

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Celebrating 41 Years
Spirit, Community, Action – Inside & “Out” *January 1, 2023*
New Year’s Day Day

There is a book at the Sanctuary entry where prayer requests may be entered. There is also a Square device at the entry of the Sanctuary if you would like to make your Offering Donation via credit card.

Like Life, The Order of Worship is Subject to Change

Gathering Music Jorge Martinez

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Emma Chattin

Centering

At the sound of the singing bowl,
please take a few moments to prepare yourself for our worship together

Gathering Words ~ *adapted from Kathleen McTigue* Ellis Fraser

One: The first day of January is another day dawning,
the sun rising as the sun always rises, the earth moving as it always moves.

**Many: Yet also we stand at a threshold, the new year is something truly new,
still unformed, leaving a stunning promise of power and potential in our hands.**

One: What shall we do with this great gift of Time this year?

Many: With God, all things are possible!

One: This new year can be new ground for the seeds of our dreams.

Many: Then let us take the step forward together, onto new ground,

All: Planting our dreams well, faithfully, and in joy!

Opening Song This Is A Day of New Beginnings NO. 417
Verses 1,3,4

Community Prayers Dale Bradshaw

First Reading ~ *Luke 2:21-24* Genness Anthony

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived.

When the time came for their purification, according to the law of Moses, the couple took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to God. For it is written in the law of our God, ‘Every firstborn heir is to be consecrated to God.’ They offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of our God, “a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.”

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Second Reading ~ *adapted from Laura Winner in "Still"*

When Julian was just twelve years old and preparing to be confirmed, she told her father—the pastor of the church—she wasn't sure she could go through with it. She wasn't sure she believed everything she was supposed to believe, at least not enough to make a promise before God and her congregation to believe those things forever. Her father told her, "What you promise when you are confirmed is not that you will believe this forever. What you promise when you are confirmed is that this is the story you will wrestle with forever."

Response

Now Bless The God of Israel

No. 110

Reflection

Resolutions, Promises, Covenants

Rev. Emma Chattin

Community Dialogue

Offering Invitation

Kate Gilligan

Offertory

We Are An Offering
by Dwight Liles

MCC NoVA Choir

☞ Welcome To The Table! ☛

Rev. Emma Chattin

Invitation To The Table
Consecration & Words of Institution
Sharing The Open Meal of Christ

Community Blessing ~ Rev. Emma Chattin

Closing Song

Good Christian Friends Rejoice

No. 129

Benediction & Sending Forth

Rev. Emma Chattin

Postlude

☞ Go in Peace ☛