



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Associate Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of faith, God is at work!
God is healing and creating,
redeeming and dreaming,
calling and sending,
listening and loving.
Yes, indeed, God is at work!
So may we worship our God who never gives up.
May we worship our God who holds onto hope.
Amen.

PRAYER

Alan H. Green
Deacon

*HYMN

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

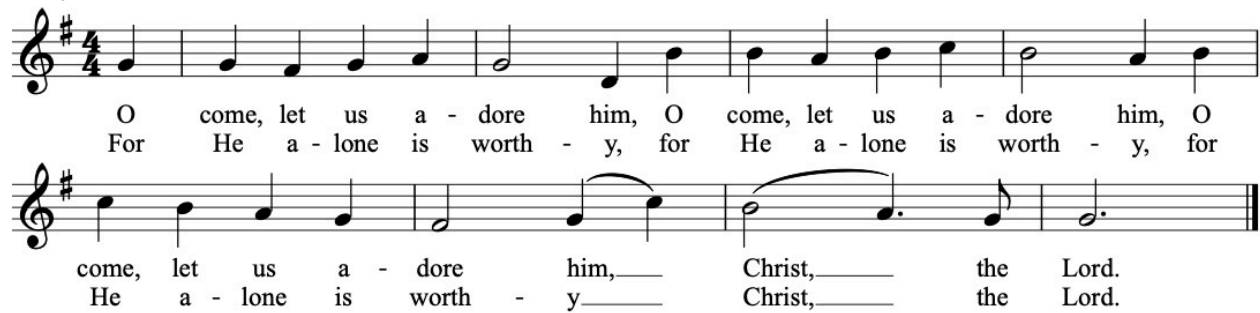
Chalice 150
Ari Messenger, Violinist

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

Response



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Aaron Moore



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Where Are You Christmas?"

Claire McConnell

Trevor Richardson, Laura Voss

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

JD Granade and Armando Marin

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

**We see glimmers of peace in the quiet
of early morning, when people shake
hands, when loved ones say they're sorry,
and when the church sings together.**

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

Today we light the candle of peace as a
reminder of this good news. May this
flicker of light help us remember that
even in a fearful world, peace is present.
We only have to look for it.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response

"One Candle is Lit" (Verse 2)

Chalice 128

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

Pastor

OFFERTORY

"O Holy Night"

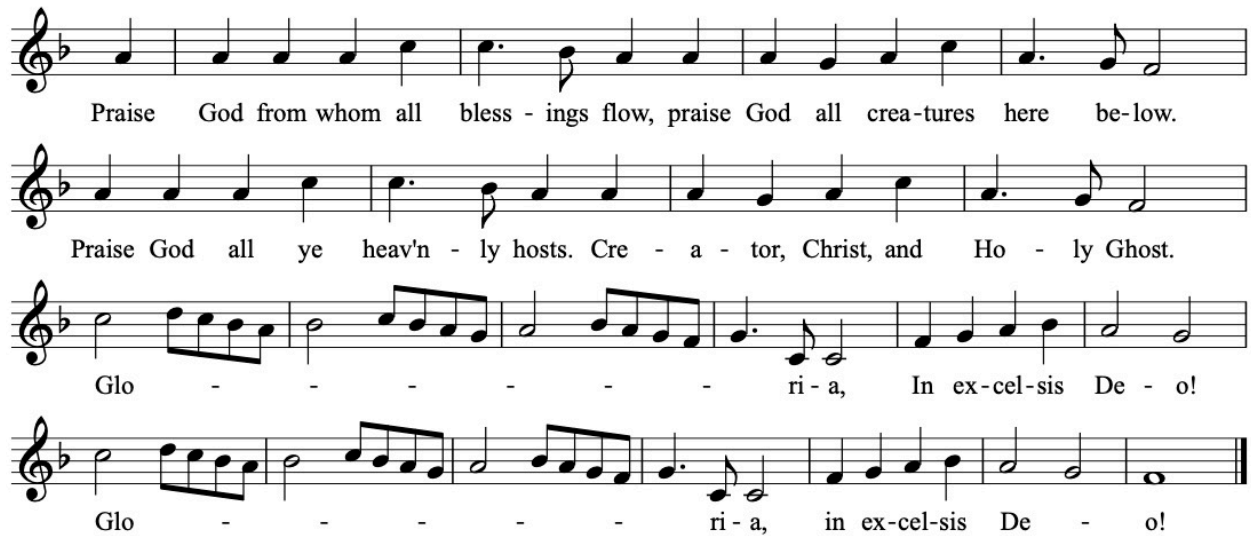
Trevor Richardson, Laura Voss



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!

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:1-11

Chrisaleen Ciro

SERMON

"When We're Running Out
of Hope, God is at Work"

Rev. Kym McNair

*HYMN

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"



We wait the peace - ful king - dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie in
Where is the peace - ful king - dom? When will this new day start? We
When wars of des - o - la - tion and hate come to an end, when
That lit - tle child shall lead us to walk the cho - sen way, to

gen - tle - ness and friend - ship with - out a fear or sigh, when
long for peace and com - fort to reign with - in each heart. Yet
na - tion meets with na - tion and calls the oth - er "friend," still
share the peace - ful king - dom, to greet God's new - born day. The

li - on shall be graz - ing, when snake shall nev - er strike; a
not in our lives on - ly, nor sim - ply in our home: we
peace in all its full - ness will on - ly have be - gun: sha -
child born in a sta - ble is sent to break our chains, to

lit - tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a - like.
pray that all cre - a - tion will one day find sha - lom.
lom for all cre - a - tion be - gins with jus - tice done.
bring through word and ta - ble the day when jus - tice reigns.

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kym McNair

POSTLUDE

Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

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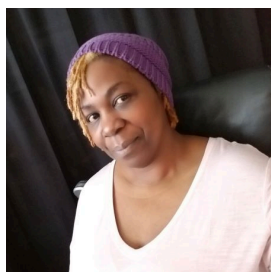
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"O Holy Night" by John S. Dwight (words) and Adolphe Adam (music). Arranged by J Warkentin.

"We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" is by Kathleen R. Moore (words) and Hal H. Hopson (music).

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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



Carols and Cocktails

TODAY - 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.



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



Metro Mindfulness Sound Bath

This Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 PM in Metro's Sanctuary

Join us in our second monthly gathering of "Metro Mindfulness". This is a 4-6 month series we've launched at Metro to explore different contemplative practices aimed at serving our need for healing, rest, and renewal. For December, we will be gathering in the sanctuary for a sound bath. For any questions about this, feel free to reach out to Deacons Julia O'Brien and Laura Bergquist who are heading up this event.



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. 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>.



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.



Metro Grief Support Group

Monday, December 15 at 6:30 PM

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.



Metro Midweek Gatherings for Advent

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

You're invited to the next midweek gathering 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.



Winter Clothing Closet is Open

Most Mondays (November 2025 - March 2026)

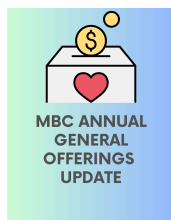
Distribution: 10:15-11:30 AM | Volunteer Needs: 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

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.



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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