



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.

*Sixth Sunday of Epiphany*

*February 9, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love endures forever. We give thanks to God with our whole hearts,  
**we proclaim our faith before the world.**

Through all the trials in our world, you have made your presence known.  
**When we've needed you, you have answered us and given us strength.**

May all the rulers of the earth feel your love and heed to the cries of your people.  
**The powerful will be humbled and shaken by your goodness and justice.**

Although our God is mighty, She regards the lowly and the powerless.  
Though we walk in the midst of trouble, God preserves us against the wrath of injustice;  
**we stretch out our hands and feel the comfort of God's loving embrace.**

God will fulfill God's purpose for us and God's steadfast love will endure forever.  
**We will not forsake the work of our hands, for God's calling is fruitful and just.**

PRAYER

Alan H. Green  
*Deacon*

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Chalice 67

PASSING THE PEACE

Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Barbara Brewer



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHyh>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

OFFERTORY

“Remember Surrender”

Shannah Rae



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

Luke 7:18-23

Maren Holmen

SERMON

“It’s Handled”

Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Chalice 631

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

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### Service Notes

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## Service Notes (cont.)

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”: Words by Isaac Watts. Music by William Croft.

“Remember Surrender”: Words and Music by Sara Groves.

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”: Words by James Weldon Johnson. Music by J. Rosamond Johnson.

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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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Metro Church Business Meeting** **TODAY, February 9 following morning worship**

Please plan to join for Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference of 2025 today following worship in-person & via Zoom. Full agenda with supporting documents can be found here:

[1st Quarterly Church Conference of 2025](#)

*Refreshments are in the rear of the sanctuary for those joining in person.*

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## 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 today 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.

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## Memorial for Dr. Thais Barry

**Date: Sunday, February 22 (time TBD)**

**Metro Baptist Church Sanctuary (and will also be streamed virtually)**

Longtime and beloved Metro member, Thais Barry, passed away on January 31 surrounded by her family in California. Her memorial service will be held in Metro's sanctuary on Saturday, February 22, and all are invited to join in person or online. Please hold the date and the exact time and streaming details will be shared when determined.

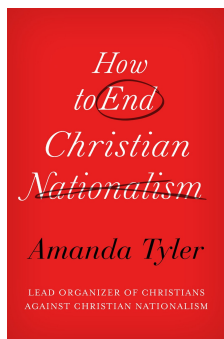


## Metro New Membership Class

**Sunday, February 23 after worship (in person)**

**Wednesday, March 12 at 7PM (virtual)**

Metro Pastors, in coordination with our Deacons, have scheduled two opportunities (one in person and one virtual) for anyone in our community who is not an official member of Metro but interested in learning more about what membership means. Come hear from leaders and longtime members of Metro about our church's history and values, and discern for yourself whether membership is the right choice for you at this time. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jana ([jdye@mbcnyc.org](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)).



## 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](mailto:thenkel@mbcnyc.org). More details to come.

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