

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 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost — *November 15, 2026*

OPENING WORDS — Rev. Jana Dye, *Pastor*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE — "Nocturno" — Alex Partridge, *French Horn*; Laura Bergquist

CALL TO WORSHIP

To those who creep towards the kingdom
God welcomes you.
To those who rush towards the kingdom
God welcomes you.
To all of you, however you come, in speed or in caution,
God welcomes you into these doors
and these arms that are always open wide.

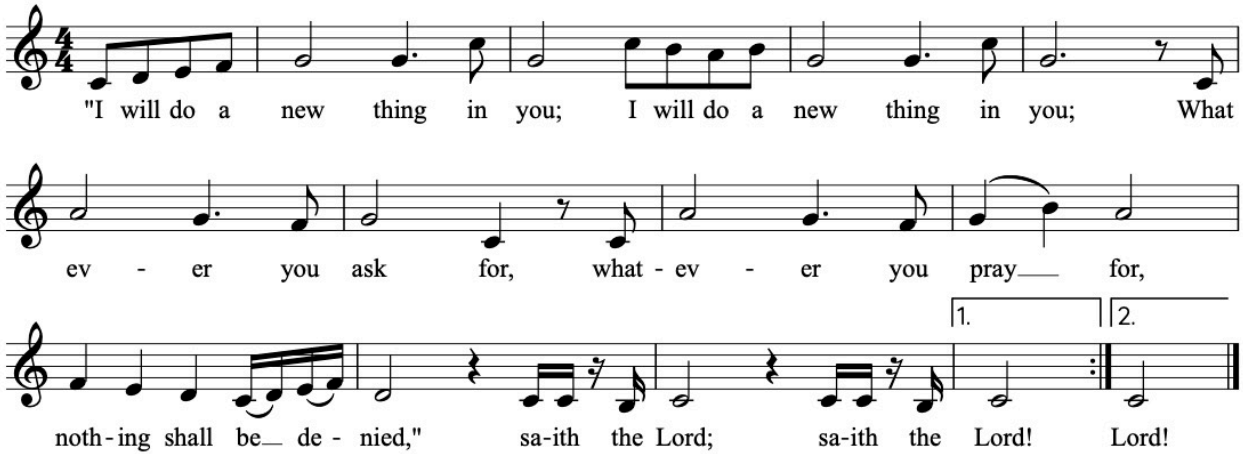
PRAYER — Carole Collins, *Deacon*

*HYMN — "Rejoice You Pure in Heart" — Chalice 15

PASSING OF THE PEACE — The Congregation

** Please stand as you are able.*

RESPONSE "I Will Do a New Thing"



LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY Isabella Stansbury

Welcome Survey
https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel
Pastor

OFFERTORY "Golden Hour" Alex Partridge

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 & SUNG RESPONSE Matthew 5:1-11 Claire McConnell
"The Beatitudes" Chalice 185

SERMON	"The Facts of Life"	Rev. Dr. Karissa Thacker
*HYMN	"Open My Eyes, That I May See"	Chalice 586
CLOSING WORDS		Rev. Jana Dye
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Karissa Thacker
POSTLUDE		

Service Notes

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TODAY'S PREACHER

Dr. Karissa Thacker is a psychologist, theologian, and one of those Southerners who fell in love with New York City. Karissa is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and recently completed a two year fellowship at Columbia University focusing on Pluralism and Spiritual Innovation. She is the wife of former Metro deacon Ginger Ward and the mom of two very badly behaved but cute Yorkies.

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.**



Metro Membership Class

IN PERSON GATHERING HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Virtual Gathering on Wednesday, November 18 at 7PM (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 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!***



Memorial for Rafael "Ralph" Domenech

This 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- PLEASE RSVP!

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. If you plan to attend, please RSVP using the QR code on the right!



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



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 October 2026: $244,216.59
Total Amount Budgeted for 2026: $270,000.00

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