Saying Ma'ariv at Plag HaMincha

You may say *ma'ariv* on Friday afternoon (*erev Shabbat*) as early as *plag ha'mincha* (1 1/4 *halachic hours* before sunset), as long as you say *mincha* before saying *ma'ariv*. So, if it is now *plag ha'mincha*, you may say *mincha* and then follow it as soon as you wish with *ma'ariv*.

NOTE On *erev Shabbat*, you do not need to say *mincha* before *plag ha'mincha* in order to say *ma'ariv* before sunset. This is unlike on weekdays, when you must say *mincha* before *plag* in order to say *ma'ariv* before sunset.

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