



## MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

**WELCOME**  
**Thank You for Worshipping  
with Us Today!**



Please join us for  
fellowship and coffee  
after Worship in the  
Marble Loft, next door  
(274 5th Ave).



If you are new to Marble,  
please stop by our  
Welcome Center after  
Worship in the Loft for  
a small keepsake.



Children welcome in  
Worship (*activity bags  
available from ushers*).  
We also provide child  
care and activities for  
children through our  
Children, Youth &  
Families Ministry.  
*See page 4.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**One West 29th Street (at Fifth Avenue), New York City**

**Worship: Sundays at 11:00am, Sanctuary; Wednesdays at 6:15pm, Marble Loft**

**Order of Service**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

*PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.*

MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE (10:45am)

*Please listen quietly in preparation for worship.*

*Arias from The Messiah* . . . . . George Frideric Handel

How Beautiful Are the Feet

Aani Bourassa, *soprano*

Thus Saith the Lord and But Who May Abide

Conor MacDonald, *baritone*

He Shall Feed His Flock and Come unto Him All Ye That Labor

Marie Engle, *mezzo-soprano*; Malorie Casimir, *soprano*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP — LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH

Jean Ando, Harry McSween, Ezekiel Montgomery

*People representing Marble's family of faith across generations.*

INTROIT

People Look East . . . . . *French Carol*, arr. Stephen Caracciolo

People, look east, the time is near for the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east, and sing today, Love, the Guest is on the way. Furrows be glad though earth is bare; one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in time the flow'r may flourish. People, look east, and sing today, Love, the Rose, is on the way. Stars keep their watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east, and sing today, Love, the Star, is on the way. Angels announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, "The Lord is coming." People look east, and sing today, Love, the Lord, is on the way! — *Eleanor Farjeon*

**HYMN 185 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** . . . . . *Truro*

INVOCATION

ANTHEM

A Waiting Carol (Advent Song) . . . . . Helen Kemp  
Marble Children's Choir, Fred Meads, *director*

He's coming! He's coming! Oh, tell us, who is coming? Lord Jesus is coming to light our lives again! Each candle is saying, "Get ready for His birthday." Prepare us to greet Him with love and joy, we pray. We wait with joy to greet You. We wait with love to meet You. Come quickly! Quickly come! We wait with joy. Come, holy Boy! Oh, come, see the candles, they sparkle with light. They help us to wait for the Day of Delight! Come, lift up your voices, prepare for the Boy. The birth of the Christ child will fill us with joy! — *Helen Kemp*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

Set Me As a Seal . . . . . René Clausen

HYMN

**Star-Child** . . . . . *Please refer to back page.*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE . . . . . 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (*Pew Bible, page 960*)

Greg Lozier, *newly elected Marble Board Chair*

*After the reading, Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *The Cornerstones of Life: LOVE* . . . . . Dr. Michael Bos  
*Part 2 of Sermon Series*

**HYMN 464** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* . . . . . *Hyfrydol*

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

**ANTHEM** *Love Came Down at Christmas* . . . . . Alan Bullard  
Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, Love divine; love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine. Worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love on earth and heaven, love the universal sign. Love came down at Christmastime.  
— *Christina Rossetti*

**ADVENT HYMN: Emmanuel** . . . . . Kenneth Dake  
*Standing, all sing:*

Em-man-u - el, Em-man-u - el, O come with - in my life to  
dwell, Please make my heart your manger stall, Be born a - new with-in this  
soul, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el, Em man-u - el.

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** *Savior of the Nations, Come* . . . . . J. S. Bach

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Susanah Wade  
The Marble Choir; Bryan Dunnewald, *guest organist-in-residence*

Use of photographic and tape recording equipment is not permitted during the service.  
Assistive Listening System, Large print and Braille copies of bulletin available—ask an usher.

**Please stay after Worship for a special Marble afternoon!** Enjoy our Bake Sale during Coffee Hour followed by our Annual Advent Concert: *Let Heaven and Nature Sing* at 2:30pm. *See page 5 Spotlight for details.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK</b> <i>When we show love, we are at our best.</i> <b>Actually, showing love is the only way to be our best.</b> — Dr. Michael Bos</p>
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**INSPIRATIONS FOR YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY**

**Advent Blog Hosted by the Women's Ministry** — Read inspiring stories, poems, scripture and prayers to help you explore the role the Season of Advent plays in taking steps to transform your life and the lives of others. Dr. Michael Bos and Dr. Elise Brown contribute the Christmas Eve/Day blogs. We also share recipes, volunteer opportunities, and gift ideas that make a difference. Visit [marblewomen.com](http://marblewomen.com).

**Rev. Barbara Crafton's Advent Devotional** — *Let Every Heart Prepare*, available to purchase after Worship at Welcome Center or contact Siobhan Tull ([STull@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:STull@MarbleChurch.org)). Also available on Amazon.

*By entering the Sanctuary, you grant to Marble Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. If you are uncomfortable in the Sanctuary you are welcome to worship downstairs in the Chapel.*

*For This Week at a Glance, please see today's insert. Stop by Welcome Center after Worship during Coffee Hour or visit [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org) for more details and full list of programming.*



### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

**Sunday School — Toddlers - 3rd Grade**, 276 5th Ave, Room 303, 10:00am-12:00pm; **4th - 12th Grade**, 276 5th Ave, Room 300, 10:00am-12:00pm.

**Sunday Nursery — Infant-2yrs old**, 2nd flr, 1 W 29th St, 9:30am-1:00pm.

**Family Worship / TODAY! 10:00-10:45am** — All welcome to join CYF for our Advent Worship. Both Children's Choirs sing and families participate. Message by Rev. Brittany Juliatt Hanlin. Marble Loft.



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**Small Group Ministry** — Being part of a Small Group is a wonderful way to grow spiritually and connect in a deeper way with others in the Marble Community. Visit Small Group Table during Coffee Hour or contact Baleta McKenzie, [BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Labyrinth Walks** — Concourse Level (*downstairs*). Facilitator on hand to answer questions. **Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm; First Sunday of Month, 1:00-3:00pm, also December 30.**

*Please see This Week at a Glance insert for weekly Bible Studies and Prayer Circles.*



### MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**Become a Member** — We would love to have you join us! For information or to sign up, **please come up to the right of the Chancel after Worship** and talk with one of our Membership Team (wearing red carnations). Or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, [KRyan@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:KRyan@MarbleChurch.org) or ext 221.



### OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING OTHERS

*To sign-up or for more information, please visit Action Volunteer Table after Worship during Coffee Hour or contact Tom Schneider, [TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org), ext. 258.*

**Join other Marble volunteers as they celebrate the holidays by serving homeless individuals at three organizations** — Harmonia Residential, Mainchance Drop-In Center, and Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter need your help. Please see Tom Schneider at the Action Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

**Christmas Giving at Marble** — Marble Loft. Visit the Action Table, return gifts today.

**Congregational Care Prayer Shawl Ministry / Monday, December 17, 4:00-5:00pm** — Knit/crochet prayer shawls for ill/homebound. All levels. Materials provided. Peale Parlor. Contact Judy Tulin.

**Marble Fights Hunger** — Please bring food every week (**nutritious, canned/bottled items only**). Drop off bins in 29th St lobby and Marble Loft. Donations distributed to Icahn House.



### PROGRAM MINISTRIES & ALL CHURCH EVENTS

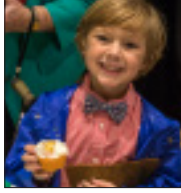
*Our Program Ministries provide opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. For more information, visit Coffee Hour after Worship or [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org).*

**PrimeTime Fellowship Christmas Lunch & Program / Wednesday, December 19, 12:00pm** — All welcome to join us for a special buffet (\$12, PrimeTime members; \$15, guests) Marble Loft (*274 5th Ave*), followed by Marble Staff Christmas Review hosted by Gary Thompson at 1:00pm. Contact Baleta McKenzie [BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Sanctuary Tours / Sundays, December 23 & 30, 12:15pm** — Learn more about Marble's rich history, beautiful windows and discover little-known facts. Meet in center aisle by Communion Table. Approximately 45 minutes.

**MAKE A LEGACY GIFT TO MARBLE WHILE YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!  
CONSIDER A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY.**

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!



### CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

12:15pm, Marble Loft

Enjoy some delicious treats while you wait for the Advent Concert. *Proceeds from the sale go toward helping those affected by the California Wildfires.*



### ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT *LET HEAVEN AND NATURE SING* 2:30pm, Sanctuary

The Marble Choir and Festival of Voices with orchestra directed by Kenneth Dake present music of Handel, Poulenc, Mendelssohn, Herbert Howells, and Kim André Arnesen, along with traditional carols. Featuring narration by British radio and film star **Simon Jones**, with acclaimed US actor **Rhonda Musak**; dance and choreography by **Christopher Bell and LaToya Roberson**.

More than just a holiday concert, this is an encounter with the sacred center of the season. **Admission:** \$40; \$25 seniors; \$20 student tickets (*at door with ID*). **Purchase tickets in the Marble Loft after Worship until 1:00pm.** Beginning at 2:00pm you may purchase at 5th Ave doors. We need all ticket holders to enter through 5th Ave doors or ramp at 5th & 29th St.

*Please note: Childcare provided for children 7 and under, (at 276 5th Ave, 3rd floor). We're sorry, but children under 7 not admitted to concert.*



### MASTERWORKS HERALDING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Special Preludes during Advent — 10:45am

During Advent, arrive early for Worship for this special time of quiet meditation and beautiful music in the Sanctuary. Generously underwritten by Lynda Packard in honor of her parents, Lynn and John Packard, and with heartfelt thanks to the Marble Community.

Sunday, December 16 — Adam Phan, *harp*

Sunday, December 23 — Carols for String Quartet



### MARBLE COMMUNITY OUTREACH (MCO)

MCO was established to enable contributions from individuals with charitable giving matches offered by their employers. It also allows us to support efforts important to members of the Marble community that are beyond the missional care of the congregation. **Members of the MCO Board are available during Coffee Hour to answer questions and visit with you about the giving opportunities.**

*Marble Community Outreach is a 501 (c) 3 organization: IRS 990 approved for tracking and reporting: ID Tax #: 81-3229252 established with seed money from Marble Collegiate Church. MCO will support outreach needs in the community and allow a channel for employer matching gifts. Funds will be used as directed and for support of the agencies selected as beneficiaries of Easter offering and other outreach choices of Marble ministry groups.*

**How to give:** [www.marbleoutreach.org](http://www.marbleoutreach.org), cash or check. Contact us by leaving a message at 212-686-2770, ext 295, or ask for Shana Wolfe.

Marble Community Outreach, 1 West 29 St. New York, NY 10001  
email: [info@marbleoutreach.org](mailto:info@marbleoutreach.org)



### **We are pleased to announce the newly elected officers on the Marble Board:**

Greg Lozier, *Chair*; Rick Harper, *Vice Chair*; Sandy Diaz, *Secretary*; Barbara Sagan, *Treasurer*; Eileen O'Connell, *Church Master* \*

*\*The Church Master's role is to oversee the care and furnishing of the church building.*

# This Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 9, 2018

## TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



**Coffee Hour** — 12:15pm, Marble Loft (*next door, 274 5th Ave*). All invited. Visit Welcome Center and Action Volunteer Table. **Purchase today's sermon CD and Rev. Barbara Crafton's newest book, "Come Here, Jesus"**, at Welcome Center.

**Prayer Room Open** — 12:15pm, next to Reception/29th St Lobby. Pray with a member of Marble Prayer Team or fill out Prayer Request card (cards also in pews).

**Speak to a Stephen Minister** — 12:15pm, Children's Chapel (*2nd floor*). They may be able to help you with spiritual/emotional support in difficult times. Email: StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org.

**The Wall of Hope, Healing and Inspiration** — Hallway outside Labyrinth Room (*downstairs*). View art exhibit sponsored by the Arts Ministry, featuring works reflecting Faith, Transformation, Renewal, Courage, Optimism, Forgiveness, Encouragement, Peace, Wholeness and Restoration. *Artwork displayed on rotating basis.*

**Morgan Library Visit** — 12:30pm, meet at 5th Ave entrance. Join Rev. Barbara Crafton for quick trip to see Pontormo's *Miraculous Encounters* painting up close and discuss its meaning and mysteries. \$20, adults; \$13, seniors & students. (*225 Madison Ave at 36th St*) We return to Marble in time to attend today's Advent Concert at 2:30pm.

**Ecclesia Ministry** — Help host and transport lunches and altar for open-air worship for the homeless in Madison Square Park starting at 2:00pm. Meet in front of 276 5th Ave at 1:30pm.



**POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY AT CHRISTMAS** in honor or memory of loved ones whose names appear in the Sunday December 23 Bulletin. To pay tribute to someone in your life in this special way, please return a Christmas Poinsettias envelope (found in pews and at Reception) with your contribution or contact Shana Wolfe, SWolfe@MarbleChurch.org or ext. 248, **by TODAY, December 9.**

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK



### #WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, DECEMBER 12 — 6:15pm

A blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles, creating an informal and Spirit-filled mix. Music by praise ensemble. Marble Loft (*274 5th Ave*).

Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, preaching. Followed by Christmas Reception hosted by GIFTS, *see below.*

### PRAYER CIRCLE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 — 10:00am

A time of prayer, Scripture reading and hymn singing. Holy Communion. Led by Rev. Gregory Johnson. Weekly. Chapel (*Concourse Level, downstairs*). On December 23, connect from around the world via <https://meeting.broadviewnet.com/j/1126517182> video conference.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP, DECEMBER 16— 11:00am

**The Cornerstones of Life: Joy** — Dr. Michael Bos. Part 2 of Sermon Series. *Third Sunday in Advent.* Special music for Advent, 10:45am, *see page 5 Spotlight.*

*If you can't be here in person, live stream Sunday & Wednesday Worship at MarbleChurch.org.*

## OTHER EVENTS



**Bible Study with Rev. Barbara Crafton** — **Sundays, 10:00am**, Labyrinth Room; **Tuesdays, 6:30pm**, Labyrinth Room; **Bread & Bible, Thursdays, 12:00pm**, Marble Loft.

**Wednesday Morning Prayers with Rev. Gregory Johnson** — **Weekly, 11:00am**, Chapel.

**GIFTS: LGBTQ Christmas Reception / Wednesday, December 12, 7:15-9:00pm** — All welcome to join our LGBTQ community and allies after WeWo. Hot cider and holiday treats. No charge. Marble Loft.



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## More Spotlights



### **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

**Mondays, December 10 & 17**

**12:00-1:15pm, Peale Parlor**

Grief has no expiration date. Any significant loss changes life forever. All are welcome to participate in this understanding community. Share your personal story in a confidential atmosphere of love and faith. Led by Rev. Don Jiskoot, Susan Konsker and Dieter Killinger. Please sign up with Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770, ext. 207.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16**

### **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**

**12:15pm, Marble Loft**

Enjoy warm fellowship and a delicious meal, plus live music. \$20, adults; \$10, children. No reservations necessary.



### **CYF CHRISTMAS SHOW**

**1:30pm, Sanctuary**

All are invited to celebrate Christmas with the Children, Youth and Families Ministry. Listen to the Christmas story, enjoy music by the CYF Choirs and sing favorite carols. Free.



### **TRAVELERS' CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

**Wednesday, December 19, 6:15-7:15pm**

Are you traveling away from New York for Christmas? Come celebrate Christmas with your Marble family before you go! Join us as traditional Christmas music, candle lighting and joy fill the Sanctuary. Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Anthony Livolsi, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, the Gospel Choir, Marble Festival of Voices and the WeWo Praise Team.



### **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

**Monday, December 24**

***Merry Christmas, NYC!* — 4:00pm**

Celebrate the season with a playful heart at this family-friendly service. Led by Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin and Jessica Scovel. Followed by a birthday party for Jesus in Marble Loft.

***The Cornerstones of Life: New Beginnings*  
6:30 & 8:30pm**

Meditation by Dr. Michael Bos. Holy Communion celebrated at 8:30pm service. Music prelude with The Marble Choir and brass ensemble at 6:10

and 8:10pm. Festive Reception between services, 7:45pm, in Marble Loft. *If you can't be here in person, visit [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org) for live streaming video of Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30pm.*

*Childcare provided at all services.*

*As always we anticipate a large number of friends, family and visitors at our services. Please come early for your choice of seating and join us in welcoming all who will be worshipping with us.*



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## MARBLE STAFF

For full staff list and email addresses, please visit [MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff](http://MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff).

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Michael Bos, *Senior Minister*; Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., *Executive Minister*  
Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, *Associate Minister*; Rev. Anthony Livolsi, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

### Spiritual Teacher

Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

### Prayer Circle

Rev. Gregory Johnson

### Program Leadership

Kenneth V. Dake, *Director of Music*      Rev. Charles S. Miller, *Interim Chief Financial Officer*  
Christina Morano Keiser, *Director of Media & Communication*      Kim Sebastian-Ryan, *Director of Membership & Connecting*

*Elders:* Stephanie M. Bailey, Peter Barnett, T. Hunter Dare, Marcelle E. Doll, Rick Harper  
Sheila B. Moses, Eileen A. O'Connell, John E. Rorer, II, Gregory W. Walker  
Clair J. Zak, *Elder Emerita*

*Deacons:* Trenesa Danuser, Sandra Diaz, Nick Gilman  
Ted Gregory, G. Gregory Lozier, Barbara Sagan

*Serving as Deacons to Intersections International:* Dick Behn, Barbara Costigan



### Vision:

We envision a world where we all become the individuals God created us to be.

### Mission:

Marble Collegiate Church is a diverse, inclusive community of God's people led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We inspire everyone to become positive thinkers who make a difference in the world.

## STAR-CHILD

Text by Shirley Erena Murray; tune by Carlton R. Young



1. Star - Child, earth-Child, go - be-tween of God,  
2. Street child, beat child, no place left to go,  
3. Grown child, old child, mem-ory full of years,  
4. Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu-pend - ous sign,



love Child, Christ Child, heav-en's light - ning rod,  
hurt child, used child, no one wants to know,  
sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears,  
down - to - earth Child, Star of stars that shine,



This year, this year, let the day ar - rive when



Christ-mas comes for ev - ery-one, ev - ery-one a - live!