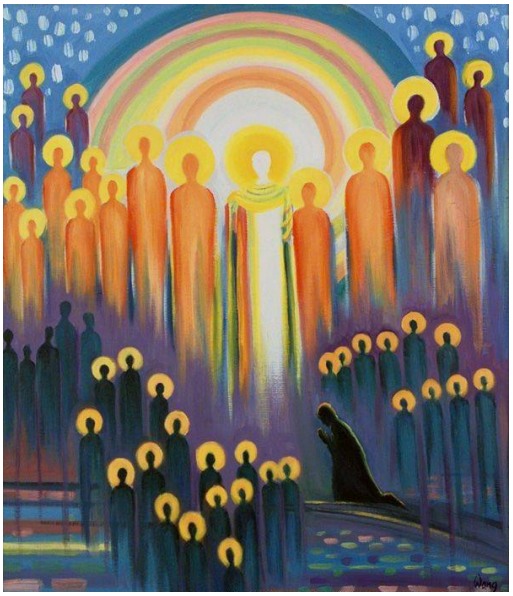


metro BAPTIST CHURCH

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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *November 8, 2026*

OPENING WORDS — Rev. Jana Dye, *Pastor*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE — "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" — Laura Bergquist

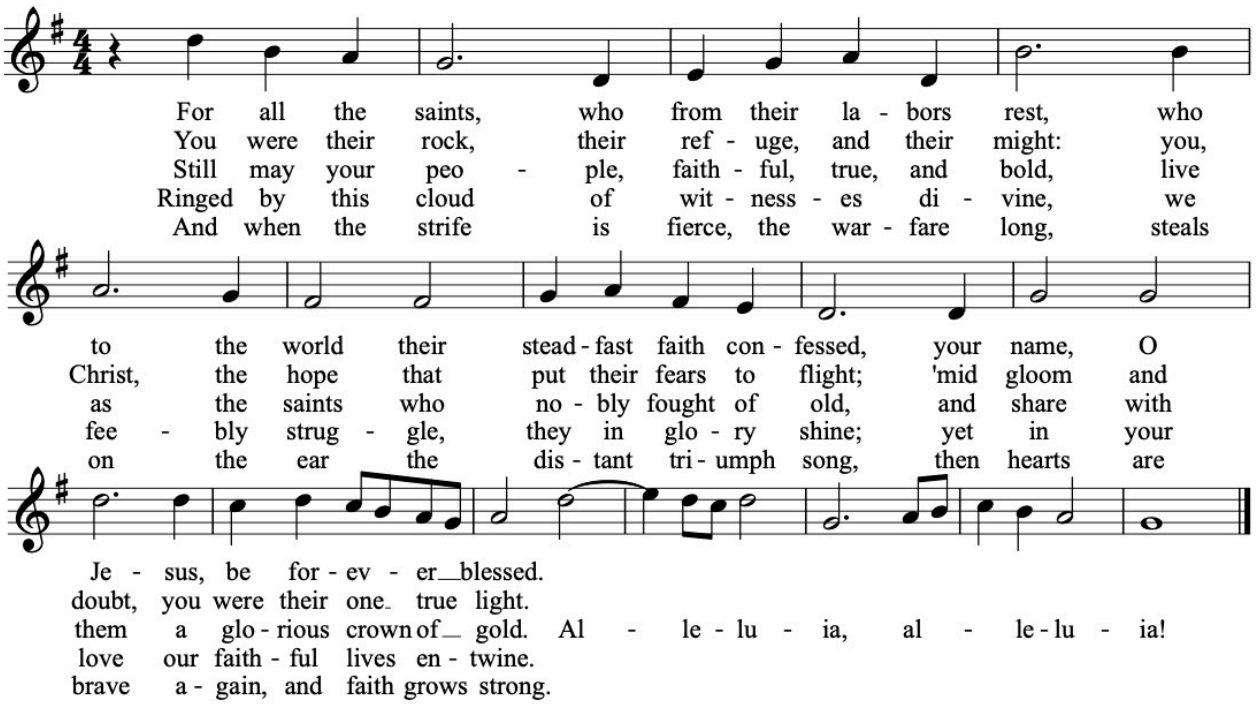
CALL TO WORSHIP

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
We gather in the presence of God
and in the company of the Saints.
We honor and remember the brave Saints who've come before us.
Those who loved us, those who marched for us, those who organized,
and those who risked it all to truly love their neighbors as themselves.
May their lives and their memories be a blessing.
We look back with gratitude for the courage of our Saints and
We look ahead with hope for the future.
We remember those who gave their lives
so that every voice might be heard.
Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to God, who is always faithful.

PRAYER — Cat Fernando-Rizzo, *Deacon*

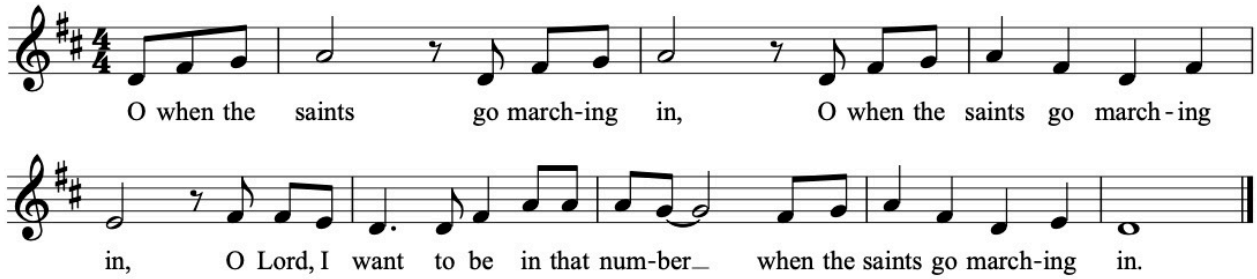
** Please stand as you are able.*

*HYMN "For All the Saints"



PASSING OF THE PEACE The Congregation

RESPONSE "When the Saints Go Marching In"



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Troy Messenger

Welcome Survey
https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Jana Dye

OFFERTORY "O Love" Metro Choir

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!

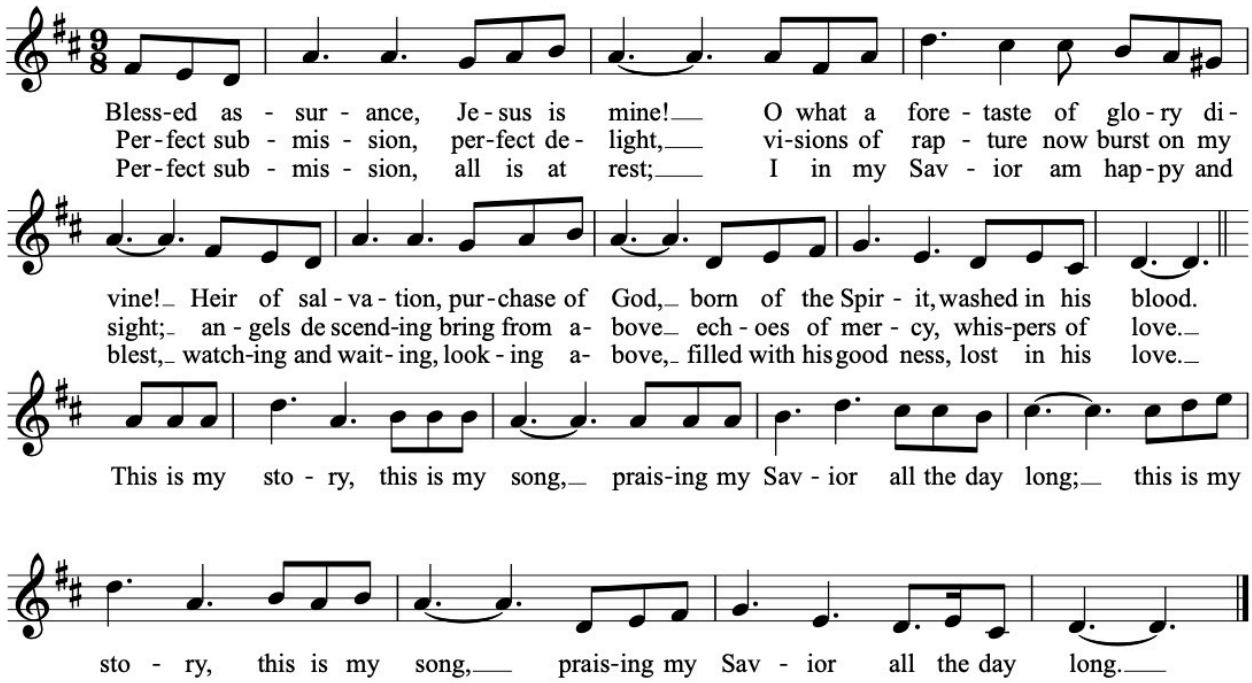
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FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Intro to All Saints — Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Opening Meditation, "Live in the Whole of Time" — Julia O'Brien
Remembering Our Saints — Congregation

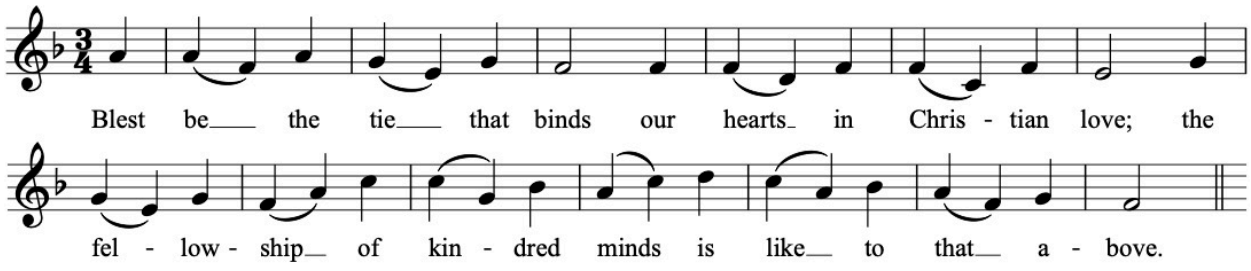
COMMUNION Metro Pastors

*HYMN "Blessed Assurance"



CLOSING WORDS & BENEDICTION Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

POSTLUDE "Blest Be the Tie"



Service Notes

The Cover Art is by Elizabeth Wang.
Prelude is by Ludwig van Beethoven. Arranged by Cindy Berry.
Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy found in an All Saints Worship Resource made by the Center for Faith + Justice at Georgetown University.
"For All the Saints"is by William W. How (words) and Ralph Vaughan Williams (music).
"When the Saints Go Marching In"is a Negro Spiritual.
"O Love" by George Matheson (words) and Elaine Hagenberg (music).
"Blessed Assurance" is by Fanny Crosby (words) and Phoebe P. Knapp (music).
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by John Fawcett (words) and Lowell Mason (music).
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Metro Church Business Meeting

TODAY, November 8 following morning worship

Please plan to join for Metro's Annual Meeting of the Corporation & 4th Quarterly Church Conference today following worship in-person & via Zoom. Full agendas with supporting documents can be found here:

← 2026 Annual Meeting of the Corporation & 4th Quarterly Church Conference of 2026 →

Potluck lunch is available in the rear of the sanctuary for those joining in person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



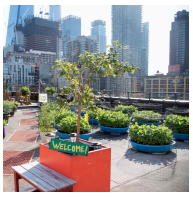
Winter Clothing Closet is Open!

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 is officially 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, 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.**



Hell's Kitchen Farm Project Season Closing & Celebration

Saturday, November 14 I 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thanks to so many of you, we have had an amazing farm season! As we prepare to close the season in a few weeks, we invite you to join us for our final public open farm experience. Join us on Saturday, November 14 to help with any final season tasks, enjoy some refreshments and celebrate the fruits of our labor during the 2026 growing season. More details come. 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 Membership Classes

Sunday, November 15 after worship (in person at the Bergquists' home) AND Wednesday, November 18 at 7PM (Virtual, on Zoom)

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 membershi p 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!***



Memorial for Rafael "Ralph" Domenech

UPDATED: Friday, November 20 at 5:00 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.

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.



Help us get ready for our Thanksgiving meal and Advent!

Sunday, November 22, After worship

Metro's Pastors would be eternally grateful to anyone joining in person worship this day that might have a little extra time after church to **help us prep turkeys for our Thanksgiving meal as well as assist us in setting up the sanctuary for the Advent season.** With enough volunteers, we feel confident we can get everything we need done quickly and smoothly. Thanks in advance for spending a small part of your Sunday getting us ready for some Advent cheer and community service!



Thanksgiving Community Meal

Thursday, November 26, 2025

Meal Served 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Volunteers Needed 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Metro will once again be hosting our annual community meal on Thanksgiving Day for any and all! This delicious, homemade meal will be served 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Volunteers are definitely needed. To learn more and to sign up to volunteer, follow this link or scan the QR code: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A5AB28A0FD0-67195268-metrormm

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Let's Celebrate our Metro November Birthdays!

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

- Maren Holmen - November 4
- Kathy Conry - November 15
- Claire McConnell - November 18

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!



December Happenings - Save the Dates

We will be hosting several happenings during the Advent season. Please take note of two of those events. More details to come, but please mark your calendars for now!

- **Carols & Cocktails - Sunday, December 6, after worship**
- **Metro Mindfulness: A Blue Christmas Service - Wednesday, December 15 at 7:00 PM**



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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