

metro BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost *October 25, 2026*

OPENING WORDS — Rev. Jana Dye, *Pastor*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE — "Fairest Lord Jesus" — Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

What does God ask of us?
To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
What does God command of us?
To love God with all our heart, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.
God does not call us to ease or to comfort.
But to presence, abundance, and grace in our struggle.
Let us worship the God who believes in us,
and trusts in us, and abides with us.
Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but will be beside us every step of the way.

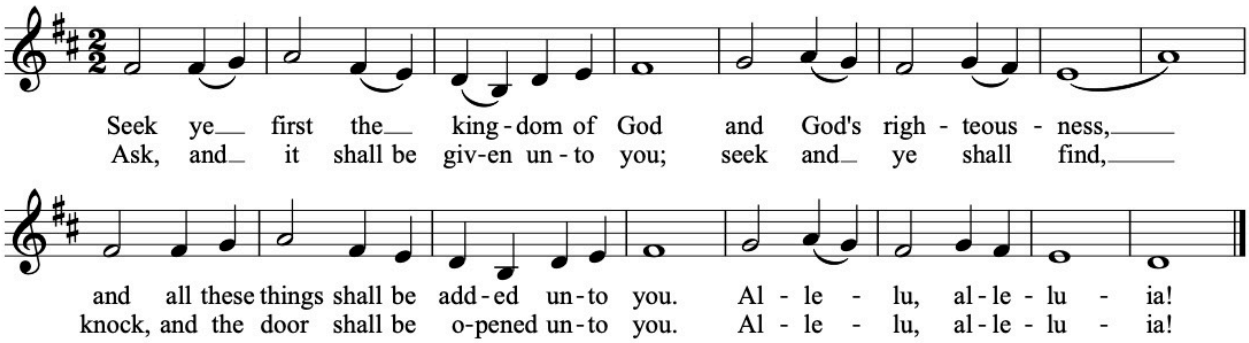
PRAYER — Cat Fernando-Rizzo, *Deacon*

*HYMN — "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" — Chalice 453

PASSING OF THE PEACE — The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE "Seek Ye First"



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY — Cat Fernando-Rizzo

Welcome Survey
https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY "Better Than I" — Jason Watkins

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 22:34-46 — Chrisaleen Ciro

SERMON — "The Humility Love Requires" Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

*HYMN — "Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud" — Chalice 12

CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION — Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE — Laura Bergquist

Service Notes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Winter Clothing Closet Opens TUESDAY, November 3!

Most TUESDAYS (November 3, 2026 - March 23, 2027)
Distribution: 1:15-2:30 PM I Volunteer Needs: 12:30-3:30 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 (bin in rear of sanctuary).

VOLUNTEERS: Each TUESDAY, we will be in need of 15-20 volunteers to help distribute clothing to those in need. **You can sign up for one or more volunteer opportunities by scanning QR above.**



Memorial for Rafael "Ralph" Domenech

TENTATIVE DATE: Saturday, November 21 at 3:00 PM
Metro Baptist Church Sanctuary (and will also be streamed virtually)

Beloved Metro custodian, Ralph Domenech, passed away on September 24 after a long battle with cancer. We are planning a memorial service to be held in Metro's sanctuary on Saturday, November 21 at 3:00 PM. All are invited to join in person or online. Please hold the date and time for now. Full details and updated information to come.



Metro Membership Classes

Sunday, November 15 after worship (in person at Berquist home)

Metro Pastors, in coordination with our Deacons, have scheduled an opportunity for anyone in our community who is not an official member of Metro but interested in learning more about what membership means. Come hear from leaders and longtime members of Metro about our church's history and values, and discern for yourself whether membership is the right choice for you at this time. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) and ***please use the QR code to RSVP if you plan to attend!***

Please note that a weeknight virtual class will also be offered at a later date.

Nature Walk in Central Park with Herbalist Dawn Petter

Saturday, November 21 from 11AM to 12:30PM

Dawn Petter will lead us on a gentle walk in nature, providing the opportunity to reconnect with the wisdom and beauty of the plant world. Through mindful observation and attuning our senses, we'll explore the ancient relationship between people and plants and cultivate a sense of wonder immersed in God's creation.

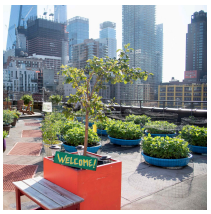
Let's Celebrate our Metro October Birthdays!



We're sending a huge Happy Birthday to all those in our beloved community who are celebrating another year of life this month!!

- Julia O'Brien - October 2
- Liam O'Brien - October 5
- Karissa Thacker - October 7
- Ken Jennings- October 10
- Jesse Warkentin - October 27
- Matt Tucker - October 30

Have a birthday this month but don't see your name above? Click here to add your birthday information or reach out to one of your Pastors so we can celebrate you as well!



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project

Open Farm Days (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM); Thursdays & Select Saturdays

Upcoming Date: October 29

Metro's rooftop farm is open for the season and all are welcome to visit or volunteer on the farm. Weather permitting, the farm will be open to the public every Thursday, as well as select Saturdays, each month. Check our website for the latest schedule and updates: www.hkfp.org. See LuAnne Prevost (lprevost@rmmnyc.org) with any questions. ***Please note there is a 4-floor walk up to the rooftop farm.***



Metro's Annual Meeting of the Corporation & 4th Quarterly Church Conference

Sunday, November 8 following morning worship (in person & via Zoom)

Please plan to join for Metro's congregational meeting on November 8 following the 11:00 AM worship service. Full agendas will be sent out closer to the meeting date.



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 September 2026: $204,572.21
Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: $270,000.00

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