



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 Lent

February 22, 2026

OPENING WORDS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee"

Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

The good news of the gospel is:
**manna in the desert,
water turned into wine,
love after loss,
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:
**release for the captive,
hope for the hopeless,
mourning turned to dancing,
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.
There's no time to waste!
This surprising good news is here for you.
Let us worship this good-news God.

** Please stand as you are able.*

PRAYER

Maren Holmen
Deacon

*HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Chalice 100

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Congregation

RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho - ly One... Give
thanks— be-cause God's gi - ven— Je - sus Christ the— Son. Give Son. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich" be-cause of
what the Lord has done for— us. And us. Give thanks.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Janice Ollivierre



Welcome Survey

<https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy>

LENTEN CANDLE LIGHTING

“They’re Out of Wine”
by Rev. Sarah A. Speed

Anaseini Katoa

Response:

**You are with us in darkness and in light
In desert and in oasis
In waiting and in going
In fasting and in feasting
In giving up and taking in
In sin and in forgiveness
In death and in resurrection
You are with us in darkness and in light**

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jana Dye
Pastor

OFFERTORY

“Just As I Am”

Daron Cockerell



Online Giving

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

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

Ken Jennings

SERMON

“The good news is. . . Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
so good it catches us by surprise”

*HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

Chalice 537

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION

Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

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 “We Are Small, We Are Numerous, We Are Deep” by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

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“Give Thanks” is by Henry Smith (words and music).

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“My Hope is Built” is by Edward Mote (words) and William B. Bradbury (music).

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This Lent, we are going back to our roots, back to the teachings and ways of Christ. Jesus’ ministry is often described as “radical” which comes from a Latin word meaning “root” or “ground.” Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God’s unending grace. As we will discover during this season, the good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent...and alive in the world! This Lent, may the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. **Let the good news ground us!** And let that good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Lenten Themed Art Making Workshop

TODAY- following morning worship | In Person & Via Zoom

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. If you wish to participate online, there will be a zoom option available. Please have pens, markers, and/or colored pencils and a piece or two of paper nearby. You can join with the same zoom link we use for morning worship.



New Deacon Installation Sunday, March 1 during worship

After a nomination and review process in late 2025, the deacons and pastors are excited to announce that **Carole Collins** (1st term) and **Maren Holmen** (1st term) have been enthusiastically affirmed by the congregation to serve in the 2026-2028 Deacon Class. **An installation service will be**



held on March 1. Carole and Maren will join the full Deacon body which also includes Laura Bergquist, Cat Fernando-Rizzo, Julia O'Brien and Susan Rutter.



Winter Clothing Closet

Most Mondays through March 23, 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 & CLOTHING 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).

General offerings as of February 12, 2026: \$9,315.72

Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: \$270,000.00

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