

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GATHERING

Scott Stearman
Pastor

Congregation read the bold print

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season we call Lent
Following the One who leads us through every wilderness.
Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
Hearing again and again our loving name: children of God.
Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
Seeking to put our fears, our doubts, our longings on the altar of service.
Beloved, let us worship God,
Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

INVOCATION

Alan Green
Deacon Chair

* HYMN #16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Tony Ponella
Program Associate

*Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.
Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back*

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lesley-Ann Hix Tommey
CBF Field Personnel

HYMN #99

O, How I Love Jesus

LIGHTING A CANDLE**

Blake Tommey

LENTEN CONFESSION

Congregation

Our God we are all aware that doubt, fear, disappointment, and anger are a part of the human path. We confess that at times when we need light for our path, we chose to curse the darkness rather than light a candle. We sometimes seek inauthentic power over trusting vulnerability; temporary security over eternal hope. We pray for forgiveness and ask for light.

ASSURANCE

Blake Tommey

Hear again your name: Child of God

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

Kathy Conry

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host:
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

SERMON

The Naming

Scott Stearman

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #357

We Call Ourselves Disciples
v. 1, 3-5

If you would like to formally join our community of faith or profess something publicly about your journey of faith, we invite you to speak to a pastor at this time.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Please join us following the service for coffee hour and fellowship.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*** Our theme for this year's Lenten worship services and Bible studies will be: "Light a Candle or Curse the Darkness - finding a light for the path, a way in the wilderness." If you have a story to share, please speak to one of the pastors.*

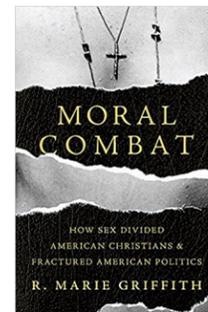
Lenten Bible Study – Light for the Path

You are invited to **Metro's Lenten Home Bible Studies**. They begin next week and run for five weeks. Supper is served at 6:30, followed by Bible Study at 7:00.

Dates & hosts are:

Lent 1 – Feb. 21 (Wed) Scott & Cecelia's
Lent 2 - Feb. 28 (Wed) Carole & Leslie (at Metro)
Lent 3 - Mar. 8 (Thur) Laura & Joe's
Lent 4 - Mar. 14 (Wed) Rebecca & Jacob's
Lent 5 - Mar. 21 (Wed) Tiffany & Dan's

Contact Scott at sstearman@mbcnyc.org to RSVP & for respective addresses.



Moral Combat: Meet the Author

Come join author and professor R. Marie Griffith discuss her new book the history of sex, Christians, and politics. Griffith is the John C. Danforth Distinguished Professor at Washington University in St. Louis, where she directs the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. She lives in St. Louis, Missouri. Join us at Metro, this Tuesday at 6:30.

RMM Trivia Night: Movie Edition

Directed by Tony Ponella

February 27, 2018

Doors Open at 6:30pm, Trivia Begins at 7:00pm

Don't miss out on RMM's movie-themed trivia night!

Categories will include Oscar Films, Sci-Fi, Movie Musicals, Disney, and more! Admission price gives you access to trivia, prizes, and hors d'oeuvres. BYOB!

Purchase tickets at movietriviarmm.eventbrite.com or at the door.



Coming Up

Feb 21

Feb 23-24

Feb 27

Feb 28

Mar 3

Mar 4

Lenten Bible Study

Upstart Creatures presents "Fefu and her Friends"

RMM Trivia Night: Movie Edition

Lenten Bible Study

Edith Lettner's FreeMotion & Delight

Terzetta Concert

Help Us Serve Our Community in 2018!



RAUSCHENBUSCH
METRO MINISTRIES

See below for ways to donate your time, goods or money to Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, Metro's community service not-for-profit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Below is a list of programs and times when volunteers are needed:

Winter Clothes Closet	Mondays 12:30-3:00 pm
Page Turners	Tuesdays-Thursdays 4:15-5:30 pm
Food Pantry	Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Teen Center	Fridays 4:00-8:00 pm

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in DIRE need of clothing items for our Winter Clothing Closet, especially **large coats, men's pants, gloves, hats, scarves, and new underwear**. We are also collecting for snack bags & toiletry kits. You can drop off any of these items year round: **small soaps & shampoo, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, washcloths**, as well as snack items such as **granola bars, crackers, water bottles, juice boxes, etc.** You can also make monetary donations to support RMM programs and services at www.rmmnyc.org/donate.

For further information about how to get involved or support RMM, email volunteer@rmmnyc.org.

Living Well and Homecoming Volunteers Needed

Our spring LSEP programs are beginning on February 26, and we need your help to make them happen. **Living Well** is a program for women who have experienced the dual traumas of domestic violence and homelessness. **Homecoming** is a program for military veterans who have experienced homelessness.

Here are some ways to get involved:

- Provide a meal for one of our mentor nights
- Provide dessert for any of our meeting nights
- Help prepare the space for each meeting
- Be a mentor—provide a listening ear and encouragement
- Help with graduation planning and organization

In addition, we are seeking people to present to the Living Well group as a guest speaker—offering expertise in developing a specific essential life skill.

Email Lesley-Ann at: lhixtommey@cbf.net to get involved.

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

*If you have updates to any of the concerns listed below,
please let Scott or Tiffany know or email mbc@mbcnyc.org.*

Global & National Concerns:

All those whose lives are impacted by violence, conflict, war, natural disaster, and injustice of any kind
Those seeking to bring about justice, love, and peace in our world
National & International Leadership

Recent Concerns of Our Church Community (shared 2/4-2/11):

Connie - hurt his leg when moving

Maren's Sister – new baby

Andrea (Maren's mother) – Breast cancer has returned. And she is starting Chemo pills.

Ginny (Brittani's mother) - fired from her job

Ravi (immigration activist) – facing deportation. Decision will be on March 15.

Continuing Concerns of Our Church Community:

LAST WEEK:

Davidson - Grandfather's funeral went well.

Grandfather's brother is going into hospice.

Julia – Has wrapped up funding for play she is producing. Opening Off Broadway soon.

Anita (Paula's friend) - awaiting medical results

Anita Massengill and Family – Anita's sister in law, Barbara Tolbert, passed away. Service on March 31.

Richard (Roger's friend from Bible Study) - Chemo

LAST 3 MONTHS:

Scott K and family and friends of Nathan Jatco in St Louis who passed away

Alan Green's sister - had a strong reaction to anesthesia

Stacey (Alliance of Baptists Pastor) – recently diagnosed with stage 4 tissue cancer

Bombing in Kabul

Shavey - personal financial concerns

Jim (Tiffany's stepfather) - kidney issues, outpatient surgery

Lesley-Ann and family – uncle Steve passed away

Davidson's father – high cholesterol, stroke risk high, kidney problems

Paula's friend – mother has advanced breast cancer

Paula's friend – husband dealing with addiction

Eunice - difficulties from advanced aging

Chloe (Paula's niece)

Ann Atkins (Paula's friend) - in hospice care

Ruby - friend Jay passed away

HIV/AIDS community

Francine (Connie's sister) – illness

Joe and Laura - prayers for her mom's health and particularly traversing finances and health care with her husband.

Henkel Family – recent death of nephew, Peter Dean and Dorothy Kaufman (former Metro members)

Tricia (friend of Roger) - bad cough

Liz Murphy (friend of Scott K) – death of her husband and his son.

Noelle (friend of Roger) - major health issues.

John (friend of Dan) - wife passed away.

Michelle Nickens (former Metro staff) - nephew Jessie was in a car accident and passed away.

Church Life:

Our Pastors & Staff in their various ministry responsibilities through Metro and RMM

Brazilian Baptist Church

The Staff and Ministries of the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Church World Service, National Council of Churches and Graffiti/East 7th St. Baptist

All those facing Immigration problems

Dan - 3 men he knows who overdosed

Katie and Charlotte (Barbara Tolbert's daughter and her partner) – new baby

Colleen (Dan's step grandmother) – Parkinson's

Scott K - vision problems

Valerie (Joan's sister) – health concerns

Joelle (friend of Alan)

Family of Vivian (Paula's friend) – recent death

David (Paula's brother-in-law) – year anniversary of

mother's death & his sister being treated for cancer

Stephen Holloway (friend of Metro) – treatment after recent injury

Sandra - health concerns

Marutia (Sandra's sister) - arthritis

Marcus - broke a tooth

Connie's family - death of nephew, William

Laura (Paula's friend) - double mastectomy

Paula's friend - loss of family members

Laura B - family moved to city

Julia - Neighbor stillborn birth this week

Chris (family friend of Trevor) - aneurism

Michele Nickens' ministry in DC area

Tiffany's Family in Mississippi

Tracey (Tiffany's Sister) - unemployed for over a year

Angie's Brother/Sister in Law - having new baby

Bombing of mosque in Egypt.

Arnaldo (Stephen's friend) - trying to get his life

back together and living with parents in Orlando.

Kathleen (friend of Anita) – persistent sinus infection

ONGOING CONCERNS:

Susan B - cancer

Cliff (Melissa's Dad) – in clinical trial for cancer

Marina (friend of Brett) - colon cancer

Kathy (friend of Eileen) - cancer

Regina (Glenn's cousin) - large tumor

Courtney Craven's father – heart surgery, cancer

Ron (Maren's former pastor) – prostate cancer

Christina's grandfather – leukemia.

Alan's friends - diagnosed with brain cancer

Roger's Sister - brain tumor

Lisa (Laurel's aunt) – cancer

Jesse Voss (Laura's Dad) - heart issues

Christy (former Metro member) – leukemia

Robert's niece – leukemia and stroke.

Stevie (friend of Graham) – brain tumor

Laurel's Father – melanoma

Sharon (friend of Christina) – cancer returned

Sandra (Alan's former teacher) – cancer

Mary (friend of Roger) – brother battling cancer

Tia (friend of Paula) – pancreatic cancer

Liz (friend of Becky in Sudan) – cancer

Rachel (sister of Adam S.) – cancer diagnosis

WHO WE ARE

Metro Baptist Church is a Christian community where all are welcome regardless of gender, age, sexual identity, ethnicity, social standing, education, or economic status. We believe that everyone is created by God in the likeness of God to be a full participant in God's redemptive plan.

Metro Baptist Church seeks to be a free and faithful voice of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, adhering to historic Baptist principles, freedoms and traditions. We value worship, religious education, missions and evangelism, theological depth and diversity, intellectual openness, religious freedom, social consciousness, responsible stewardship, and warm fellowship.

We receive into membership any person who publicly professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you are a Christian and are not active in a church, we invite you to become a vital part of the Metro Baptist Church family by transfer of your church letter or by statement of faith. If you do not identify yourself as a Christian, we invite you to begin that journey of discipleship with Christ this very day. Please speak with one of our ministers at the close of this morning's service if you wish to join the Metro family in our journey of faith.



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METRO BAPTIST CHURCH



*To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who mourn and need comfort,
To all who are lonely and need friendship,
To all who are complacent and need disturbing,
To all who sin and need a savior,
To all who are glad and would serve,
This church opens wide its doors.*

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