



LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

†Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Tongues of Fire

Al Fedak

Announcements and Greetings

†Passing the Peace

†Bringing in the Light of Christ

†Processional Hymn *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* (vv. 1, 3, 4)

No. 332

†Introit

Spirit of the Living God

No. 393

†Call To Worship based on Acts 2:1-16

Debbie Miller, Worship Leader

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, the believers gathered together in one place.

People: We gather today with expectant hearts, ready for the moving of God's Spirit.

Leader: Suddenly, like the rush of a mighty wind, the Spirit of God filled the house.

People: Breathe upon us, O Lord, and fill this place with Your presence.

Leader: Tongues of fire rested upon them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

People: Set our hearts aflame with holy love, courage, and praise.

Leader: People from every nation heard the mighty works of God proclaimed in their own language.

People: Let every voice and every people declare the wonders of the Lord.

Leader: Some were amazed and wondered what this could mean.

People: We come seeking the power, wisdom, and truth of God among us.

Leader: This is the promise of God poured out upon His people.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, move among us as we worship today!

Prayer for the Day

O God - wondrous, mysterious, marvelous.

Holy Jesus - among us, beyond us, with us.

Powerful Spirit - strange, startling, shaking;

we come to lift our hearts and minds,

to open our lips and our lives, to celebrate you, God. Amen.

Reception of New Members

Mary Catherine Bolton and Bill Rogers

Scripture Lesson

Joel 2:1-2, 12-13, 25-32

Worship Leader

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

Cum Sancto Spiritu (from GLORIA)
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Antonio Vivaldi

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sermon

"The Gift of the Spirit" (Joel)

Rev. Fran Cooper

WORSHIP SERIES: Minor Prophets – Major Truths

†Response Hymn

O For a Heart to Praise My God (vv. 1-5)

Insert

Prayers of the People

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
(spoken prayer)

No. 538

Wind who makes all winds that blow -- gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves --
aim your breath with steady power on your church, this day, this hour.

Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Fire who fuels all fires that burn -- suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals, shining truth to guide our souls--
come to us as once you came; burst in tongues of sacred flame!

Light and power, might and strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre; kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

O For a Heart to Praise My God 3

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1742
MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

AZMON
C.M.

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3. A hum - ble, low - ly, con - trite heart, be -
4. A heart in ev - 'ry thought re - newed and
5. Thy na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; come
6. My heart, Thou know'st, can nev - er rest, till

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quick - ly from a - bove; write Thy new name up -
Thou cre - ate my peace; Till, of my E - den

feels Thy blood so free - ly shed for me.
heard to speak, where Je - sus reigns a - lone.
death can part from Christ who dwells with - in.
pure and good, a cop - y, Lord, of Thine.
on my heart, Thy new, best name of Love.
re - pos - sessed, from ev - 'ry sin I cease.

7. Fruit of Thy gracious lips, on me
Bestow that peace unknown,
The hidden manna, and the tree
Of life, and the white stone.

8. Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart!
Come quickly from above,
Write Thy new name upon my heart,
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THIS WEEK AT LARCHMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, May 24, 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. Congregational Care (Parlor)

Monday, May 25, 2026

9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at the Wetzel's

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Building Task Force Meeting (FH)
7:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

Sunday, May 31, 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. Beacon Youth Middle School Meet-Up

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



Online Giving

LARCHMONT UMC NOTICES!

May 24, 2026

Children's Spring Potluck

Families with children are invited to the Potluck Supper next Saturday, May 30, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the social hall at LUMC. Please bring a dish to share. Chicken and dessert will be provided. Our theme will be HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY USA!! Join us for a birthday celebration with trivia, history, balloons, birthday cake, games and more. Please let Cathy Hickman know that you are coming, text 757-286-5671 or email: education@larchmontumc.org.

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 May, we recognize **Will Pearson**, our wonderful **organist**.



Will is responsible for organ and piano performance during LUMC services and works in close collaboration with Karla, Pastor Fran, and the Worship Committee. Will is also an Instructor & Area Coordinator for Music Theory and Aural Skills at the Diehn School of Music at ODU. Will grew up singing in a professional boys choir in Albany, NY and was recently able to play on the cathedral organ where his interest in music started at the Cathedral of Saint Albany (see picture). Outside the organ, Will enjoys playing online chess, following NBA basketball, and cooking and traveling with partner Carly and dog Carlydog.

Acolytes and Crucifers: Children in 2nd grade - High School are invited to become Acolytes and Crucifers. Training will be provided at your convenience. We schedule Acolytes and Crucifers for Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). They may also be scheduled for special services during Lent and Advent. We look forward to your participation. Please contact Cathy Hickman, 757-286-5671 or education@larchmontumc.org.

VBS 2026!

Join us for the 2026 Vacation Bible School,
RAINFOREST FALLS, Exploring the Nature of God.

July 12, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Family Night including supper and study, **July 13-16, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.** Please let us know you are coming by clicking on the QR code right. Everyone is invited to volunteer for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days. Your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to being with you and your children this summer!!



VBS 2026: Supplies and Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for adult size shoe boxes for craft activities. Any that you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, adults and youth are needed for Crew Leaders, Monday - Thursday, July 13-16, 9:00-12:00. You will be responsible for leading a group of 6-8 children to their different Stations (crafts, games, story, memory verse, experiments, and snacks). Contact Cathy Hickman: 757-286-5671.

LUMC Sanctuary Task Force Update

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, June 14th! After the 10:30am worship service everyone is invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall and see the latest revisions to the plans for our Sanctuary renovation. The changes are based on the congregation's constructive survey feedback. There may (may) be pie involved again, so please do join us! (That's called baiting, and we think it's okay when it's for a great cause...)

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.

JOB OPENING: Administrative Assistant

Status: Part Time

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Position Overview: Applicants must have good people skills. They must be able to greet visitors and callers in a friendly and welcoming manner. They must be patient, attentive and a good listener to those who call or visit and compassionate to their needs. Applicant must be proficient with Microsoft Office and comfortable working in a networked computer environment. They should be knowledgeable in operating office equipment such as copiers, postage machines, answering machines, fax machines and folding machines.

Responsibilities include: providing administrative support for Pastors and other staff members; preparing weekly Sunday bulletins (and others as needed); preparing a "This Week at LUMC eLight;" maintaining and tracking membership and attendance; maintaining a church calendar and coordinating requests for use of the church; and providing church food pantry customer service. Please send resume and interest letter to Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair, 1101 Jamestown Crescent, Norfolk, VA 23508 or to francooper@vaumc.org.

4th Annual Larchmont-Edgewater Civic League

**Memorial Day Parade, Monday,
May 25th**



**Sign up Now to help
make this a great event
with this QRC!**

**We will host over 1,000
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The Lord's Prayer

Celebrating Our Offerings

Offering Prayer (unison)

Offertory *Improvisation on Veni Creator* Will Pearson

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

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 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 334

†Benediction

†Benediction Response *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393

†Postlude *Toccata on Veni Creator* Paul Fey



**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

May 24, 2026

Debbie Miller

Cathy Hickman

Bill Huber

Jeff Paiste

Kami Lannetti

Linda Dunn

Ed Lilly

Julie Etheridge

Robert King

Kami Lannetti

Monica Levow

Dave Lannetti

William LeHew

Kami Lannetti

Next Sunday

May 31, 2026

Brian Casey

Sara Morris

Betsy McFarland

Bill Huber

Stephen Croffie Djan

Gene Levow

Jonathan Clark

Brian Casey

Demi Wheeler

Laura Fitzwilliam

Rob Baxter

Jonathan Clark

Rob Baxter

Dave Lannetti

Gary Chiaverotti

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