



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.

Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Thee We Adore",
"O Hidden Savior," "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Micah Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

On the days when the darkness and doubt of the world
can threaten to consume us,
We know that God is with us.
All around us, there is fear and hopelessness.
Yet God is with us.
God brings to us hope and peace
and we place our trust in God's abundant love.
Let us live without fear, open to God's healing words of hope.

PRAYER

Julia O'Brien
Deacon

HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Chalice 714

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

SUNG RESPONSE

"Thank You, Lord"



Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,— I just want to thank you, Lord.
Been so good, been so good, been so good,—
Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,—

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

Maren Holmen

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Love and Hard Times"

Micah Young



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

Psalms 100:3, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

John Halbrook

SERMON

"Thinking, Hiking, and Wandering "

Rev. LuAnne Prevost

HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Chalice 558

CLOSING WORD

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. LuAnne Prevost

POSTLUDE

"Come Thou Font of Ev'ry Blessing"

Micah Young

Metro Church Business Meeting

TODAY, November 4 following morning worship

Please plan to join for Metro's Annual Meeting of the Corporation & 4th Quarterly Church Conference today following worship in-person & via Zoom. Full agendas with supporting documents can be found here:



← [2025 Annual Meeting of the Corporation & 4th Quarterly Church Conference of 2025](#) →



Potluck lunch is available in the rear of the sanctuary for those joining in person.

Service Notes

Cover art is from an article on eugeneweekly.com.

Prelude is a medley arr. Philip Keveren.

The Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by Nancy C. Townley.

"For the Fruit of All Creation" is by Fred Pratt Green (words). Music is a *Traditional Welsh Melody*.

"Love and Hard Times" is by Paul Simon.

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" is Words by Dorothy A. Thrupp (words) and William B. Bradbury (music).

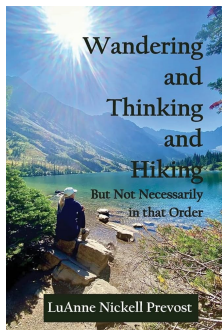
Postlude is arranged by Philip Keveren.



TODAY'S PREACHER

We have been delighted to have Rev. LuAnne Prevost back at Metro for a monthlong ministry residency which wraps up next week. 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 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. What a joy it's been to have her back with us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday Meditation with LuAnne

Tomorrow, November 10 at 6:30-7:00 PM on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86176775608?pwd=sqj3uhNWBCY0yMU2clZgvGfAYNzjpa.1&jst=2>

Pop on Zoom tomorrow evening and join Metro's Ministry Resident, Rev. LuAnne Prevost, for a brief end of day meditation that is drawn from her recently published book of reflections and photos, *Wandering and Thinking and Hiking (But Not Necessarily in that Order)*. The book is not necessary for tomorrow's meditation, but if you are interested in getting a copy, there are a few available for sale in the back of the sanctuary today.



Metro Contemplative Nature Walk

Saturday, November 15 at 11:00 AM | Central Park North

Metro is launching a new monthly series of contemplative practice offerings. The first in this series will be a nature walk through the beautiful woods of Central Park North this Saturday. The reflective walk is open to all and will be guided by Troy Messenger, and the O'Brien family will host a post-walk gathering at their apartment just across the street from the park. Meet at the entrance to Central Park at 110th St. & Malcolm X Blvd (across from the 2/3 subway stop). Email mbc@mbcnyc.org with any questions.



Winter Clothing Closet is Open

Most Mondays (November 2025 - March 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 could use up to 10 additional volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.



Thanksgiving Community Meal

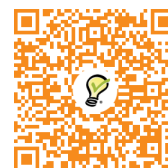
Thursday, November 27, 2025

Meal Served 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Volunteers Needed 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Metro will once again be hosting our annual community meal on Thanksgiving Day for any and all! This delicious, homemade meal will be served 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Volunteers are definitely needed. To learn more and to sign up to volunteer, follow this link or scan the QR code: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A5AB28A0FD0-60299590-metrorrrrr>



HKFP's Thanksgiving share is on sale now!

Vegetable Pick Up on Tuesday, November 25

Receive a one time box of farm fresh fall produce, perfect for your holiday hosting. Pick up will be at 406 W 40th Street on Tuesday, November 25. Cost: \$70. Sign up at www.hkfp.org/thanksgiving and direct questions to Chrisaleen, at cciro@rmmnyc.org.



Advent Devotional Guide

The publication of an Advent Devotional Guide is one of Metro's most beloved traditions. Again, this year, our hope is that this guide will help us feel nearer to God and one another as we share how the Spirit is speaking to us through our words, our music, our art or other unique reflections. You are invited to contribute to this year's Advent Devotional Guide. To learn more and sign up for one (or more) dates, click here: <http://mbcnyc.org/advent-guide>.

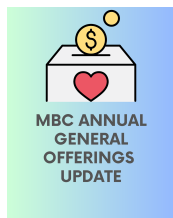


Metro Grief Support Group

Led by Dr. Karissa Thacker

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

Thank you for supporting the ministry and work of Metro Baptist Church through your tithes and offerings. For more questions regarding our stewardship efforts & focus, 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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