



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

August 9, 2026

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Voluntary on a Melody

Orlando Gibbons

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Opening Hymn

God, the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian

No. 648

†Call To Worship from the book of Malachi

Liz Smith, Worship Leader

Leader: God says, "I have loved you."

People: We come to worship the God whose love never fails.

Leader: When our hearts have wandered, God calls us: "Return to me."

People: We turn our hearts toward God and seek His ways.

Leader: Purify our hearts, O God, and make our worship sincere.

People: We offer ourselves – our hearts, our gifts, and our lives – to God.

Leader: For those who honor God's name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

People: We rejoice in the hope, healing, and salvation of our God!

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

**The God who loves us, who calls us home,
who purifies us, who restores us,
and who shines His light upon us.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Malachi 3:7-12 (NKJV)

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Solo ***There Shall Be Showers of Blessing*** Daniel W. Whittle/ James McGranahan
Pete Schmitz (tenor with guitar)

*There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing sent from the Savior above.*

Refrain:

*Showers of blessing; Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.*

*There shall be showers of blessing, precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys sound of abundance of rain. [Refrain]*

*There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing, come and now honor Thy Word. [Refrain]*

*There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing; Now as on Jesus we call! [Refrain]*

Sermon

"In What Way Have We?" (Malachi)
WORSHIP SERIES: Minor Prophets – Major Truths

Rev. Fran Cooper

†Response Hymn

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

No. 2042 (TFWS)

El Salvador Mission Trip Testimony

Jeff Paiste and Les Thorpe

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

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morridone
Arr. Wilma Jensen

THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 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
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m.	All Youth Activity

Monday, August 10, 2026

7:00 p.m.	SPRC meeting
7:00 p.m.	Trustees Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

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

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

7:00 p.m.	835LIVE Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Prayer Group

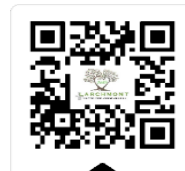
Thursday, August 13, 2026

6:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship Supper Club
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Sunday, August 16, 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.	Women's Fellowship Pop-up Service
10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

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Rev. Fran will be on Study/Renewal Leave from August 17 to September 27. As she begins her sixth year at LUMC and her 37th year in full-time ministry, the leave will give her an opportunity to power down briefly before beginning another busy year here. A variety of guest preachers will be filling in, including Fran's niece from a new church start in Northern VA, the Chaplain of ODU Wesley Foundation, our District Superintendent, and a few of our own church local favorites. During this time, our Pastor of Visitation, Rev. Dave Loughery, will be available for pastoral care. Safe travels and relaxing times – the pumpkins will be here when you return!

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES

August 9, 2026

**Today's alter flowers are given to the Glory of God
And in loving memory of our neighbors and friends
Bill and Liz Rountrey by the Bookers.**



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 August, we are recognizing our Pastor of Visitation, Dave Loughery, a Pennsylvania native who served local churches there and served as a District Superintendent. He also worked for non-profits advocating for affordable housing and providing resources for local churches.

Dave's job includes:

- Visiting members who cannot attend Sunday services
- Visiting the sick and those in hospital
- Coordinating, planning, and recruiting lay members for visitation
- Dave also participates in leading worship, prayer, and preaching

Outside of LUMC, Dave enjoys:

- Spending time with his family. His wife Jill works as an acupuncturist and they live in Portsmouth. Together, they have four children and seven grandchildren.
- Golfing
- Gardening, and
- Playing family games, including cards!

Thank you, Dave!

MUSIC ON THE GREENSPACE

4th Sundays Through Sept, 6:00 p.m.

Get out your lawn chairs and coolers, we are back for another season of Music on the Greenspace! Join us for a free outdoor concert. We'll have free hot dogs and all are welcome (even your well-behaved dogs on a leash). On **August 23rd**, we are welcoming **Doorway Singers**. Then on September 20th join us for our last event with **'The Olde James River Jazz Band.'**

Women's Supper Club:

Join us at Chicken Salad Chick on Thursday Aug.13th at 6pm.

Women's Fellowship Pop Up Service Project 8/16 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

Light refreshments **RSVP to Traci** andrew.shepard1@cox.net



Night at the Ballpark

The Anchor Men are sponsoring a night out at the Norfolk Tides ball game for Faith and Family night on Tuesday 8/11. Game time is 6:35pm. The church bus will leave the church parking lot at 5:35pm. Any questions, please contact Jonathan Clark, clarkjon1058@gmail.com to reserve your spot on the bus, or you can just meet us at the game.

There will be fireworks after the game.

Save the Date!

**"Your Financial Health" Education Session
Legal Documents everyone should have.**



Everyone should have **at a minimum**, three documents: **a Will or Trust and two types of Advance Directives**, a Power of Attorney for Health Care and a "Living Will." Your Will or Trust cover distribution of property and wealth at death and who will take care of your children if you die prematurely! Advance Directives let other people know the types of medical care you do and do not want in the event you

are unable to express your wishes on your own. Want to know more about these important documents? **We'll be hosting a Wills & Trusts Seminar covering these topics Tuesday August 25th. Then, we can link you to attorneys that will help you draft and execute a Will and Advanced Directives.** Details to follow. If you want more information now, contact our Legacy Giving Committee Chair, Gary Chiaverotti (chiaverotti@aol.com).

All our Financial Education Series Sessions provide information only, are free, and open to the public. Invite a friend.

BACKPACK BLESSING:

Pastor Fran will bless the backpacks of preschool children through college students on Sunday, August 16 during the 8:35 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. Children will receive a memento with an encouraging message, and all children are welcome to receive a blessing with or without a backpack. We are thinking of all our students as the new school year begins and hope you can join us!

Our Choir and Handbells are resuming rehearsals and we want YOU!

We have some vacancies in the handbells and we would love to welcome more of you into the choir.

Come and try it out for a couple of weeks, I know you'll love it.

Please join us August 19th - 6-7pm Handbells and 7:30-9pm Choir up in the choir room.

Any questions, please let me know music@Larchmontumc.org

Mission Service Project - LAUNCH Back-to-School event

Join us August 22 as we prepare to hand out school supplies and minister to the community at Huntersville/Park Place. We need a team of about 15 individuals to help set up tents, tables, chairs, etc. Arrival time is 8:30 am for the 11am event. This is a good family-friendly event to help out our neighbors. **For more information, contact Megan Lewellen at** meganstill96@gmail.com.

You're Invited to LUMC's Annual FUNDAY SUNDAY! ☪ ☪

Summer isn't over yet, and we want to celebrate with *you*! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 30 for our annual community-wide **FUNDAY SUNDAY**.

We'll gather together for one unified worship service at 10:30 AM, and then head straight out to the Green Space for a festive tent party.

Whether you're a long-time member or visiting for the very first time, there's a place at the table for you (AND opportunities for you to volunteer to help). Enjoy a full lunch with fried chicken, hot dogs, picnic sides, and a sweet visit from the Mr. Softee ice cream truck! Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available. Kids (and kids at heart!) can dive into fun with an inflatable waterslide, face painting, and outdoor games. Bring a friend, and come hungry!



We are using "sign-up genius" to recruit volunteers for **FUNDAY SUNDAY**. Please use the QR code below to volunteer (need lots of folks for set-up, food-service, kids activities, etc)! If you have an idea for a fun activity for the event, please reach out to Julie (jetheridge@fastmail.com) or Liz (exsmith@odu.edu) directly. Thank you!

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia. Alleluia.**Praise God, the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

†Closing Hymn

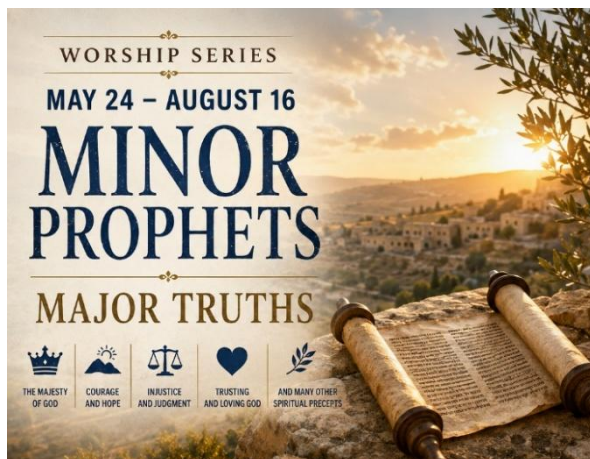
Great God of Every Blessing

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†Benediction

†Postlude

*Toccata*David Hegarty

**Worship Series: Minor Prophets--Major Truths: Lasting Truths from the OT Minor Prophets**

For many Christians, the Minor Prophets can seem distant and incomprehensible. Twelve Voices for Truth shows how these ancient prophets still speak to believers today. By exploring each book's theme in the context of history and revelation, you'll learn how the prophets speak to you today. Though the books

may be minor in length, they are major in the truths they teach, including: the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. This study helps you discover Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

Assisting in Worship

	This Sunday August 9, 2026	Next Sunday August 16, 2026
Worship Leader	Liz Smith	Gary Chiaverotti
Media Tech	Sara Morris	Wina Giddens
	Lucas Seymour	Lucas Seymour
Sound Tech	Jeff Paiste	Jeff Paiste
Camera Tech	Stephen Croffie Djan	Stephen Croffie Djan
Security Trustee	Kami Lannetti	Ben Hatcher
Sunday Stewards	Linda Dunn	Dave Lannetti
	Pris Peake	Ed Lilly
Monday Counters	Pris Peake	Gary Chiaverotti
	Nel Booker	Laura Fitzwilliam
Bus Driver	Dave Lannetti	John Fitzwilliam
Ushers	Gary Chiaverotti	Ben Hatcher
	Rob Baxter	William LeHew
	Ben Hatcher	Monica Levow
	William LeHew	Kami Lannetti

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