

The Worship of God

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

PRELUDE Nan Childress Orchard

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 Julian Richardson

As we gather on this first Sunday in Lent,
Our memories are fresh with the smeared ashes of our mortality
Our minds prompted by winds of temptation and trials
Our hearts heavy with the weight of the world
But we gather on this first Sunday in Lent not in sadness, but in celebration
We celebrate a salvation that overcame sin
We celebrate a light that overcame darkness
We celebrate a love that overcame hate

INVOCATION Vadim Yakshov
Deacon

*HYMN OF PRAISE #226 O Praise the Gracious Power

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Brooklyn Lovelace
Administrative Assistant / Social Media Manager
*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.*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3: 1-7

UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God
You called us forth from the dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes,
And bless our journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
Our alms, a making of peace;
Our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
For in his cross you proclaim your love forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE TENEBRAE CANDLE

COVENANT OF CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

HYMN #147 And Can It Be
v. 1, 3, 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*DOXOLOGY Old 100th

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

SERMON Hate or Hope? Scott Stearman

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
INVITATION TO THE TABLE
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT #371 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord
*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 Nan Childress Orchard
**Please stand as you are able.*

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

Host: Brooklyn Lovelace
Deacon: Vadim Yakshov
Usher: Connie Brown

Capital Campaign

Metro completed the internal phase of our capital campaign on Dec. 8, 2019. The foundation for a larger fundraising effort for the purpose of "opening our doors wider." This theme refers to our desire to serve more by enlarging our hospitality. We want our space to be **accessible, safer, more sustainable, and larger**. We are very pleased by the members and friends of Metro who have pledged **\$1,340,000 over the next 3 to 5 years**. This is quite a cornerstone on which to build!



For the next few years Metro Baptist Church and its affiliated nonprofit, Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, will be embarking on an **external phase**. We will be appealing to donors and foundations to support our effort to renovate our buildings. We will ask for capital funds from the city and state in recognition of our many community ministries. Please pray for doors. They need to be opened wider. Together we will see that they are.

Dessert for LSEP Programs

Our Life Skills Empowerment Programs need your help providing desserts for our participants! We're looking for volunteers to bring enough dessert for around 12 people on the nights of our meetings. Additionally, we have a few nights on which we need a full meal for around 17 people. If you're interested in volunteering in this way, email livingwell@rmmnyc.org for more information or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary!



Coming Up

March 8 Christina Cataldo Bowman's Ordination
March 14 Fight With Your Art: A Cancer Benefit
March 20 Celebrating Women Composers
March 21 Upstart Creatures Reading
March 27 Spring Fling
March 30 Last Day of Winter Clothing Closet

Ordination of Christina Cataldo Bowman

On January 26, Metro voted to form an ordination council for Christina Cataldo Bowman in anticipation of an ordination service on **Sunday, March 8**. Christina has a M.Div from McAfee School of Theology and has been a member of Metro Baptist Church since 2013, when she moved to NYC to serve as a full-time resident staff member at Metro and RMM through a one-year Cooperative Baptist Fellowship residency. During that year, Christina helped to coordinate RMM's Food Pantry and rooftop farm project, provided leadership for Metro's Urban Immersion program and participated in worship leadership, including preaching on several occasions. Following her residency, she then accepted a job with RMM partner, Clinton Housing Development Company. In January 2015, Christina was called by the congregation and ordained as a Deacon of Metro Baptist Church. Since 2016, Christina has served as Director of Outreach for another RMM partner, Xavier Mission, where she runs their weekly Sunday soup kitchen. Christina is married to Robert Bowman, and they have one young child, Bo.



In 2014, Christina began a conversation with Metro deacons and pastor about ordination to gospel ministry. That conversation was paused when Christina accepted the job at Clinton Housing. However, in fall of 2019 after ongoing reflection about her vocational future, she requested to resume that conversation and submitted a formal request for ordination to Metro's current deacons and pastors. Currently, Christina is in process of completing an ordination paper that will be reviewed by her council (formed by Metro's pastors), who will follow up with questions and reflection with her in preparation for her ordination service on March 8 at 6:00 PM. We hope you will plan to attend!

RMM
Spring Fling

Friday, March 27
6:30 - 8:00 pm



All children and their families are invited to join us for games, crafts, a snack supper, and a bounce house!

METRO BAPTIST CHURCH
410 W 40TH STREET

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 2/16-2/23)

David (Paula's mother's husband) –

recuperating at home.

James – out of the hospital

Continuing Concerns of Our Church Community:

LAST WEEK:

Tony's family – grandfather is sick and his mom is very stressed trying to care for the grandparents.

Henry (Roger's friend's nephew) – stopping chemo. Prayers for him and his family.

Charlie (Paula's niece) – in hospital

Travis (friend of Marcie) – paralyzed

Thais – seeing the doctor on March 3. Hopes to get her brace off and travel home March 4.

LAST 3 MONTHS:

Susan Braden - back in VA. Has a blood infection but finished radiation

Isabella – rolled ankle, seeing a specialist

Marcus – parents are dealing with health issues.

Michael – Had a visit with cousin

Maureen. Getting re-acquainted. Concerned she's closed off from support.

Maureen (Michael's cousin) – battling colon cancer

Paula's student – left and not coming back – related to coronavirus?

Clint – traveling in Thailand

Sheree – traveling to South Africa

Tessa – auditioning for Governor's School

Ken - new trial for his son Brendon, April 23

Sharon (Anita's sister) – doing better, home now and getting brace off soon. Considering moving to Florida.

Yvette (Kaylyn's godmother) – health issues, possibly cancer.

Marcello's family in Brazil

Marcello's cousin – just married and 30 weeks pregnant!

Marcello – still looking for a job, lacking a sense of direction.

Person shot by ICE, the criminalization of people

Two police officers shot in NYC – prayers for peace through communication

The family of Azaan Abdellatif in Wylie, TX, who didn't wake up Wednesday morning

Krista Sergi and family – her uncle died this week

Students, and others, in NYC from Wuhan, China, who are being ostracized due to fear about the coronavirus

Todd D (friend of Doerings) – having surgery for cancer prevention due to family history and concerning blood work.

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

Dustin Eastwood – moved to Dallas, Tx!

Anna Carolina (Marcie's friend) - mother killed in car accident in Brazil

Coralie - brother died

Kiesel family (Maren's friend) - father passed away after short battle with cancer

Joseph - pray for the homeless

Victoria Papeo (Cat's friend's mom) - passed away.

Paula's colleague from Iran – friend

Blake – knee injury from years ago has returned

Bridgette Mizrahi (Cat's friend's aunt) - passed away

Ken Jennings' daughter - on a bit of an emotional rollercoaster. Ken asks for prayers for her continuing struggle.

Connie and family - nephew Demitrios died.

Alan Green - friend Nina, her son Kyle, and their families

Marty (Stephen's work colleague) - has been diagnosed with cancer. Prognosis is good but a rigorous treatment plan.

Terry (friend of Paula) - hit by a car. Having follow up tests while continuing with rehearsals.

Brittani's Dad and Stepmom - grandson hard to have living with them. Unsure what to do next.

Leah (Brittani's friend) - dealing with postpartum depression and childhood trauma resurfacing.

Brittani - needs a job.

Dan & Tiffany - new nephew Henry and new niece.

Richard (Roger's friend) - passed away

Hendrick Family from FBC Elkin - Avis passed away.

Scott Munson (Ruby's friend) - back on his feet after mini strokes!

Rosemary - clients worried about their homeless shelter closing

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WHO WE ARE

Metro Baptist Church is a Christian community where all are welcome regardless of gender identity, age, sexual orientation, 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. 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.

Supporting the Work We Do

Metro Baptist Church is supported by your tithes and offerings. *We believe our worship giving is part and parcel of our spiritual living.* Contributions can be made in the service, by mail, or online here: <http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>

Metro's January 2020 Financial Report

Income: \$59,117.07

Expenses: \$56,215.88

Net: \$2,901.19

Donations to the "Opening the Doors Wider" Capital Campaign from January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020: \$6,400.00



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Food Justice Coordinator

Housing and Hosting Associate

Director of Youth Programming

CBF Field Personnel

METRO BAPTIST CHURCH



Adam and Eve expelled from Paradise, 1961

Marc Chagall

*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.*

March 1, 2020