" during the season of Lent, **beginning Feb 18**. The walk can be either individually or jointly. During our walks, whether short or lengthy strolls around the neighborhood or in other areas of our vast community, it is suggested that time be spent in conversation with Jesus and those we meet during our travels. During our engaging conversations, invite people to church and present them with a traveling Jesus (you can find these in the Narthex and at the Monroe entrance). As Jesus said in Luke 10:37, ask them to "Go and do likewise." The added spiritual, emotional, and physical benefits of a "Walk with Christ" cannot be measured. Each day, we are also invited to put \$1 aside (or whatever feels uncomfortable), (Luke 21:2) and at the end of Lent donate a portion of the money to the Lenten offering for missions.

SPRC Staff Spotlight

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is important to the ministries of our church and the committee feels we should all recognize their service. For February, we are recognizing our **Financial Secretary, Rita Turner**. She oversees the counters, records all offerings and assigns them to the designated purposes, keeps track of stewardship pledges, and creates quarterly and annual statements for the donors.



Outside of LUMC, Rita is a retired full-charge bookkeeper, an AARP tax aid volunteer, and a mother, grandmother and great -grandmother.

Easter Egg Hunt: Candy And Small Toys Needed!

Please help with the Easter Egg Hunt for this year by contributing candy or small toy items for the easter eggs. There will be a collection container in the narthex, the office hallway, and the social hall. Thank you for supporting this special event!

Spring into Fellowship & Join a Dinner Group! C'mon... Give it a Try!

YES, it's the world-famous LUMC Dinner Groups! We're back! With our busy lives and in tumultuous times, you can't go wrong making a little time for church family. How do dinner groups work, anyway? Thanks for asking! You can still either meet at someone's home or decide to go out to eat. If you have little ones, you can also choose to meet with others who are also raising youngsters and/or you can choose to opt-in for quarterly family meals with children at LUMC - or BOTH!

Please complete the survey and let us know YOUR preferences. We want to find something for everyone while still keeping some long-standing dinner groups (E.g. Ladies Restaurant Group & Sunday Lunch Bunch). You can even join more than one (E.g. Lunch Bunch AND opt-in for the Spring rotation)! Many of our closest friendships at this church started with dinner groups. Remember: The stranger you meet at these short dinner events just might turn out to be a lifelong friend.

"Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:25

Sign up **through February 24th** and start meeting with your dinner group(s) in March!

