



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 Third Sunday After Pentecost

November 16, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"This Is My Creator's World"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things!
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
for God is still doing marvelous things!
Break into a joyful song!
Sing praises with melody and trumpets!
Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!
For God is coming to bring mercy and righteousness to the world.
God is coming to deliver equity to our inequitable world.
Sing to God a new song!

PRAYER

Marcus Wilborn
Deacon

HYMN

"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

Chalice 64

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

SUNG RESPONSE

"I Will Do a New Thing"

"I will do a new thing in you; I will do a new thing in you; What
ev - er you ask for, what - ev - er you pray — for,
noth-ing shall be— de - nied," sa-ith the Lord; sa-ith the Lord! Lord!

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the response, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line, which includes a double bar line and a repeat sign.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Call Us"

Metro Choir



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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Anita Massengill

SERMON

"Now and Not Yet"

Rev. Paula Nance

HYMN

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Chalice 586

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Paula Nance

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

Service Notes

Cover art is *The Procession* by John August Swanson.

Prelude is by Maltie D. Babcock (music). Arranged by Phillip Keveren.

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“We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God” is by Isaac Watts (words). Music from *Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*.

“Jesus Call Us” is by Cecil Frances Alexander (words). Music from *New Harp of Columbia*. Arranged by K. Lee Scott.

“Open My Eyes, That I May See” is by Clara H. Scott (words and music).

TODAY'S PREACHER



Paula Nance is a long-time member of Metro and was the Associate Pastor from 1999-2001. She is an actor, aunt, English teacher, giver-of-care, ice-cream aficionado, minister, music-lover, preacher, reader, theatre-patron, and writer (she says in alphabetical order). Originally from North Carolina and a resident of NYC for 26+ years, Paula is currently traveling between NC and NYC, two wonderful places to call home. She is grateful to be a member of the Metro family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



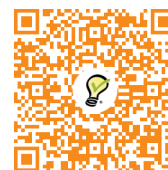
Thanksgiving Community Meal

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-metrorrm](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A5AB28A0FD0-60299590-metrormm)





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 Midweek Gatherings for Advent

Wednesday, December 3 and December 17 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

You're invited to two midweek gatherings for the Advent season led by Pastor Jana. Our discussions will center around our Advent theme for this year, "*What do you fear?*". Just like the figures in our Advent narrative, we will explore what it means to be fearless in a fearful world. Please reach out to Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) if you have any questions.



Carols and Cocktails

Sunday, December 7, Immediately after worship

Back by popular demand! Join us after worship for a time of music and fellowship. Jesse Warkentin will be taking requests for hymns and carols for all to sing along to and a light assortment of refreshments will be provided. We also ask that those who are able bring a snack and favorite drink (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) to share. Please email Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) if you have any questions.



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 October 2025: \$256,758.06

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

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