



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Amorisi miei Giorni

Stefano Donoudy

Oboe - George Corbett; Piano - Will Pearson

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

No. 568

†Introit

God So Loved the World

Karle Erickson

†Call To Worship

Gary Chiaverotti, Worship Leader

Leader: We give thanks to the LORD with whole hearts in the company of the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered.

Leader: The Lord is gracious; He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever,

Leader: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

ALL: His praise endures forever!

Prayers of the People

Rev. Cooper

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Cathy Hickman

Scripture Lesson

John 4:46-54

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Christ Be Our Seed

Carl Schalk

George Corbell, Oboe

God prints the name of Christ upon the spirit. God leads the walk through hills and ocean sand.

God wills each one a heritage of riches and holds all life inside a healing hand.

God is the source of daily health and healing. God makes us well with medicines of life.

God is the spring, the fountain of thanksgiving, all words of grace, all faith to heal our strife.

God knows the heart, the reasons we are crying. God knows the mind, each feeling new inside.

God knows old dreams, new things we want tomorrow, God knows the fear a silent soul will hide.

God sends the light to wake the birth of seeding and gives old death an Easter day to rise.

God sends the rain, the season, then the harvest, while tunes of glory fill all earth and skies.

Christ be our seed to grow what God has given; We do our work, as work in Jesus' name.

We lift our hope, our want, our need before thee. You healed us then; heal us once again.

Sermon

"Life-Giving"

Rev. Fran Cooper

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, Divine Healer, we confess that we do not always believe in the life-giving power of your words. We choose doubt and control over faith and submission, putting trust in ourselves and flawed human systems instead of the Word, who has been with God since the beginning. Forgive us for our lack of trust. Instill in us the ability to listen to your guidance and believe in your strength and goodness. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 22, 2026	First Sunday of Lent
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)
Monday, February 23, 2026	
6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m.	Larchmont Edgewater Civic League Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026	
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Building Task Force Meeting (Parlor)
Wednesday, February 25, 2025	
10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	Lenten Study (Christ UMC- 1601 E. Bayview Blvd)
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, March 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
11:30 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Lunch
5:00 p.m.	Intergenerational Lenten Nights

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

February 22, 2026

Faith Dedication Sunday: Carrying the Vision Forward

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to make your pledge during our **Love Goes First** campaign, you can still 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!** 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.

Food Locker: Paper Bags Needed!

The Food Locker has some urgent needs to provide the best care it can to our neighbors!

Alongside the food items or financial donations you are graciously providing, we need **PAPER BAGS (with handles preferred)** to help our visitors carry their food home securely. Plastic bags simply are not sturdy enough to hold the number of canned goods we provide, so any large paper bags will make so many lives that much easier! All support you can give is welcome.

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



Online Giving

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 jackmesurvey@gmail.com or suemesurvey44@gmail.com with any questions.



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!



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!

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.



LENTEN OFFERING

During the season of Lent, you are invited to make a special offering for direct support of our 2026 Larchmont UMC mission work. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of people touched through these ministries: Union Mission, Winter Shelter, Hope House, El Salvador Mission Trip, James Monroe Elementary School, Ghent Nursing Home, LAUNCH downtown ministries to Park Place and Huntersville neighborhoods (summer kids camps, Peace on Earth Day), Red Cross Blood Drives, United Methodist Committee on Relief assistance (flood buckets and emergency funds for natural disasters, medical and newborn kits), ODU Wesley Foundation, and other special needs presented to our missions team for discernment within our church's Vision and Mission. Offering envelopes are available in the pews, Monroe Entrance and in the narthex. Please use these envelopes if you can, or specify, "Lenten Offering" for online offering giving and/or on your check. Thank you for sharing in these ministries of love and caring.

†Hymn

Heal Me Hands of Jesus

No. 262

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

Sonata VI

William Babell

Oboe - George Corbett; Organ - Will Pearson

†Doxology

Lenten Doxology

Words, G.W. Shepherd

TUNE: OLD 100th

Praise God throughout these forty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen

†Hymn

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

No. 462

†Benediction

†Benediction Response

What Wondrous Love (mm 1-8)

Hymn 292

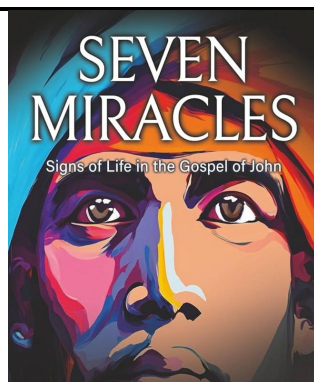
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

†Postlude

Passacaglia

Paul Fey



LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES: Seven Miracles: 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 February 22, 2026	Next Sunday March 1, 2026
Worship Leader	Gary Chiaverotti	Dave Loughery
Children's Worship	Cathy Hickman	Fran Cooper
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
	Lucas Seymour	Les Thorpe
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Bill Huber
Camera Tech	Clarise Hicks	Clarise Hicks
Security Trustee	Ben Hatcher	Chris Calvert
Sunday Stewards	Robert King	Linda Dunn
	Sandra Clark	Dave Lannetti
Monday Counters	Demi Wheeler	Gordon Glover
	Gary Chiaverotti	Julie Etheridge
Bus Driver	Jonathan Clark	John Fitzwilliam
Ushers	Traci Shepard	Jonathan Clark
	Ben Hatcher	Laura Calvert
	Monica Levow	Chris Calvert
	Bill Lehew	Monica Levow

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