



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

**February 1, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Selection from 'Wondrous Love'*

Brenda Portman

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

Brooks Huffine (Acolyte)

Thomas Shearin (Crucifer)

†Processional Hymn

*Come, We That Love the Lord*

No. 732

†Introit

*Love Has Come*

No. 3059

*Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.*

*See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:*

*Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high*

†Call To Worship

Dave Loughery, Worship Leader

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

**People: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

**People: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.**

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

**People: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**ALL: Come, let us love our God and share God's love in this time of worship!**

Prayers of the People

Rev. Loughery

Children's Message

Rev. Cooper

Scripture Lesson

Mark 12:30-31

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Anthem

***Go Ye into All the World***

Eugene Butler

*Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature.*

*Jesus said, "This is the great commandment,  
that ye love one another even as I have loved you.*

*Greater love hath no man that this  
that he lay down his life for his friends"*

Sermon

***"What Does the Word, 'Love' Actually Mean?"***

Rev. Fran Cooper

LOVE GOES F1RST Testimony

Casey Reed

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.**

**We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.**

**We love with condition. We judge and condemn.**

**We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.**

**We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ  
in love and service. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

**Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I  
remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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

***Improvisation on St Thomas***

Will Pearson

†Doxology	<b><i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i></b>	No. 95
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	
†Communion Hymn	<b><i>Here I Am, Lord</i></b>	No. 593
	<i>(Elements are brought forward during this hymn)</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving		
The Lord's Prayer		
Receiving the Bread and the Cup		
	<i>Please come forward to receive the elements as led by the ushers.</i>	
Music During Communion		
	<b><i>Abide With Me</i></b> (Words by Henry F. Lyte; Music by Willian H. Monk)	
	<i>Abide with me fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee. Help of the helpless, O abide with me.</i>	
	<i>I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.</i>	
	<i>I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless. Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me. Amen.</i>	
	<b><i>Canticle of Love and Joy</i></b> (Mark Andersen)	
†Response Hymn	<b><i>Go Forth for God (vv. 1,2)</i></b>	No. 670
†Benediction		
†Benediction Response	<b><i>Love Has Come (last 2 phrases)</i></b>	No. 3059
	<i>Love! Love! Love is the gift of Heaven! Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!</i>	
†Postlude	<b><i>Selection from 'Wondrous Love'</i></b>	Brenda Portman

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 1, 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
1:00 p.m.	Tidewater Basketry

Monday, February 2, 2026

6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership Meeting

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
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Wednesday, February 4, 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

Sunday, February 8, 2026

	<b>Faith Dedication Service</b>
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.	Faith Dedication Luncheon

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LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

February 1, 2026

Love Goes First: 2026 Stewardship Campaign

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8, 2026**, as we gather for our **Faith Dedication Celebration!** This special day serves as the cornerstone of our stewardship season, centered on the inspiring theme "**Love Goes First.**" Together, we will reflect on how placing love at the forefront of our lives transforms our generosity and strengthens our community. Following the service, we invite everyone to stay for a **catered luncheon** in the fellowship hall to celebrate our shared commitments and the bright future of our mission. Come hungry for both food and fellowship as we put our faith into action! Let us know you are coming for lunch by going to <https://larchmont.breezechms.com/form/018c96> or scanning the QR code.



Celebration Luncheon

Build for the Future Sanctuary Survey

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 **TONIGHT**. 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. 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. Please take the survey and let us hear from you!

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](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

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### Anchor Men

Our next **Anchor Men's Fellowship Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 12th** in the Fellowship Hall. We start at 6:00pm with a brief business meeting followed by dinner, 6:15-6:45pm. Our guest speaker will be Eric Neil, The Chrysler Museum Director. **Dinner is limited to Anchor Men, but Neil's presentation on the Chrysler Museum is open to the community. To reserve a seat**, whether you will join us for dinner (\$10.00) and Neil's presentation or just for Neil's presentation (free!), **contact Gary Chiaverotti ([chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) or Jonathan Clark ([clarkjon1058@gmail.com](mailto:clarkjon1058@gmail.com)) by Tuesday, February 10th.**

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**DID YOU KNOW? If you are 70 1/2 or older in 2025 you can give to Larchmont United Methodist Church (or other 401.C.3 organizations) using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (commonly called a "QCD") from your IRA? AND, you are not taxed on the QCD amount! Contact**

**Gary Chiaverotti ([chiaverotti@aol.com](mailto:chiaverotti@aol.com)) or your investment advisor to find out how a QCD works and how you can benefit while supporting LUMC Ministry, Mission, and Outreach activities and Endowment Program.**

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### 2026 Flower Arrangements

This is my father's world! Have you noticed the flowers on the altar recently? The altar guild works hard to create visuals that will inspire us and expand our worship experience, but our budget doesn't allow us to purchase fresh flowers every week. Please sign up to donate flowers in honor or memory of loved ones or to celebrate special occasions. You may sign up on the calendar posted in the sacristy (that little room with the sink just past the financial secretary's office). Please indicate for which Sunday you will be providing flowers. You can have your florist deliver them to the church. If you'd like us to arrange the flowers, please contact Mary Thorpe. She will do your shopping and arranging for you.

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### 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) **on February 15th and 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](mailto:francooper@vaumc.org).

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### 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.



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### **WORSHIP SERIES: LOVE GOES FIRST**

A black rectangular graphic with the words "LOVE GOES FIRST" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The word "LOVE" is on the top line, "GOES" is on the middle line, and "FIRST" is on the bottom line. A small white arrow points to the right, integrated into the letter "E" of "GOES".

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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## Assisting in Worship

	<b>This Sunday February 1, 2026</b>	<b>Next Sunday February 8, 2026</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Dave Loughery	Gary Chiaverotti
<b>Children's Worship</b>	Fran Cooper	Liz Smith
<b>Media Tech</b>	Wina Giddens	Sara Morris
	Claudia Wade	Les Thorpe
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Bill Huber	Bill Huber
<b>Camera Tech</b>	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
<b>Security Trustee</b>	Chris Calvert	Kami Lannetti
<b>Sunday Stewards</b>	Brian Casey	Pris Peake
	Dave Lannetti	Ed Lilly
<b>Monday Counters</b>	Watt Jones	Julie Etheridge
	Chris Burge	Nel Booker
<b>Bus Driver</b>	Dave Lannetti	Michael King
<b>Ushers</b>	Lara Calvert	Jonathan Clark
	Chris Calvert	Traci Shepard
	Brian Casey	Monica Levow
	Kami Lannetti	Rob Baxter

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