



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

September 27, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude *Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 220* Dietrich Buxtehude

Announcements and Greetings Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* No. 368

†Call To Worship Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader

Leader: God of Hope, we come into your presence this morning with confidence that
 you will meet us here.

**People: Where there is sadness, bring joy; Where there is tiredness, bring
 refreshment; Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.**

Leader: Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us,

**People: a home for holy words and songs and prayers as we devote ourselves to
 you.**

All: We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayer for the Day Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader

**When we stand at the beginning of a new day, bless us with vision to see the best
things to come... Wisdom to make good decisions... and most of all, faith that
you are walking with us every step of the way. Amen.**

Prayers of the People Jonathan Clark

The Lord's Prayer

Sermon	<i>"Hope from Hopelessness"</i>	Jonathan Clark
†Response Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	No. 369
Celebrating Our Offerings	Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader	
Offering Prayer (in 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 Blessed Assurance</i>	Will Pearson
†Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	No. 94
†Closing Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	No. 400
†Benediction		Jonathan Clark
†Benediction Response	<i>Come, Thou Fount</i>	No. 400
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it, seal it for thy courts above.		
†Postlude	<i>Partita on "Nettleton"</i>	Al Fedak



COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER

God invites us all- "Come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18).

The first relationship in the Bible is between humankind and God, our Creator. All other encounters in scripture flow from relationship. Have you answered this call to relationship? God says, "Come."

This fall we renew this personal relationship from which all others flow. God is inviting us as we are-

Come with your assumptions and questions.
Come with your doubts and disappointments.
Come with your failures and struggles.
Come with your joy and strength.

Come, encounter God. Accept or renew this relationship and how God informs the way you think, believe, worship, love, and live.

11 But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? 12 Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— 13 would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!" 14 At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

15 "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." 18 When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Rene Claussen

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hopes of endless glory fill my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.*

*Here I raise my ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring hear to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Breakthrough Prayer

Gary Chiverotti: Worship Leader

**Lord, 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**

Courtyard Memorial Garden. Special thanks to all the volunteers who took a week (or two) to water the Garden this past summer. They kept the shrubbery alive during our drought periods and ensured the Garden was a lovely, special meditation area on our church grounds. They are: Cathy Coleman, Becky Crockett, Linda Dunn, Stephen Furlough, Amy Gilmore, Amy Guirlinger, Kim Harvey, Ben Hatcher, Liz Paste, Pris Peake, Carol Regan and GM Ziller.

Women's Fellowship

October 4th: Women's Fellowship Lunch and program at 11:30 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$5.

October 11th: Night with the Anchor Men at Oktoberfest. The women are sponsoring desserts.

October 15th: Women's Supper Club Join us at Chicken Salad Chick at 6 pm.

4th Sunday Music on the Greenspace

LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bring picnic blankets, chairs, umbrellas, etc. and enjoy live music on the lawn!

JUNE - SEP

6 - 8 P M

1101 Jamestown Crescent

Come Join Us on Sept 27th at 6 p.m. for our last concert of the season!

Bring your lawn chairs and coolers, as we welcome **The Olde James River Jazz Band** for our final concert of the season of Music on the Greenspace! We will have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). Mark your calendars for this future event.

SPRC Staff Spotlight



The Staff Parish Relations Committee will be highlighting a member of the LUMC staff each month in 2026. Our staff is very important to the ministries of our church and the committee felt it was important to recognize them.

For September, we are recognizing our Alternative Worship Leader, Dai Poole. Dai (Pronounced "Day") comes from a deeply musical family and found his voice early singing in the gospel choir at his grandfather's church. A graduate of Salem High School's Performing Arts Academy, Dai continued his vocal training at Virginia Tech, earning a degree in

Psychology and Music with a concentration in vocal performance. He also earned a Master's Degree in Applied Industrial-Organizational Psychology from George Mason University. A lover of all styles of music, Dai enjoys blending genres and finding ways to challenge his voice to create sounds inspired by everything from gospel to classical to contemporary worship.

Dai's job includes;

- Planning and assisting in leading our weekly 8:35 LIVE worship service.
- Provide administrative oversight to aspects of the 8:35 LIVE service including, but not limited to music production and presentation.
- Bring spiritual leadership to worship with the goal to enhance the message and bring participants closer to God and one another.
- Plan and conduct weekly rehearsals with musicians, vocalists and other volunteers taking part in the worship service.



Larchmont UMC is hosting a **Blood Drive on Oct 7th from 1pm-6pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Traci at andrew.shepard1@cox.net to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Education Committee is collecting the fall addresses of all college students. Please email your college student's new address for September, 2026 to education@larchmontumc.org. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 27, 2026

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m. Nursery
8:35 a.m. 835LIVE Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. **Pumpkins Arrive**
6:00 p.m. **Music on the Greenspace**

Monday September 28, 2026

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council

Tuesday September 29, 2026

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. BSA Troop 24

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:00 p.m. 835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 4, 2026

8:15 a.m. Heavenly Grounds
8:30 a.m. Nursery
8:35 a.m. 835LIVE Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship Lunch

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



Please Donate to help the People in Nepal!

Larchmont UMC is collecting funds to help our neighbors in Nepal. We are helping through the United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR), who is providing emergency aid to families affected by the catastrophic late-august 2026 flash floods and landslides along the Nepal-Tibet border. You can donate using the QR code or the

link: https://larchmont.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2387005 Thank you.



LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

September 27, 2026

Scripture this Sunday: Ruth 1: 11-18

WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER: Jonathan Clark



Jonathan was born in Norfolk and raised 3 1/2 blocks from LUMC, where he was baptized in 1965. At LUMC, he served as Senior High youth counselor for 14 years and Lay Leader for 17 years, as well as serving on Staff Parish, Finance, Missions, and Congregational Care. Jonathan has also taught adult Sunday school at LUMC for 27 years. Professionally, he spent 37 years as a software developer and software development manager. He has been a member of the Lions Club since 1987. Jonathan and Sandra have been married since 1999 and have two grandchildren. When they're not busy at LUMC, they enjoy daily walks, traveling and watching British murder mysteries.

Pumpkins Arrive Today!

Stay after church to help unload. It will be a time of fun and fellowship, not to mention you will get your exercise too!



The Pumpkin Patch is back! From Sept. 27- Oct. 31, join Missions in selling pumpkins, gourds, and baked goods to raise funds for LUMC's Missions projects and benefit a Native American reservation. **We're looking for help unloading the truck starting at 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 27, as well as daily help with sales.** Never sold before? Experienced Pumpkin Patch volunteers will be happy to show you how to set up, break down, assist customers, judge pumpkin and gourd prices, and use our tablet for transactions. This is a great way to get up close and personal with the community and let people know all the wonderful things LUMC does!



You can sign up for unloading, set up, breakdown and two-hour selling shifts using the QR code or the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA9AC2BA0FAC43-65527385-pumpkin>

Don't forget we also need baked goods!

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday September 27, 2026	Next Sunday October 4, 2026
Worship Leader	Gary Chiaverotti	David Loughery
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	Dave Lannetti	Brian Casey
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