



STRETCHING OUR VISION

METROPOLITAN INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

CHOIR SUNDAY: STRETCHING OUR VOICES THROUGH GOD'S LOVE

SECOND SUNDAY OF FOUNDERS' MONTH

Sunday, February 10, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PREPARATION

The pastor's entrance and the beginning of the musical prelude are the calls to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

THE GATHERING

*We are standing on Holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.*

Let us praise Jesus now,

We are standing in God's presence on Holy Ground.

PSALM 100

Unison Reading

Rev. John Cross, Senior Pastoral Assistant

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

²Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

THE WORD IN SONG

"Psalm 100"

The Voices of Metropolitan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Christopher Davis, Pastoral Assistant

SONGS OF PRAISE

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WELCOME

Lisa Marshall

If you are here for the first time, we are delighted that you came. If you are dropping in for a second or third visit, we are glad you found something you were looking for. We hope you will be challenged by our worship and that you will come back again. If you are looking for a faith community, we would welcome you as a part of our church family. When you are officially welcomed as a visitor, you will receive a Visitor's Information Card. Please fill it out, and return it to the Pastor, or place it in the offering plate. WELCOME!

CONCERNS OF CHURCH AND CITY

Billye Sanders

HISTORICAL REFLECTION

Mrs. Darine Davis

OFFERTORY

"For all things come from you, and of your own we have given you." 1 Chronicles 29:14

(We are now accepting tithes and offerings by credit and debit card in the sanctuary.)

Your tithes and gifts help us:

- Pay the mortgage, utilities, maintenance, and security for the Metropolitan Meeting House;
- Provide free pastoral counseling services to members of our congregation;
- Fund the First Response Center programs, serving over 700 people living with HIV/AIDS, and at-risk persons;
- Pay for the personnel and operating costs of our ministries;
- Provide educational materials/resources to assist in our community's spiritual growth and development;
- Maintain meeting space for ministries, including Metropolitan Praise Dancers, Girl Scouts, recovery/support groups, & events;
- Fund our annual Anniversary and Homecoming celebrations;

Every gift of your time, talent, and treasure makes a vital difference in the life and ministries of Metropolitan Interdenominational Church. Thank You!

DOXOLOGY

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

TOTAL PRAISE

"Psalm 150"

Bishop Donagrants McCluney, Celebrant

¹Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty firmament!

²Praise him for his mighty deeds;
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

³Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

CELEBRATION IN DANCE

The Metropolitan Praise Dancers
Alexis Marks, Choreographer

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Rev. Marcella Lockhart, Pastoral Assistant

"I Will Sing Praises"

The Voices of Metropolitan

SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG

Rev. Donna Whitney, Pastoral Assistant

"My Joy"

The Voices of Metropolitan

RESPONSE

Please do not leave the sanctuary or in any other manner create a distraction during the invitational period. This is a moment of unparalleled importance.

MOMENTS OF REFLECTION

The Voices of Metropolitan

INVITATION TO LIFE IN CHRIST

This church will welcome into its membership any persons who love and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, and who promise to live according to His laws of Love, recognizing all people as brothers and sisters for whom He gave His life.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Prayer

We do not presume to come to this, Thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under Thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this sacrament of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life and grow to reflect Thy Spirit in all things forevermore, Amen. (*We will eat and drink together after all have been served.*)

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE

We've come too far to turn back now; By the grace of God we're gonna make it somehow.
Nobody knows the trouble we've seen; We've come too far to turn back now.

LONG LIVE LIFE!

The circling series of events of the past year, upon whose bosom we have been wafted, has cut away our pretensions, stripping us bare of much beneath which we have hidden even from ourselves; when we saw ourselves revealed, there was born a wisdom about life and its meaning that makes us say with all our hearts, this day, that life is good, not evil. It means that we have been able to watch, as if bewitched, while the illumined finger of God pointed out a path through the surrounding darkness where no path lay; exposed to our surprised gaze a door where we were sure there was only a blank wall; revealed the strong arms and assuring voices of friends when we were sure that in our plight we were alone, utterly and starkly alone.

All of these meanings and many more counsel us that because life is dynamic and we are deeply alive, the end of the year can mean only the end of the year, not the end of life, not the end of us, not even the end of time. We turn our faces toward the year that has been born with a riding hope that will carry us into the days ahead with courage and with confidence. The old year has died; the new year is born – Long Live Life!

HOWARD THURMAN

CORE VALUES

Our core values define the framework within which we live out the ideals of **Our Calling** based upon the word of God as reflected in Jesus Christ.

Loving, Giving, Serving, Inclusive, Reconciling, Fellowship, Liberating

INCLUSIVE: *Embracing, Welcoming, Accepting*

LOVING: *Worshiping, Comforting, Caring*

RECONCILING: *Forgiving, Restoring, Affirming*

GIVING: *Sharing, Supporting, Volunteering*

FELLOWSHIP: *Celebrating, Belonging, Participating*

SERVING: *Helping, Ministering, Providing*

LIBERATING: *Teaching, Nurturing, Advocating*

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A PROMOTION

A PROMOTION is almost always a welcomed opportunity for anyone who works for a living. It usually means more pay, better benefits, greater authority and expanded personal development. However, it also brings additional responsibility and new challenges. A PROMOTION like the one Jesus offers Simon, James and John represents what is perhaps the greatest invitation advanced in all of human history. They are being called to serve as the first of Our Lord's disciples. What Jesus was offering them was something "exceedingly, abundantly, above all that they could ask or imagine." A PROMOTION which required taking some big steps, including overcoming their fear, moving away from their familiar environment, and leaving their families. It wasn't easy to drop everything to follow a man they had just met who made them an offer they couldn't refuse. Jesus' calling upon their lives is A PROMOTION of the highest order. Today the business of "sharing God's love with the world" desperately needs new "laborers," and Jesus is offering us all A PROMOTION.

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Senior Servant

Support Metropolitan while you shop:

- Enroll in the **Kroger Community Rewards Program**: Login to Kroger.com, enroll your Kroger Plus card, select Community Rewards, then Metropolitan Interdenominational Church FRC; it's that easy!
- When shopping online, register your support for Metropolitan Interdenominational Church FRC with **Smile.Amazon** ...and always shop through the Smile.Amazon site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP: Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner by Circle 5; Bible Study 7:00 – 8:00, Classes for Adults and Children

2nd Annual Choir Sunday: February 10th

Inner City Sanctuary Dedication: February 16th 11:00 a.m.

~ Plant 10 more trees as part of the 500K root Nashville campaign ~
Volunteers needed; please coordinate with Brother Sizwe at (615) 300-2941

4th Annual Black History Program: February 16th 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Dinner; 6:00 p.m. Program

Founders' Day Brunch: February 24th following morning worship

Saturday, March 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m. – Sunday, March 3, 2019 8:00 a.m. (*breakfast!*)

Praying Through the Night for the Healing of AIDS

Featured Speaker: Dr. Pernessa C. Seele, The Balm in Gilead, Inc.

BIBLE READINGS

February 11-17, 2019

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Read... Pray... Sacrifice...

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Voices of Metropolitan Rehearsal, Saturday 12–2p.m.

Saturday Worship, 6 – 7 p.m.

Centering Prayer, Sunday 8:30-8:50 a.m.; Wednesday 6:40-7:00 p.m.

~ Sick, Shut In, and Recovering Members ~

Leon McKinley Corder	1902 Elliott Avenue; Nashville, TN 37204-2004	Send prayers. <i>No visitors</i> , please.
John Cross	3441 White Pine Drive; Nashville, TN 37214	Send prayers and cards, only, please.
Martha Hill	c/o Bethany Healthcare Center; 421 Ocala Drive; Nashville, TN 37206	
Etoile Jordan	907 Lawrence Avenue; Nashville, TN 37204	615-385-3969
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~ Midweek Fellowship Meal Schedule ~

February 20	Circle 6	March 13	Circle 2
February 27	Circle 7	March 20	Circle 3
March 6	Circle 1	March 27	Circle 4

~ Giving Summary ~

Date	Offering – Budgeted	Offering – Actual	Offering (Un)Realized	Summary
2017 Year End	\$305,710.00	\$294,948.21		(\$10,761.79)
2018 Year End	\$300,040.00	\$285,448.70		(\$14,591.30)
January, 2019	\$23,080.00	\$20,603.86	(\$2,476.14)	(\$2,476.14)
February 3, 2019	<u>\$5,770.00</u>	<u>\$5,323.00</u>	<u>(\$447.00)</u>	
February, 2019	\$5,770.00	\$5,323.00	(\$447.00)	
2019 Year to Date	\$28,850.00	\$25,926.86		(\$2,923.14)