



THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bringing People Closer to God, and One Another

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Join our virtual Sunday Service via [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) (click links)
9 AM Sunday (Live starting at 8:55) and available anytime thereafter

Our current 12-part sermon series on "The 12 Presents (Presence) of Christ in You" is exploring Will, Understanding, Release, Power, Wisdom, Love, **Imagination**, Faith, Zeal, Life, Strength and Order.

Sunday, February 21, at The Met®

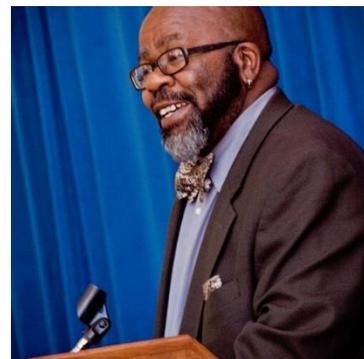
- We are at Week 7 of our sermon series "12 Presents (Presence) of Christ in You," and bringing the message on "Imagination: Seeing the Unseeable" via video will be special guest Rev. Louis Mitchell. Read about him below. The scriptures are Psalm 25:1-10 and Mark 1:9-15.
- Here is your printable [Sunday bulletin](#) to follow along.
- Get your favorite bread and juice ready for communion.
- Please share your prayer requests and praises by [email](#).
- At 10:15 AM, gather virtually for some warm fellowship at our Sunday Social Hour. Join us via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/191859310>; Meeting ID: 191 859 310
- At 11:30 AM you're invited to the "12 Presents (Presence) of Christ in You" weekly companion devotional class via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87949023051>
- View past Sunday services by clicking on the YouTube or Facebook links above.



Celebrating Black History Month

Our Guest Preacher: Rev. Louis Mitchell

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome to our virtual pulpit Rev. Louis Mitchell, a trans clergy ordained in the United Church of Christ (UCC). A thoughtful speaker, he is known around the country and abroad as a pioneering "intentional man" and recognized as an elder, advocate, trainer, teacher, student, minister and parent. Rev. Mitchell is the co-founder and former Executive Director of [Transfaith](#), a national non-profit that is led by transgender people. A multi-tradition, multi-racial, multi-gender, multi-generational organization, [Transfaith](#) works to support transgender spiritual / cultural workers and their leadership in community.



Louis has been actively engaged in the political, mental health, recovery and black church arenas in the fight for health, respect and self-determination since the late 1980s. View his long list of accomplishments via this [link](#).

Souper Bowl Check Presented to Uptown

At Sunday's service Pastor Dan happily presented a check from our Souper Bowl of Caring special offering to our partners at Uptown Community Service Center. An additional \$10 was received after that check was written, bringing the total to \$1,116, the 3rd largest Souper Bowl collection we have had in 18 years! During that time you have helped us raise over \$16K to feed the hungry. Bless you!



Lenten Prayer

Though Ash Wednesday has passed, the Lenten Journey has just begun. The MCC Council of Elders weekly [prayer](#) for

Ash Wednesday embodies some major themes that are especially touching us in this 2021 Lenten Season. Written by MCC Moderator Rev. Elder Cecilia Eggleston, we are pleased to share that [prayer](#) with you.

Dedicating Sunday Flowers

Dedicating the Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one or a special occasion. Live flowers may be ordered through our florist (minimum order \$60, with \$10 going to the church), flowers you may later pick up. Or you may bring flowers prior to the service for display. Or we can use one of our beautiful silk orchid arrangements with a donation to the church at your comfort level. Set up your dedication or reserve a slot any time throughout the coming year by contacting the [Church Office](#).



Celebrating George's Life

Plan to join us as we celebrate the life of our long-time Deacon Emeritus George Murphy on Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 AM via Livestream on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. George passed away at home on November 14.

Caedmon and the State of the County

Tune in tonight at 7 PM for the State of San Diego County Address by Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. Our own Pastor Caedmon will participate virtually in the invocation! See the [flyer](#) for the various access links such as [Facebook](#) and on CW San Diego television.

Honoring Our MCC Elders

by Lay Delegate Steve Fitzgerald

What: Service to Bless Our Outgoing and Incoming (pictured) MCC Elders

When: Tuesday, February 23, Noon PST

Where: <http://MCCchurch.adobeconnect.com/mccwebinar/>



Let's join together to thank, honor, and bless [MCC's outgoing](#) and incoming Elders. What do Elders do in our global church, you might ask? In their pastoral and prophetic role, the Council of Elders oversees church affiliation and leadership. In addition, the Council:

- Provides pastoral and spiritual support to thousands of people around the globe
- Supports communities affected by racist violence and natural disasters
- Prays for individuals who are struggling, sick and grieving
- Speaks out on issues such as gun violence, racism and recently, marriage equality

In its weekly *Call to Prayer*, the Council lifts up prayers written by MCCers, allowing many different voices, diverse understandings and experiences of God to be heard. Learn about our incoming Elders at: <https://www.mccchurch.org/2021-council-of-elders-bios/>

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Ongoing Ministry by Zoom

- **Praying the Rosary**, Sundays, 8 – 8:30 AM, Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/174434185>, Meeting ID: 174 434 185
- **Social Hour**, Sunday, 10:15-11:00 AM; Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/191859310>; Meeting ID: 191 859 310
- **Centering Prayer**, Mondays, 1-2:00 PM, Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/251632413>, Meeting ID: 251 632 413
- **Virtual Dinner at 6:30**, first Tuesdays of the month; Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link Dinner @ 6.30](#); Meeting ID: 880 4644 2889
- **Wednesday Bible Study** exploring the Book of John, 7 PM; Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/611869117>; Meeting ID: 611 869 117



If you do not have a computer with a video camera or audio capability, and you do not have a smart phone, call in on a landline at 1-301-715-8592 to participate via audio. Enter the appropriate Meeting ID for the gathering you want to attend when prompted.

It's Just This Easy to Support the Ministries of The Met:

- **COMING SOON: Convenient giving via Venmo and Zelle!**
- Send **checks by mail** to MCC San Diego, PO Box 33291, San Diego CA 92163.
- Set up **Bill Pay** for your gifts via your bank or credit union account. It's smooth, quick and user-friendly. We receive a check with your name on it for easy crediting. (With these first two, 100% of your gift goes toward our ministry.)
- Call the church office at 619-521-2222 with **credit card** info to make gifts.
- Donate via **PayPal**.
- Use **Text-to-Give** right from your smartphone by calling 619-383-0380.
- Get **Scrip Gift Cards** for all your favorite retailers; benefit The Met. Contact Fred Ihler by **email** or at 619-889-3791. Read the **details**. Purchase Scrip from your phone via benefit-mobile.com. Contribute as you shop at **Ralphs & Food-for-Less**.
- Benefit the church by using smile.Amazon.com when ordering from Amazon.
- Remember Metropolitan Community Church of San Diego in your estate planning!

[With just one click visit our website at themetchurch.org](http://themetchurch.org)

Happening with The Met:

Sunday, February 28: Celebration of Life for George Murphy, 10:30 AM, online
Sunday, March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins
Saturday, March 20: First Day of Spring (We can hardly wait!)
Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 4: Easter