Yes, God, Yes!

December is World AIDS Month!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18
✦ 4th Sunday of Advent
☆ Hannukah begins
✦ The Rev. Dr. David Williams, preaching
  (Is. 7: 10-14 & Lk. 1: 26-38)
  8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
  9:00 am Traditional Liturgy Live-streamed!
  10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
  11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
  9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Youth Shelter

Monday, December 19: Office Closed
  5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
  9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Tuesday, December 20
  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, December 21
✦ Global Day of Prayer to End Famine
  1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
  5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
  6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)
  6:00 pm Access Forum w/Arnold Mungioli
  9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Thursday, December 22
  5:00 pm Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom
  5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
  6:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting
  7:00 pm Restoration Temple Rehearsal
  9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Friday, December 23
✦ Happy Birthday James T. Lane, Aaron Lee Battle & Judy McCrary!
  12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin (Facebook)
  5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
  9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Saturday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve!
  7:00 pm Christmas Eve by Candlelight! Gala Party!

✦ Happy Birthday Deacon Len & Moshay Moses!
✦ Happy (legal) Anniversary Bradley Curry & Mel Bryant!
  9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
✦ Christmas Day
✦ Service of Lessons & Carols!
✦ Gala Holiday Brunch!
✦ The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching
  (Is. 62: 11-12 & Mt. 1: 18-25)
  8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
  9:00 am Traditional Liturgy Live-streamed!
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  11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
  9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Youth Shelter

*S 9am & 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!
*S 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
PRELUDE

Evan Swanson, Director of Music
Carolyn Traore, soloist

PROCESSION

“O Ven, O Ven, Emmanuel/O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
#50/Pink Pages/verses 1-4
Please stand as able

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

WELCOME

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

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera
The First Lesson

Isaías 7: 10-14

Dios dijo también a Ahaz: “Pide a tu Dios que haga un milagro que te sirva de señal, ya sea abajo en lo más profundo o arriba en lo más alto.” Ahaz contestó: “No, yo no voy a poner a prueba a Dios pidiéndole una señal.” Entonces Isaías dijo: “Escuchen ustedes, los de la casa real de David. ¿Les parece poco molestar a las personas, que quieren también molestar a mi Dios? Pues Dios les va a dar una señal: La joven está encinta y va a tener un niño, al que pondrá por nombre Emanuel.”

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

Again God spoke to Ahaz, saying, “Ask a sign of your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put God to the test.” Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? Therefore God will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a child and shall name the child Immanuel.”

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Lukas 1: 26-38
Luke 1: 26-38

A los seis meses, Dios mandó al ángel Gabriel a un pueblo de Galilea llamado Nazaret, donde vivía una joven llamada María; era virgen, pero estaba comprometida para casarse con un hombre llamado José, descendiente de David. El ángel entró en el lugar donde ella estaba, y le dijo: “¡Salve, llena de gracia! Dios está contigo.” María se sorprendió de estas palabras, y se preguntaba qué significaría aquel saludo. El ángel le dijo: “María, no tengas miedo, pues tú gozas del favor de Dios. Ahora vas a quedar encinta: tendrás un niño, y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. Será un gran persona, al que llamarán Niño del Dios altísimo, y Dios lo hará el trono de David, para que reine por siempre sobre el pueblo de Jacob. Su reinado no tendrá fin.” María preguntó al ángel: “¿Cómo podrá suceder esto, si yo soy virgen?” El ángel le contestó: “El Espíritu Santo vendrá sobre ti, y el poder del Dios altísimo se posará sobre ti. Por eso, el niño que va a nacer será llamado Santo e Niño de Dios. También tu parienta Isabel va a tener un niño, a pesar de que es anciana; la que decían que no podía tener niños, está encinta desde hace seis meses. Para Dios no hay nada imposible. Entonces María dijo: “Yo soy criado de Dios; que Dios haga conmigo como me has dicho.” Con esto, el ángel se fue.

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TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And Gabriel came to Mary and said, “Greetings, favored one! God is with you.” But Mary was much perplexed by the angel’s words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a child, and you will name the child Jesus. This child will be great and will be called the Child of the Most High, and God will give to this child the throne of David. This child will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of this reign there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy and will be called Child of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a Child, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of God; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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THANKS BE TO GOD

SELECTION

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David Williams
Pastor, Christ the Liberator MCC

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offering Call

Deacon Brenton Buchannan
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner

THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

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

“Abranse los Cielos” #1/Pink Pages
“What Child is This” #67/Pink Pages
“Away in a Manger” #10/Pink Pages

CLOSING SONG

“Yes, God, Yes”
I’ll say yes, God, yes to your will and to your way
I’ll say yes, God, yes to your spirit I’ll obey
When your spirit speaks to me, with my whole heart I’ll agree
And my answer will be yes, God, yes . . .

BENEDICTION

+ Stained Glass by Jackson Hall
SPRITUAL 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.

LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: Beginning October 2nd, all worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) will be live-streamed. Go to facebook.com/mccny and celebrate with your family of faith!

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

MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact 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 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

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➤ Email Mike (mike.mccny@gmail.com) to have credit giving set up for you
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**SMALL GROUPS at MCCNY**

Do you have an interest in organizing a small group? In-person or virtual?
Submit your idea to Casey Easterling at casey.mccny@gmail.com
PASTORAL STAFF

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner ...........................................
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Food Pantry Manager

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Casey Easterling ...................................................... Mary Jane Gibney, alternate

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Deacon Les LaRue

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Bishop Reg Richburg ................................................ Facilitator
Michael Easterling ................................................... Membership
Deacon Tressie Carter .............................................. Membership

Christians of African Descent
Deacon Brenton Buchannan ........................................ Facilitator

E-Prayer Group
Deacon Jen Heyward ................................................ Facilitator

Hospitality .............................................................. Esmerelda and Camilla

Newsletter/Bulletin
Deacon Frances Wood ............................................ The Query Editor
Deacon Les LaRue .................................................. The Query/Bulletin Design

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Live-streaming 9am. ................................................ Bob Ferrara, audio
Live-streaming 11am. .............................................. Shelby Sparks
Virtual Worship Leader ........................................... Casey Easterling

Web Sites .............................................................. John Phelps
ASL Interpreter ........................................................ Pat Dash
Instagram and Facebook ........................................ Casey Easterling