

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost *November 22, 2026*

OPENING WORDS — Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel, *Pastor*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE — "Fairest Lord Jesus" — Jesse Warkentin

CALL TO WORSHIP

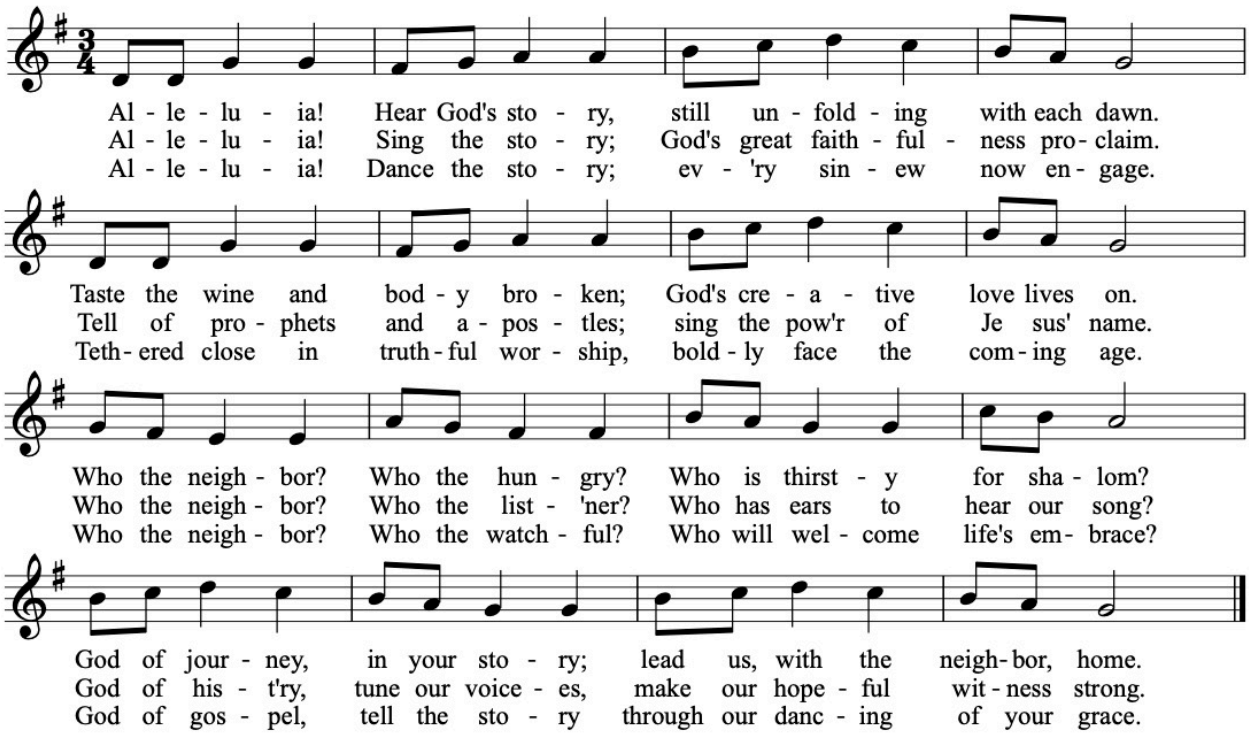
Beloved community, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors,
tend to creation, and care for the most vulnerable.
Beloved community, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Beloved community, in a world that privileges power over others
instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to work towards the flourishing
of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Beloved community, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self,
and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes
until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.

PRAYER — Maren Holmen, *Deacon*

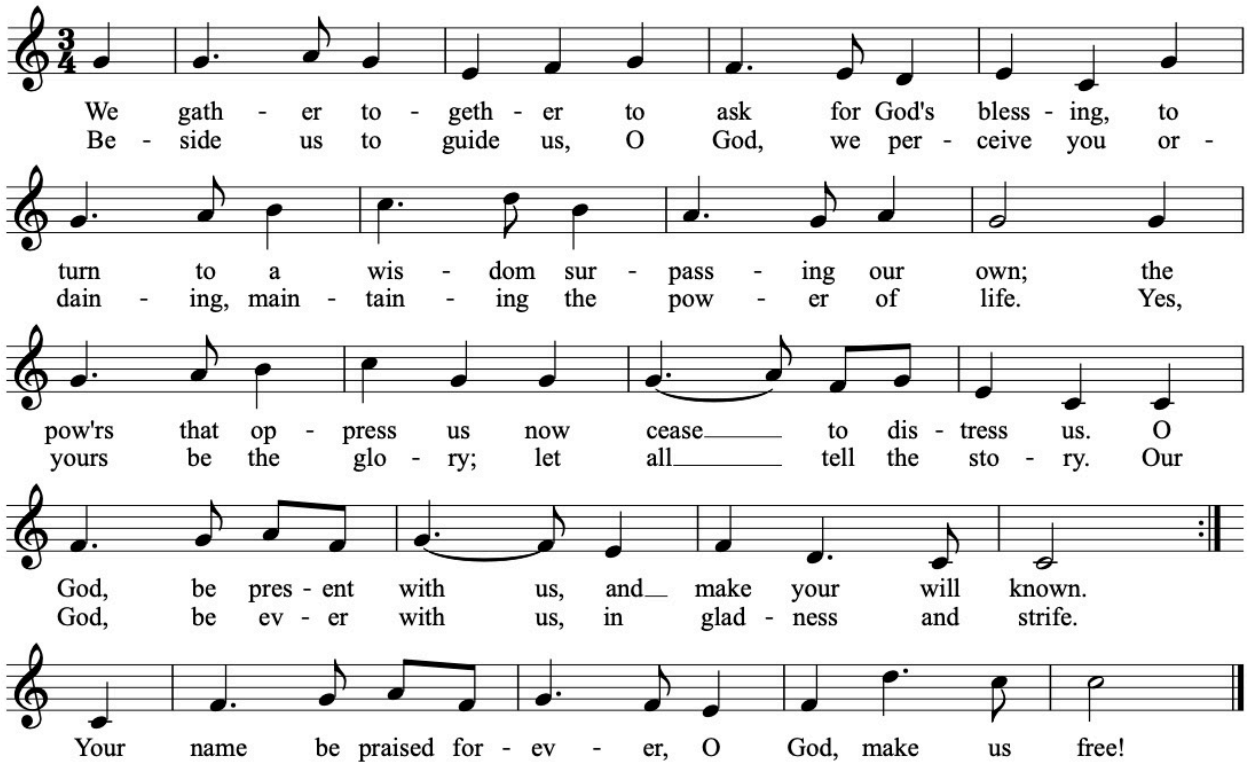
** Please stand as you are able.*

*HYMN

"Alleluia! Hear God's Story"



"We Gather Together"



PASSING OF THE PEACE — The Congregation

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY — Carole Collins

Welcome Survey
https://forms.gle/XQuFx98vDEUvyHy

GENEROSITY MOMENT — Gillian Matherly

COVENANT OF CONCERNS AND THANKSGIVINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER — Rev. Jana Dye, *Pastor*

OFFERTORY — "Heal Me" — Alan H. Green

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 25:31-46 — Anita Massengill

SERMON — "When Did We See You?" — Rev. Paula Nance

*HYMN — "Here Am I" — Chalice 654

CLOSING WORDS — Rev. Tiffany Triplett Henkel

BENEDICTION — Rev. Paula Nance

POSTLUDE — "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" — Jesse Warkentin

Service Notes

The Cover Art is *Seven Works of Mercy* by Alexander Rahm, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.
Prelude: Words are from an Anonymous German hymn, 1677. Music: Schleische Volkslieder. Arranged by Eugénie Rocherolle.
Call to Worship is adapted from a liturgy written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2026.
"Alleluia! Hear God's Story" is by Mary Anne Parrott (words) and music is a Polish folk melody. Adapted by A.E. Rusbridge.
"We Gather Together": Words are from *Nederlandrsche Gedenckclanck* (1626), translated by Theodore Baker (1894), adapted by Ruth Duck (1981). Music is a Dutch Melody (16th Century), arranged by Edward Kremser (1877).
"Heal Me" is by Kevin Stokes and Connie Harrington (words and music).
"Here Am I" is by Brian Wren (words) and Dan Damon (music).
Postlude: Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel.
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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



Help us get ready for our Thanksgiving meal and Advent!

TODAY- Sunday, November 22, After worship

Metro's Pastors would be eternally grateful to anyone joining in person worship today 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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Advent Devotional Guide

The publication of an Advent Devotional Guide is one of Metro's most beloved traditions. Again, this year, our hope is that this guide will help us feel nearer to God and one another as we share how the Spirit is speaking to us through our words, our music, our art or other unique reflections. You are invited to contribute to this year's Advent Devotional Guide. To learn more and sign up for one (or more) dates, click here: http://mbcnyc.org/advent-guide.



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.**



Carols and Cocktails

Sunday, December 6th Immediately after worship

Back by popular demand! Join us after worship for a time of music and fellowship. Jesse Warkentin will be taking requests for hymns and carols for all to sing along to and a light assortment of refreshments will be provided. We also ask that those who are able bring a snack and favorite drink (alcoholic or nonalcoholic) to share. Please email Pastor Jana (jdye@mbcnyc.org) if you have any questions.



Metro Mindfulness: A Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 15 at 7:00 PM

Join us for a time of reflective worship and contemplation led by our Metro Mindfulness team. As we embrace the joy and celebration that can come along with the holiday season, we also cherish the opportunity to acknowledge the heavier feelings we tend to carry this time of year. This will be an evening to slow down and pause, a time to honor our grief and lament with thoughtful music and liturgy. All are welcome.



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!



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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