



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 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

November 23, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a season for gratitude and reflection,
a time to be mindful of the good that encircles us.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

We have chosen families who encourage and care for us,
and this community shows us God's loving ways.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

We find a home in God's creation
and the earth gives us good food to sustain us.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

The seasons change.
Sunshine comes and goes,
yet your loving care for us is eternal.
Thank you, God, for all you have given us!

PRAYER

Cat Fernando-Rizzo
Deacon

HYMN

"Let All Things Now Living"

Chalice 717

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

SUNG RESPONSE

"We Are An Offering"

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering. We lift our offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as repeat signs and a double bar line. There are also some markings like "3" and "1." "2." indicating specific parts of the song.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an
of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we
give to You, We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing. We lift our of-fer-ing.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Cat Fernando-Rizzo



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

OFFERTORY

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

Alan H. Green



Online Giving

<http://mbcnyc.org/get-involved/give>

Joe Bergquist and Metro Choir

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

2 Kings 24:8, 11-17

Dick Tye

SERMON

Rev. Kym McNair

HYMN

"There's Just Something About That Name"

Chalice 115

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Laura Bergquist

Service Notes

Cover art is a photo of a sunset over the North 5th Street Pier by local photographer Matt Ritchie.

Prelude: Music from *Nederlandsch Gedenckelancx*. Arranged by Howard Helvey.

The Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy in the Iroquois-Matilda Pastoral Charge.

"Let All Things Now Living" is by Katherine K. Davis (words). Music is a Welsh Folk Melody.

"We Are An Offering" is by Dwight Liles (words and music).

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" is by Linda Lee Johnson (words) and Tom Fettke (music).

"There's Just Something About That Name" is by Gloria and William J. Gaither (words and music).

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



Help us get ready for our community meal and Advent!

Today, after worship.

Metro's Pastors would be eternally grateful to anyone joining in person worship on Sunday that might have a little extra time after church to help us prep turkeys for our Thanksgiving meal as well as start setting up sanctuary for the Advent season. With enough volunteers, we feel confident we can get everything we need done quickly and smoothly. Thanks in advance for spending a small part of your Sunday getting us ready for some Advent cheer and community service!



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

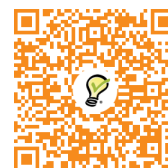
Thursday, November 27, 2025

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-metrormm>



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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