

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

JULY 16, 2017

Prelude *Creator of the Stars of Night* Michael McCabe, arr.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "O Come All Ye Faithful" No. 148

Choral Anthem *We Heard a Baby Crying* Philip Le Bas  
Jennifer Townshend, Karen Rich, Alexandra de Suze

Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
And the power,  
And the glory, forever.  
Amen.

Prayer Response "O Holy Child of Bethlehem" No. 144, v. 4

\*Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 150

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "Epiphany in July"

Offering

Offertory Music *The Kings* Peter Cornelius  
Alexandra de Suze, Brian Long

\*Doxology No. 46

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

\*Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 167

Benediction

Benediction Response "Gloria!" No. 155, Refrain

Postlude *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* Eugene W. Hancock, arr.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.  
Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices before the service.*

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"The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great  
light; those who lived in a  
land of deep darkness—on  
them light has shined."

*Isaiah 9:2*

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### TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. B. J. Hutto; music by  
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Ushers: Joseph Pilla and Jamie Rodriguez-Wise  
Coffee Hour: Jamie Rodriguez-Wise  
Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jennifer Townshend (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),  
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),  
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

*The liturgical color for the season of Christmas is white.  
White is the color of celebration and new life. We celebrate the birth  
of Christ and the promise of new life the world is given in him!*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

**Sunday, July 23** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Rebekah Hutto;  
music, Paul Stephan & the  
MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

**MABC Mini Golf Outing, Saturday, July 22** - Join us for a fun round of mini golf at Pier 25 in Tribeca (225 West St., between Harrison and N. Moore Streets). The cost is \$6 per game. If you're interested in going or have questions, contact Cheryl Sims, csims7@nyc.rr.com, or talk to her at coffee hour after church on Sunday, July 9th.

**Beer and Bible, Thursday, July 27** - Join us on Thursday, July 27th at 6:30 p.m. for a fun evening of fellowship and lively discussion. This month's Beer and Bible will be hosted by Joe and Tracy McMillen (6061 Blvd East, Apt #3, West New York, NJ). They will provide food for the evening, so bring whatever drinks you prefer. Directions to Joe and Tracy's home: Transportation will be on NJ Transit out of gate 212 at the Port Authority. Any bus line at that gate will get you to their place (128, 165, 166, 168). When buying tickets at the gate you will need Zone 2. You must have a ticket to board. The bus stop is Highland Place. If you have questions about the evening or the directions, please contact Tracy: tracyamcmillen@gmail.com.

**Hymn Sing, Sunday, July 30th** - Do you have a favorite hymn? Cast your ballots for the next hymn sing, Sunday, July 30th! Ballots will be available at the 11:00 a.m. service for the next two Sundays. Simply provide the name of the hymn, its number in the hymnal, and your name. On July 30th we'll draw the ballots and sing your favorites. If you're unable to make it to church, simply send your selections to Paul Stephan, pstephan@nyc.rr.com.

**Community Ministries "Blessing Bags," Sunday, July 30** - Please join us after the service on Sunday, July 30th, when we'll prepare "Blessing Bags" — care packages that MABC will keep on hand at the church to give to less fortunate individuals. These bags will have food, coffee, blankets, and hygiene products. We will purchase all the goods and have them ready to prepare. All are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Adom Crew, adom.crew@gmail.com.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

*MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask an usher for a receiver.*



**Save the Date!** Saturday, August 5th is the annual MABC summer trip to Bill Poindexter's home on Fire Island. Van departure is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. in front of the church. Please try to arrive early! The van will leave promptly at 8:30. Suggested donation is \$20 to offset MABC's rental of the van. We will take the ferry from Bay Shore at 10:40 a.m. and then the 5:10 p.m. return ferry from Kismet. Round-trip tickets for the Bay Shore/Kismet ferry are \$19, **cash only**. Please bring food and drinks to share with the group. In addition, don't forget towels, sunscreen, and any other items you might need during the day. All are welcome. However, space is very limited in the van. If you want to ride the van, please contact Brian Crowson in the church office, 212-685-1377 or [info@mabcnyc.org](mailto:info@mabcnyc.org).

**Save the Date!** Saturday, August 19th - MABC picnic at the home of Jamie Rodriguez-Wise. Stay tuned for more information on directions, etc.

#### MABC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming signups for Coffee Hour and ushering. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to this page to see our Sign-Up on SignUp.com: [vols.pt/hJCuf2](https://www.signup.com/vols.pt/hJCuf2)
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy—you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

#### Letter-Writing Volunteers Needed

New Alternatives for LGBT Youth, an organization MABC partnered with earlier in the year for a soup kitchen ministry, has asked for volunteers in writing letters to some of their incarcerated clients. These at-risk individuals often become isolated and vulnerable in jail and this communication helps provide them with support along their journey. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Adom Crew at [adom.crew@gmail.com](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com) for more information.

#### Early Morning Volunteer Opportunity

Every Tuesday morning from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church in mid-town Manhattan (619 Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.) runs a soup kitchen.

They are always looking for volunteers to help out and would welcome members our MABC family with open arms. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Adom Crew, who participates in this ministry weekly. For additional details, contact [adom.crew@gmail.com](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com).

 **We're Searching for Volunteers** For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.

**W**e welcome you to our service this morning! Our church is committed to being one which is inclusive regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic situation. Jesus gave us the supreme example of inclusiveness. In our human way, we attempt to follow.

If you are a visitor, we're glad you're here! Please make sure to fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher. This is a community of faith where everyone is welcome. We hope to see you again!

#### Support MABC Online!

Would you like to support MABC's ministries? MABC accepts contributions through PayPal on the internet. Just follow this link via the QR code below.



#### MABC on Social Media

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Pastor: Rev. Susan G. Sparks  
Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto  
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FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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