



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.

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 19, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"3 Romances sans Paroles, Op. 17, No. 3"

Caleb McCarroll

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us never give up praying for justice,
Or fighting for the oppressed in this world
Let us never give up praying for fairness,
Or feeding the hungry of this world.
Let us never give up praying for healing,
or advocating on behalf of the sick in this world
Let us never give up praying,
For giving up is to deny our faith in a God
who answers prayer and calls us to serve.

PRAYER

Marcus Wilborn
Deacon

*HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

Chalice 272

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the king-dom of God and God's righ-teous-ness,
Ask, and it shall be giv-en un-to you; seek and ye shall find,
and all these things shall be add-ed un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
knock, and the door shall be o-pened un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"Keep Marching"

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

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. LuAnne Prevost

SERMON

"What Are You Organizing For?"

Rev. Kym McNair

*HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

Chalice 595

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

"Be Still My Soul"

Caleb McCarroll

Service Notes

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Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by John Birch, and posted on <http://www.faithandworship.com/>.

Prelude is “3 romances sans paroles, Op. 17, No. 3 in A-Flat Major”. Andante moderato by Gabriel Fauré.

“The Church’s One Foundation” is by Samuel J. Stone (words) and Samuel S. Wesley (music).

“Seek Ye First” is by Karen Lafferty (words and music).

“Keep Marching” is from the musical *Suffs*. Written by Shaina Taub.

“Be Thou My Vision” is a *Traditional Irish Melody*. Words by Mary E. Byrne.

Postlude is arranged by Mark Hayes.

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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



Memorial for Shannah Rae

Next Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 PM

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

Beloved Metro member, Shannah Rae, passed away suddenly on September 19 after a brief illness. We will hold a memorial service in Metro's sanctuary next Sunday, October 26. All are invited to join in person or online. Please hold the date and time for now. Full details and updated information can be found at:

<https://mbcnyc.org/shannah-rae>



Winter Clothing Closet Opens November 3!

Most Mondays (November 3, 2025 - March 23, 2026)

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

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet reopens soon and we need YOUR HELP!



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.

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's Annual Meeting of the Corporation &

4th Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday, November 9 following morning worship (in person & via Zoom)

Please plan to join for Metro's congregational meeting on November 9 following the 11:00 AM worship service. Full agendas will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



Welcome (back), Rev. LuAnne Prevost

We are thrilled to welcome Rev. LuAnne Prevost back to Metro for a monthlong ministry residency. LuAnne is a retired hospital chaplain, who now identifies herself as a “wandering nomad” who spends time in national parks and retreat centers. Originally from Knoxville, TN, LuAnne served as a seminary intern at Metro while in 2007 and returned the following summer while working as a summer chaplain intern at Sloan Kettering. She is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary and was ordained by Metro in 2012. Welcome, Rev. Prevost, and we look forward to partnering once again with you in ministry this month!

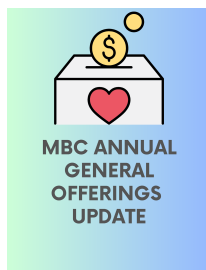


Metro Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker

Monday, November 3 and December 15 at 6:30PM

Join us for our monthly grief support gathering via Zoom led by Metro family member, Dr. Karissa Thacker. Whether you have experienced recent loss, are coping with long term grief, or simply navigating general sorrow in these trying times, you are invited to join. The next gathering will be Monday, November 3 at 6:30 PM Eastern. For more information, contact Pastor Jana at jdye@mbcnyc.org.



Annual Giving Monthly Update

As part of our renewed efforts in stewardship education and transparency, the MBC trustees would like to begin giving monthly status updates on general offerings for the year as compared to our 2025 Budget. For more questions regarding stewardship, please feel free to reach out to Metro Trustee Sara Day (saraday468@gmail.com).

General offerings through end of September 2025: \$178,233.00

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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