



49th Anniversary: A Year of Rising Again!

# WHAT IS TRUTH?

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- + **Leather Sunday**
- + **Christ the Ruler of All**
- + **Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**
- ♥ **Happy Birthday Claude Ashby!**
- + **Rev. Elder Miller Hoffman, preaching**  
(Dan. 7: 13-14 & Jn. 18: 53-57)

- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 12:30 pm **Genderpeople with Moshay Moses!**  
9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

## Monday, November 22: Office Closed

- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 7:00 pm **Lavender Light rehearsal (sanctuary)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## Tuesday, November 23

- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## Wednesday, November 24

- ♥ **Happy Birthday Corrine Bertram & Eric James!**
- 12:15pm **Midweek Prayer and Praise!** (facebook.com/mccny)
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm (to 7:30pm) **Q Clinic (now virtual for all clients)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving!

- 11:00am **Thanksgiving Day Service of Gratitude**
- \* **Gala To-Go Thanksgiving Day Meal!**

## November is Native American Peoples Month

### Thursday, November 25 (cont.)

- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom**
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Friday, November 26

- ♥ **Happy Birthday Hugh Browne & Danny Dromm!**
- 12:15 pm **Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin**  
(facebook.com/mccny)
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Saturday, November 27

- \* **Anniversary of Harvey Milk (1978)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- + **1st Sunday of Advent**
- + **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**
- + **Hanukkah begins + Birthday Sunday!**
- ♥ **Happy Birthday Jalin Murray!**
- ♥ **Happy Anniversary Mike & Casey Easterling!**
- + **Mike Easterling, preaching**  
(Jer. 33: 14-16 & Lk. 21: 25-28)
- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 12:30 pm **Genderpeople with Moshay Moses!**
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

\* **11AM CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!**  
\* **Pantry and shelter remain open. + For pastoral calls: (212) 629-7440**



Please make sure the Church has your cell phone number and email address!  
Send to: **RvPatMCCNY@aol.com**



November 21, 2021  
+ Leather Sunday

MCC globally celebrates "5 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"  
49th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Rising Again!

The Community at Worship 11am



## PRELUDE

Jeff Cubeta, Director of Music  
Carolyn Traore, soloist

## PROCESSION

"I am Thine, O God"

#100/Hymnal  
*Please stand as able*

## WELCOME

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner  
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

## THE LESSON

La Lección Primera  
The First Lesson

Daniel 7: 13-14  
Daniel 7: 13-14

Yo seguía viendo estas visiones en la noche. De pronto: Vi que venía entre las nubes alguien parecido a un niño de la humanidad, el cual fue a donde estaba el Anciano; y le hicieron acercarse a el Anciano. Y el Anciano el fue dado el poder, la gloria y el reino, y gente de todas las naciones y lenguas le servían a este persona. El poder del niño de la humanidad será siempre el mismo, y el reino del Niño jamás será destruido.

**+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios  
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And this one came to the Ancient One and was presented before the Ancient One. To this one was given dominion and glory and rule, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve this one. The dominion of this one is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and the reign of this one shall never be destroyed.

**+ This is the Word of God  
THANKS BE TO GOD**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda  
The Second Lesson

Juan 18: 33-37  
John 18: 33-37

Pilato volvió a entrar en el palacio, llamó a Jesús y le preguntó: "¿Eres tú el Gobernante de los hebreos?" Jesús le dijo a Pilato: "¿Eso lo preguntas tú por tu cuenta, o porque otros te lo han dicho de mí?" Le contestó Pilato a Jesús: "¿Acaso yo soy hebreo? Los de tu nación y los jefes de los sacerdotes son los que te han entregado a mí. ¿Qué has hecho?" Jesús le contestó a Pilato: "Mi reino no es de este mundo. Si lo fuera, tendría gente a mi servicio que pelearía para que yo no fuera entregado. Pero mi reino no es de aquí." Le preguntó entonces Pilato: "¿Así que tú eres gobernante?" Jesús le contestó a Pilato: "Tú lo has dicho: soy gobernante. Yo nací y vine al mundo para decir lo que es la verdad. Y todos los que pertenecen a la verdad, me escuchan."

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TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked, "Are you the Ruler of the Hebrew People?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am one of your people, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My reign is not from this world. If my reign were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my reign is not from here." Pilate asked Jesus, "So you are a ruler?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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THANKS BE TO GOD**

## SELECTION

## SERMON

**The Rev. Elder Miller Hoffman  
Metropolitan Community Churches**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

**Offering Call**

+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!

~ Please prayerfully consider direct donations through your bank or credit card giving.

## THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

**The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner**

God is with you  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU**  
Let us open our hearts  
**WE OPEN THEM TO GOD**  
Let us give God thanks and praise  
**IT IS A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING TO DO**

MCCNY celebrates an OPEN COMMUNION. Everyone is welcome to share in the Gifts of God for the People of God. (Grape juice is used so that all may freely share in this meal. For those with health concerns, distributors sanitize their hands immediately before the service. Communion wafers for those with wheat or gluten allergies are available upon request. Please let your server know if you need this service.) A prayer of blessing will be offered, unless you request the sacrament only.

**PLEASE OBSERVE THE SACREDNESS OF THIS SACRAMENT  
by praying silently or by joining in the singing of hymns.**

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Dame, mi Büen Cristo"

#48/Hymnal

"O Jesus, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#159/Hymnal

"Oh, Freedom"

#152/Hymnal

## CLOSING SONG

"Pueblo Libre"

**#189/Hymnal**  
*Please stand as able*

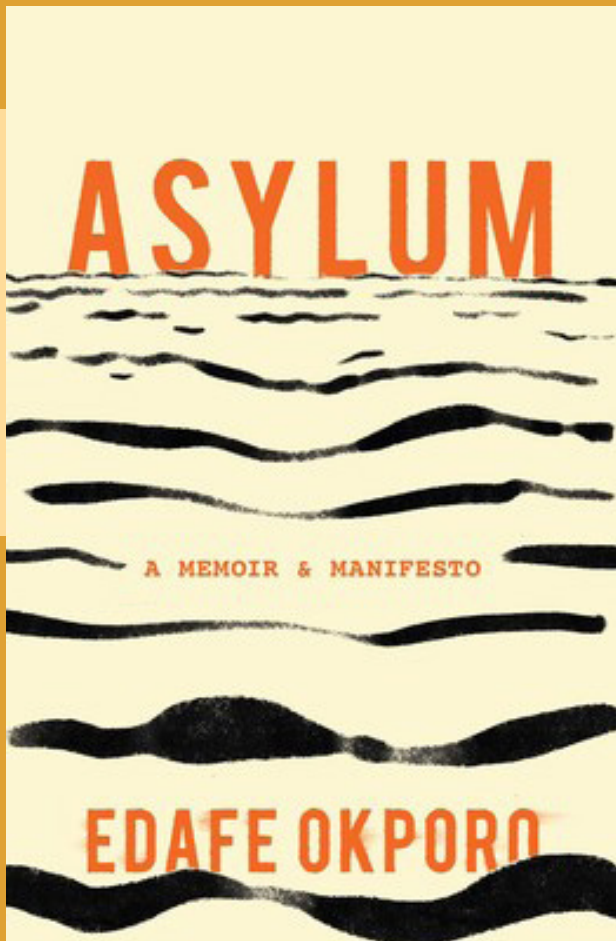
## BENEDICTION

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

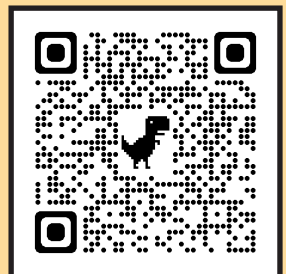
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*Stocking*



A poignant, moving memoir and urgent call to action for immigration justice by Nigerian asylee and global gay rights and immigration activist EDAFE OKPORO.



**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM:** Spiritual Direction is a process in which a mentor accompanies one person - the directee - for an extended period of time. Through conversation, prayer, and spiritual exercises, the mentor helps the directee clarify spiritual issues so that s/he can move toward a deeper experience with the Divine. To seek Direction, contact Bishop Reg at 212-629-7440.

**CHRISTIANS OF AFRICAN DESCENT (C.A.D.)** is part of the overall spiritual environment of MCCNY. For more information, call the Church office at 212-629-7440 or see Deacon Tressie or Aaron Lee Battle to talk about future plans.

**GENDERPEOPLE OF MCCNY is back and meets every Sunday at 12:30pm**, hosted by Moshay Moses! We are a dynamic and confidential spirituality group of Transgender, Transsexual, Androgynous, Two-Spirit, and people with other than man–male or female–woman gender experience. For further information, see Moshay Moses or call 212-629-7440 ext. 221.

**BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: art, videos, and dialogue, among others. Come to one session, some sessions, or all sessions on Zoom. Contact: [lambseeker@hotmail.com](mailto:lambseeker@hotmail.com)

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**MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact [prayers@mccny.org](mailto:prayers@mccny.org). You will receive a weekly list of prayer concerns about members and friends of our congregation, the wider MCC community, and social justice issues.

**MCCNY E-Newsletter:** This e-newsletter provides reflections, news and information for members and friends of MCC New York. If you want to subscribe, email Mike Easterling at [Mike@mccny.org](mailto:Mike@mccny.org) or text MCCNY to 22828.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to list the Church and our phone number among those to be contacted in case of illness or an emergency. Church Pastors will contact and visit you. Please send your information to Mike at [Mike@mccny.org](mailto:Mike@mccny.org)

# Support MCCNY!!!

## Options abound!



- Sign up for one time or recurring giving at [www.easytithe.com/mccny](http://www.easytithe.com/mccny)
- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to 646-681-7445
- Email Mike ([mike.mccny@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mccny@gmail.com)) to have credit giving set up for you

# ELECTRONIC RECURRING GIVING

WHAT IT MEANS FOR MCCNY:

CURRENTLY, 43 PEOPLE ARE RECURRING GIVERS WITH DONATIONS TOTALING \$3500 A MONTH.

AVERAGE DONATION IS \$20 A WEEK.

# IMAGINE IF

7 MORE PEOPLE BECOME \$20 WEEKLY DONORS:

OUR MONTHLY TOTAL WILL BE \$4060!

AND IF 17 MORE PEOPLE SIGN UP FOR RECURRING GIVING AT \$20 A WEEK

OUR MONTHLY TOTAL WILL BE \$4860!

## PASTORAL STAFF

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### LAY DELEGATES

Deacon Brenton Buchanan	Mike Easterling
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