



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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

OPENING WORDS

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE

"As the Deer"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God, who is our winged self,
it is your will in us that causes us to will.
It is your desire in us that causes us to desire.
Deacon: It is your urge in us that would turn our nights,
which are yours, into days, which are yours also.
We cannot ask you for anything,
for you know our needs before they are born in us:
You are our need; and in giving us more of yourself, you give us all.

PRAYER

Laura Bergquist
Deacon

*HYMN

"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart"

Chalice 265

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE

“Day by Day”

Day by day, — day by day, — O, dear Lord, three things I pray: —
 to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly, fol - low thee more near - ly, —
 1. day by day. — 2. day by day, — by day by day, — by dan. —

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY

“Christmas Lullabye”

Miranda Jones



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

1 Thessalonians 5:13b-18a

Kathy Conry

RESPONSE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, lis-ten to your child-ren pray - ing. — Lord, send your spi-rit in this place...
— Lord, lis - ten to your child - ren pray - ing, —
— send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. —

SERMON "Musing on Prayer" Rev. Paula Nance

*HYMN "I Need Thee Every Hour" Chalice 578

CLOSING WORDS Rev. Jana Dye

BENEDICTION Rev. Paula Nance

POSTLUDE Laura Bergquist

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.

Service Notes

Cover Art is "Silent Prayer" by Christine Wasankari from Spiritual Art gallery.
Prelude is by Martin Nystorm. Arranged by Laura Bergquist.
Call to Worship is adapted from *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran.
"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" is by George Croly (words) and Frederick C. Atkinson (music).
"Day by Day" is by Richard of Chichester (words) and Stephen Schwartz (music).
"Christmas Lullaby" is by Jason Robert Brown (words and music).
"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" is by Ken Medema (words and music).
"I Need Thee Every Hour" is by Annie S. Hawks (words and music) and Robert Lowry (refrain).
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TODAY'S PREACHER



Paula Nance is a long-time member of Metro and was the Associate Pastor from 1999-2001. She is an actor, aunt, English teacher, giver-of-care, ice-cream aficionado, minister, music-lover, preacher, reader, theatre-patron, and writer (she says in alphabetical order). Originally from North Carolina and a resident of NYC for 26+ years, Paula is currently traveling between NC and NYC, two wonderful places to call home. She is grateful to be a member of the Metro family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Most Mondays through 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.



Metro's 1st Quarterly Church Conference for 2026

Sunday, February 8 following morning worship

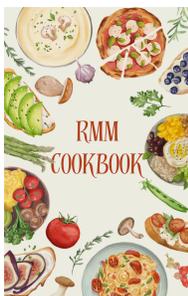
Please plan to join Metro's congregational meeting on February 8 following worship at 11:00 AM Eastern. The primary agenda will be to approve the 2026 budget. Full agenda and supporting documents will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



Lenten Themed Art Making Workshop

Sunday, February 22 following morning worship

Continuing our Metro Mindfulness monthly events, Metro Deacons Laura Bergquist and Julia O'Brien have planned an art workshop led by two of our favorite Metro artists, Glenn and Deborah Doering. Join us in Metro's sanctuary for this 1.5-2 hour contemplative experience.



Metro/RMM Cookbook

Deadline: February 15

Please contribute to the new edition of the Metro Baptist (and RMM!) cookbook! We're particularly interested in any recipes you have associated with a Metro/RMM memory, including your potluck go-tos or your crowd-pleasing batched cocktail recipes. We'd also love your recipes for cozy weeknight dinners or fool proof deserts. Reach out to Chrisaleen Ciro (cciro@rmmnyc.org) with any questions and scan the QR code below to submit.





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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