



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.

*Epiphany Sunday*

*January 4, 2026*

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#### OPENING WORDS

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel  
*Pastor*

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

#### PRELUDE

"A Prayer for Peace"

Jesse Warkentin

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

In the dark of morning,  
**the stars still shine.**  
In the depth of winter,  
**the birds still climb.**  
At the start of the year,  
tender and new,  
**God is here and God is near.**  
Do not rest in your fear.  
**God is here.**  
So like the stars and the birds,  
**Let us worship holy God.**

#### PRAYER

Laura Bergquist  
*Deacon*

#### \*HYMN

"As With Gladness"

Chalice 173

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

\* Please stand as you are able.

RESPONSE

"We Three Kings"

Chalice 172

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY



Welcome Survey  
<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

Rosie Fernando-Rizzo

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

OFFERTORY

"Out of the Orient Crystal Skies"

Jesse Warkentin,



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

Steve and Gretchen Bixler

\*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 2:1-12, 16-18

Stephen Bouchard

INVITATION TO REFLECTION

Rev. Jana Dye  
*Associate Pastor*

COMMUNION

Metro Pastors

\*HYMN

"All People that on Earth Do Dwell"

Chalice 18

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Jana Dye

POSTLUDE

"An American Symphony"

Jesse Warkentin

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Winter Clothing Closet Reopens Tomorrow, January 5**

**Mondays (January 5 - March 22, 2026)**

**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.



### **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 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](mailto:billing@mbcnyc.org).

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