



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.

*First Sunday of Advent*

*November 30, 2025*

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OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

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

PRELUDE

“Ding! Dong! Merrily on High”

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

On Sundays and Mondays,  
**on good days and bad days,**  
early in the morning and very late at night,  
**here in this room, and out in the world,**  
**God, we long for you to break in.**  
Meet us in this space.  
**Surprise us with your presence.**  
Fill this room with your good news.  
**With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!**

PRAYER

Susan Rutter  
*Deacon*

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

\*HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

O come and hear the songs by pro-phets borne when home was lost and  
O come, green shoot of Jes - se free your peo - ple from de -  
O come now, liv - ing wa - ter pour your grace, and bring new life to  
O come, dear child of Ma - ry come, God's Word made flesh with -  
ev - ry hope was torn: a right-eous Branch and leaves on the tree, God's  
spair and a - pa - thy; forge jus - tice for the poor and the meek, grant  
ev' - ry with-ered place; speak com - fort to each trem - bling heart: "Be  
in our earth - ly home; love stirs with - in the womb of night, re -  
signs so small we of - ten fail to sea. Re - jice! Re - jice! Take  
safe - ty for the young ones and the weak.  
strong! Fear not, for I will ne'er de - part."  
venge and ha - tred put to flight.  
heart and do not fear. God's pro-mised one, Im - ma - nu - el draws near.

\*PASSING THE PEACE - HANGING OF THE GREENS - CAROLING

*Please return to your seats during the final carol, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Joni and Jana Dye

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

**We see hope when we look to the next generation.**

**We feel hopeful when we gather together.**

**We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.**

You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us.

Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news.

May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Response

"One Candle is Lit" (Verse 1)

Chalice 128

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

## OFFERTORY

"Emmanuel, God with Us"

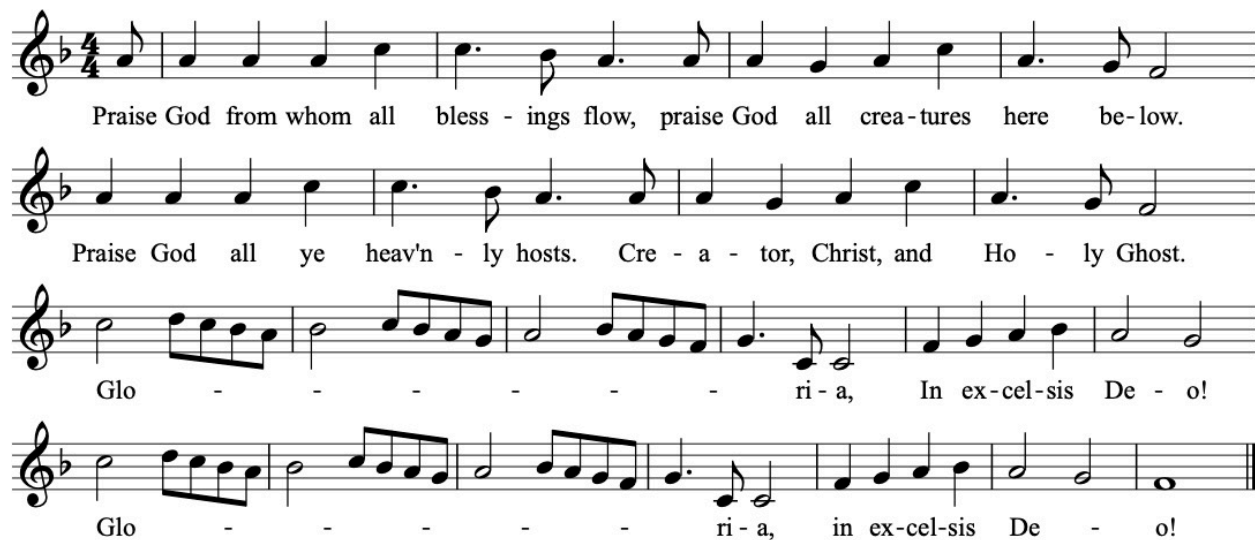
Ben Peery



Online Giving

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

## \*DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, praise God all crea-tures here be-low.

Praise God all ye heav'n - ly hosts. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Glo - - - - - ri - a, In ex-cel-sis De - o!

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## SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:5-13

Dan Henkel

## SERMON

"In the Time of Herod, Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
We Long for God to Break In"

*Pastor*

## \*HYMN

"In the Time of Herod"



In the time of Her - od, fear had ta - ken hold. Hope was bur - ied  
Thick as fog the fear grew, slow - ly creep - ing in. Day by day the  
Pierc - ing through the stra - tus comes the an - gels' song, "Do not fear!" rings  
In the time of He - rod, fear has ta - ken hold. Still we share a

deep and hid - den, rare as gold. Or - di - na - ry peo - ple  
peo - ple bent and drew with - in. With the clouds so hea - vy,  
hol - low when we've feared so long. Still in the re - cess - es  
long - ing for a glimpse of hope. Or - di - na - ry peo - ple

dared not speak a - loud dreams of the Mes - si - ah break - ing through the clouds.  
who could see the stars? Hope - less - ness had trapped them, strong as pris - on bars.  
of our wea - ry souls some - thing is a - wak - ened, could it be our hope?  
shout the truth we trust: God will stop at no - thing to be here with us.

## CLOSING WORDS &amp; BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

## POSTLUDE

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### ***You are invited to remain for post-service fellowship.***

After the service, a camera and mic will be set up so remote and in-person attendees can visit with one another. Refreshments are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

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### **Service Notes**

Cover art is “Annunciation to Zechariah” By Lauren Wright Pittman.

Prelude: Music based on a tune by Thoinot Arbeau. Arranged by Gregg Sewell.

Call to Worship is written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel” is a text by Barbara Lundblad and set to a French Melody. Arr. and har. by Thomas Helmore.

“One Candle is Lit” is by Mary Anne Martin (words) and William J. Kirkpatrick (music).

“Emmanuel, God with Us” is by Nathan and Christy Nockels (words and music).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us each Sunday in December for worship focused on the coming and birth of Immanuel, God with Us. Each of the services listed below will begin at 11:00 AM Eastern and can be attended in person or via Zoom (*except Dec. 29 which is Zoom only*): <https://mbcnyc.org/congregational-life/worship-at-metro>

**November 30 - HOPE:** Hanging of the Green & Pastor Tiffany, *Preacher*

**December 7 - PEACE:** Rev. Kym McNair, *Guest Preacher*

**December 14 - JOY:** Choral Service & Metrovian Love Feast

**December 21 - LOVE:** Pastor Jana, *Preacher*

**December 28 - FULLY VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**

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### **Advent Devotional Guide is LIVE!**

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. The 2025 Advent Devotional Guide is currently live at: <http://metroadvent.wordpress.com>.

There are still open slots if you’d like 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>.

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### **Deacon Nominations**

Metro Baptist Church Deacons are a vital part of the life of our congregation, as they lead in our caring ministry to one another. We are currently collecting nominations for MBC Deacons. **All active voting members are eligible to nominate and to serve as a deacon.** Nomination forms have been emailed to those who are eligible and are available in the sanctuary today and are **due December 14**. If you need a ballot or information about how to nominate online, please contact one of our pastors or Deacon Chair, Alan H. Green.

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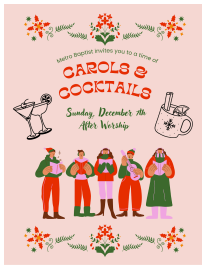




## Metro Midweek Gatherings for Advent

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jdye@mbcnyc.org)) if you have 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.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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