

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.

Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

February 2, 2025

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

PRELUDE

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

PRAYER

Carole Collins
Deacon

HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Chalice 25

PASSING THE PEACE

Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey
<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"O God Beyond All Praising"

Jesse Warkentin

*"And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we will triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still!"*



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

Acts 4:23-31

Hudson Henkel

SERMON

"Integrating Divine Will and Human Effort" Lenyangerla (Alen)

COMMUNION

Metro Pastors

HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

Chalice 556

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Lenyangerla (Alen)

POSTLUDE

"Hero's Dream"

Jesse Warkentin

You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.

After the service, 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

The cover art is a photo of Dzükou Valley. Image credit: Nirmal Kumar.

Prelude: Arranged by M. Sherrill Kelsey.

Call to Worship is a lyrical excerpt from “Lift Every Voice” written by James Weldon Johnson.

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”: Words: Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth, Rupert E. Davies. Music: Ernuerten Gesangbuch, 1665.

“O God Beyond All Praising”: Words by Michael Perry. Music by Gustav Holst (Theme, “Jupiter” : *The Planets*).

“Trust and Obey”: Words: John H. Sammis. Music: Daniel B. Towner.

Postlude: Composed by Jim Brickman.

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TODAY'S PREACHER

Lenyangerla (Alen) is from a village called Molungyimsen in Nagaland, India– a place that holds dearly the seed of the gospel sown by the American Baptist missionaries and the first Baptist church, established in 1872. She completed her Master of Sacred Theology (STM) from Union Theological Seminary last May. Alen invests her time and research on the indigenous rights of the people of Northeast India, human rights, and addressing the extremism of the present government. She is a resident staff member here at Metro and RMM providing support to all of our congregational and community programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to worship, Wake Forest Baptist!

Metro/RMM is happy to welcome a wonderful group from Wake Forest, NC for a long-weekend Urban Immersion experience. WFBC has graciously offered their time to volunteering with RMM and our partners' programming. They have assisted our Food Justice Team, organized inventory for our Winter Clothing Closet, and served with our LES partners at Graffiti Church. Thank you all and welcome to NYC!



Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2025

Next Sunday, February 9 following morning worship

Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting next Sunday, February 9, following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. The primary agenda will be to approve the 2025 budget and confirm deacons. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out this week. A light soup lunch will be provided for in person attendees, and people are invited to bring a drink, dessert or bread to have with the soup.



Deacon Nominees

After a nomination and review process in late 2024, the deacons and pastor are excited to present for affirmation **Cat Fernando-Rizzo** (1st term) and **Susan Rutter** (1st term) as our 2025-2027 Deacon Class. A vote to affirm Cat and Susan will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2025 after the service during the 1st Quarterly Church Conference. An installation service for will be scheduled at a later date. Cat and Susan will join the full Deacon body which also includes Laura Bergquist, Alan H. Green, Julia O'Brien and Marcus Wilborn. *Special thanks to outgoing deacons Ronnie Adams and Carole Collins.* Contact carol@allianceofbaptists.org with any questions.





Winter Clothing Closet

Mondays (November - March)

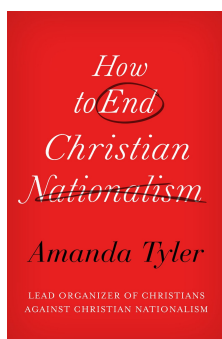
Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM | Volunteer Needs: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is open and we need YOUR HELP during these coldest months.



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. To see a full list of clothing needs and links where you might purchase specific items, visit <https://rmmnyc.org/programs/winter-clothing-closet>

VOLUNTEERS: Each Monday, we will be in need of 15-20 volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.



Metro Book Club

Book Club Date: Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

In 2025, Metro will be starting a book club! You are invited to join as you have interest and availability to gather with others to discuss books that might enrich, inspire and encourage us. The first book we will read and discuss is ***How to End Christian Nationalism***, a new book written by Amanda R. Tyler, executive director of BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty) and the lead organizer of BJC's Christians Against Christian Nationalism campaign.

You can read more about this book and find links to purchase the book at <https://www.endchristiannationalism.com/>. If interested in joining this discussion, go ahead and get the book and begin reading. If you would like to join, but need assistance purchasing the book, reach out directly to Pastor Tiffany at thenkel@mbcnyc.org. More details to come.

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| Lenyangerla (Alen) | SANCTUARY HOST & PROGRAM ASSISTANT |
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