

The Worship of God

Epiphany

January 6, 2019

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

In the midst of unemployment, debt, illness, all the hardships of life,
why have you come to worship?

**We come because Isaiah reminds us
that no suffering or pain can separate us from God.**

I hear the Prophet calling, "Arise, shine for your light has come!"
I'm ready for that bright light from God to light my way.
We see that light in Jesus, God-with-Us,
and we recognize that light in our lives, too:
We are all created in God's image:
God's light was born in us as we breathed our first breath.
**We come to worship to connect God's light in us
to God's light in Christ, and so illumine the world.**

How do we recognize that light?
In compassion for all,
in justice for the poor,
in welcome for the stranger
we shine God's light into the world.
So come let us bring the joys and hardships of life to worship
and celebrate that God's light is already with us and within us.

INVOCATION

Dan Henkel
Deacon

*HYMN OF PRAISE #173

As With Gladness

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Brooklyn Lovelace
Administrative Assistant

*Updates about Metro and our community ministry, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries.
Guests are welcomed to fill out a card so that we may have a record of your visit.
Optional childcare is provided for children. Leaders can be found at the back.*

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

*1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, O Sovereign meek and lowly!
O root of Jesse, David's son,
Our God and Savior, You have won our hearts to serve You solely!
You are holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

*2. Come, heavenly Bridegroom, Light divine,
and deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be as living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heavenly joy You bless us.*

*3. O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, every day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Blake Tommey

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: In Dulci Jubilo

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise above ye heavenly hosts Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Laura Voss

SERMON

En-lighten-ment

Scott Stearman

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*HYMN #172 HYMN #162

*We Three Kings, vs. 1
What Child is This?*

*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 after the service for coffee hour and fellowship.

**Please stand as you are able.*

**If you need assistance, please find the staff
member wearing a black polo shirt.**

**This Week's Host: Brooklyn Lovelace
This Week's Deacon: Dan Henkel
This Week's Usher: Connie Brown**

First Quarterly Business Meeting

Join us on Sunday, January 27, for a potluck and our first quarterly
business meeting immediately following the service.
Bring a side or a dessert to share!

On the agenda for this meeting:

- 2018 Finance Report
- 2019 Annual Budget
- 2019 Deacon slate affirmation



Coming Up

Jan 9	Epiphany Bible Study
Jan 12	Ballroom Social
Jan 16	Epiphany Bible Study
Jan 23	Epiphany Bible Study
Jan 25	The Warriors
Jan 26	Upstart Creatures Reading
Jan 27	Potluck and Business Meeting
Jan 30	Epiphany Bible Study

Epiphany Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:30

You're welcome to join us at the following homes for our
Epiphany Bible Study series. We'll start with a light meal at
6:30 and a study from 7 to 8 pm. Blake Tommey will be
leading most of the studies, which will be based on the
gospel text from the Sunday previous. Please RSVP to one
of the pastors or to mbc@mbcnyc.org.

Jan. 9 – Hosted by the Stearmans
Jan. 16 – Hosted by the Bergquists, Ronnie, and Barbara
Jan. 23 – Hosted by the Henkels
Jan. 30 – Hosted by Connie Brown



EPIPHANY



Upcoming Events

Ballroom Social - January 12

Join us at Club Metro for a Mixed Ballroom social on Saturday, January
12 from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Dance to DJ's eclectic mix of Foxtrot,
Waltz, Tango, Salsa, Rumba, Merengue, Bachata, Hustle, Quickstep
and maybe some old-school freestyle!

Light refreshments and beverages will be served. Dress code is
anything from sparkly and twirly to blue jeans.

Admission special: \$10 per person at the door for Metro Baptist Church
congregation members (50% off \$20 admission.)

Your hosts: Linda Conte and Anton Domansky

The Warriors - January 25

Honey Dipped Productions - January 25th 7:30pm
Admission is by donation

12 years old, Chicago actress Mary Hollis Inboden survived the
Westside Middle School massacre, one of the most shocking events of
the 90s. But who writes history when nobody's the victor? In an honest
and irreverent homecoming that mixes fact, fiction, identity, and
history, Mary Hollis recruits an ensemble of her former classmates to
help capture their stories, not of the tragic event that unites them, but
of the daily battles and triumphs that define their present.

Upstart Creatures Reading – January 26

More details to come!