



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.

Epiphany

January 7, 2024

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"God's Love Made Visible"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise and shine for the light is here,
And God's presence is all around us.

For in our Earth there is much pain and sorrow,
Despair is all around us,
But God's presence will arise and shine upon you.

God's justice will be felt all over the world.
We pray that leaders and institutions see the light of your truth,
And the world sees the dawn of brighter days.

Lift up your eyes and look around,
We gather here today, to seek your comfort and your guidance.
From near and far, we come together in shared faith and mutual care.

Our hearts radiate with the joy of knowing God's unconditional love,
True wealth and abundance is only known within the care and love You have shown us,
May the light of this truth spread like a shared flame.

How could there ever be a gift sacred enough to present to the
Creator we come to worship today?
The greatest praise we offer to God is the love and care we show to one another.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

HYMN

"God's Love Made Visible!"

Chalice 171

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Barbara Brewer

Welcome Survey: <https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh6>



COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Draw the Circle Wide"

Claire McConnell

Online Giving: <http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all good gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-18

Sara Day

SERMON

"For Our Children's Sake"

Rev. Kym McNair

COMMUNION

HYMN

"Christ Alone"

In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cor - ner
life, no fear in death; this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first

stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My Com - for -
hell, no hu - man scheme, can ev - er pluck me from His hand. till He re -

ter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ. I stand. No guilt in
turns or call me home; here in the pow'r of Christ. I'll

stand. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings

cease! My Com - for - ter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ. I

stand. Here in the love of Christ. I stand.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Jesse Warkentin

You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.

Following a brief church conference, a camera and mic will be set up so remote and in-person attendees can visit with one another. Refreshments are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

Service Notes

Cover art is "La Sagrada Familia" by Kelly Latimore.

Call to Worship is by Rev. Jana Dye, based on Isaiah 60:1-6.

"God's Love Made Visible!" is by Iola Brubeck and sung to POSADA by David Brubeck.

"Draw the Circle Wide" is by Gordon Light with music by Mark A. Miller.

"Christ Alone" is by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend.

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TODAY'S PREACHER

Rev. Kym McNair is the Director of Social Transformation at My Sisters' Place, a domestic violence agency in Westchester county. She has worked with CONNECT Faith in their Safe Church Ending Child Sexual Abuse project, and she is also an anti-racist trainer and organizer with The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, a multigenerational, multiethnic collective based in New Orleans. Kym holds ordinations in the National Baptist Church and American Baptist Churches-USA. She finds restoration in early morning walks with her rescue dog, Simba, and in tending to her vegetable and flower gardens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2024 Deacon Nominees

Special Called Church Conference TODAY

After a nomination and review process, the deacons and pastor are excited to present for affirmation **Laura Bergquist** (1st term) and **Julia Beardsley O'Brien** (2nd term) as our 2024-2026 Deacon Class. A vote to affirm Laura and Julia will be held today after the service during a Special Called Church Conference. An installation service for will be scheduled at a later date. Laura and Julia will join the full Deacon body which also includes Ronnie Adams, Carole Collins, Alan H. Green, and Marcus Wilborn.



Benefit Concert for Clothing Closet

Saturday, January 13 at 7:30 PM

Metro Baptist Church

Join us for an evening of exploring life's many turning points featuring singers from the studio of **Wail with Shannah Rae** as well as some special guests! All proceeds after expenses will be donated to RMM's Winter Clothing Closet at Metro Baptist Church. Click [here](#) or scan QR code for tickets.



Metro Midweek Gathering via Zoom

Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM Eastern

We will host monthly online midweek gatherings in 2024. Metro community members (as well as guests) near and far are invited each month for these times of study, discussion, prayer and connection. Our first one of the year will be January 17 at 7:00 PM Eastern. You can join via this [link](#) or by scanning the QR code. All are welcome!





Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2024

Sunday, January 28 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting on January 28 following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. Primary agenda will be to approve the 2024 budget. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



Winter Clothing Closet

Mondays (January 8 - March 25, 2024)

Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM | Volunteer Needs: 9:45 AM - 12:30 PM

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is for the season, and we continue to need YOUR HELP!

AMAZON WISHLIST:



CLOTHING DONATIONS: We are in great need of the following new or gently used clothing items for adults: heavy winter coats, sweatshirts/sweaters, joggers/jeans, t-shirts, hats, gloves, scarves and underwear. You can drop off donations here at Metro or purchase clothing needs from our Amazon Wishlist (scan to the left).



Hymns n' Brews

Sunday, February 4th, 1-3pm

Shortly after service, we will be hosting a hymn sing-along led by one of our lovely resident accompanists, Jesse Warkentin. Make sure to come ready with a favorite hymn to request! Bring a favorite beverage (alcoholic or non) and snack to share. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will also be provided.

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