



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 after Christmas

December 28, 2025

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"Festive Carol Medley"

Julie & Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Every family is a holy family, if you look closely enough,
Because every person bears the breath of God.
Isn't that the wonder of the incarnation?
It's Joseph who waits in a cold parking lot,
Hoping for a day's work to feed his family.
It's Mary who cradles a crying Jesus
Under the blue tarp of a refugee camp.
It is Jesus who plays hide and seek
In the crowded aisles of your laundromat.
Just as the holy family sought admittance to an inn,
So these holy families seek admittance to safe shelter and community.
May we not only gather them in,
But may we accept their welcome, too.
And as we dine together, at their table, at ours,
May we know that the bread we break is sacrament,
The communion between us—something sacred.

* Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER		Susan Rutter <i>Deacon</i>
*HYMN	"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"	Messenger Family
PASSING OF THE PEACE		The Congregation
LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY		Janice Olivierre
	Welcome Survey https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy	
COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Jana Dye <i>Associate Pastor</i>
OFFERTORY	"I Will Never Be"	Marie Eife, Jesse Warkentin
	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	Matthew 2:13-23	Judith York
SERMON	"A Weeping Voice Was Heard"	Rev. Dr. Alexis Tardy
*HYMN	"God's Love Made Visible"	
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Jana Dye
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Alexis Tardy
POSTLUDE	"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"	Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

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“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” is by Henry W. Longfellow (words) and John Calkin (music).

“I Will Never Be” is by Geoffrey William Bullock. (words and music).

“God’s Love Made Visible” is by Iola Brubeck (words) and Dave Brubeck (music).

Postlude is arranged by Jay Rouse.

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TODAY'S PREACHER



Rev. Dr. Alexis Tardy is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan and currently resides in Indianapolis, Indiana with her partner, Joe; newborn son, Nasir Jelani; and little Yorkie, KoKo. Alexis' calling to ministry began among the community and streets of Ferguson, Missouri in the fight for justice in the murder of Michael Brown, Jr. It was in the praying with her feet that she felt the closest to Jesus and found no light between the Gospel of Jesus and justice. This led to her attending Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri where she earned a Master of Divinity degree as well as a Doctorate of Ministry in Womanist Preaching from Memphis Theological Seminary. In 2024, Alexis was ordained Alliance of Baptists and she currently serves as the Alliance Congregational Relations and Organizing Manager. She believes we can all draw courage to bring wholeness and healing in the face of injustice through

Jesus' promise to all His disciples: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Winter Clothing Closet will Reopen on January 5, 2026

Mondays (January 5 - March 22, 2026; CLOSED ON DEC. 2 & 29)

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

RMM's Winter Clothing Closet is open 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 (LARGER MEN'S COATS ARE MOST NEEDED), 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.



Church Office Holiday Closure

Please note that Metro and RMM offices and programs will all be **closed until January 2, 2026** (mail and packages will still be collected). Pastors Tiffany and Jana will be on vacation during those dates.



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 November 2025: \$230,124.06

Total Amount Budgeted for 2025: \$230,000.00

Charitable Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements will be **sent out by email only** by January 31, 2026. If you do not receive the weekly church e-letter, if you have a new email address, or if you have any doubt the office has your email address, please send it to billing@mbcnyc.org.

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