

MANHATTAN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Day, July 30th, 2017

Welcome

We are so excited you can be here today to join in worshipping the God of the universe with Manhattan Presbyterian Church. We love God and are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in Manhattan, Kansas. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers so please ask. You'll find a visitor card in the pew, please fill it out and place in the offering later in the service. Again, we're really glad you're here.

Sunday Information

Nursery

Nursery is provided on the north side of the building (to the right from the entryway) for children 4 and under, but they are also always welcome in the service.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the entrance hallway.

Children's Sunday School

We currently have two 8-week sessions of Children's Sunday School: one in the Fall and one in the Spring. It's for kids 4 years old and up and meets immediately after the service.

Why Robes?

The pastors wear robes during the service which might seem odd. This has been a tradition of the church for many centuries. It helps connect us to our past heritage.

The robe also helps emphasize the office of the pastor and de-emphasize the personality of the men in the pulpit. It serves to take notice away from what Brian, Travis, Tim or Jon are wearing that particular Sunday, thus focusing us away from their terrible fashion senses and onto Christ himself. At first it may seem odd, but after a few services you won't notice it, which is partly the point.

To the Parents of Young Children:

Welcome! We are so glad you are here and we would especially like to welcome those of you with young children. In order to make the most of your time with us, may we suggest the following:

Relax! Unlike many places, we want Manhattan Pres to be a place where children are both seen and heard! So don't worry if your children wiggle in the pew or make a little noise. This is God's house and all are welcome - especially the little children!

If you can, sit toward the front of the sanctuary where it is easier for the children to see and hear. Children, like the rest of us, tire easily from staring at the backs of other peoples' heads!

Quietly explain the different parts of the service so the children understand what's going on.

Sing the hymns, pray the prayers, and participate in the responses. Children learn how to worship by imitating you.

If you have to step outside of the sanctuary during the service, feel free to do so. But please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

Let's be sure to welcome the children so that they always know that the church is for them as much as it is for the rest of us!

To the Members of our Church Family:

The presence of children is a gift to our church, and they are a tangible reminder that our church family is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents. They probably need it! Children, please feel free to draw or write on this worship program as well as the children's bulletin or Children's Sermon Note sheets available.

NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Groups

During the school year we have two small groups that meet every other week (one on Thursday evening and one Sunday after church) to study God's word, share a meal and fellowship. We take a break from them in the summer, but we will continue to have various fellowship activities. Keep an eye out in the bulletin and on our MPC Community Facebook page.

Hosting Presbytery Meeting

Friday, August 4th and Saturday, August 5th

The Elders of Heartland Presbytery meet 3 times a year for meetings, worship and fellowship. The churches in the Presbytery rotate hosting and Manhattan Pres is hosting this August's meeting!

Here's where we need you!

If you can, sign up to bring part of the dinner or breakfast for the men at PerfectPotluck.com

(user: Durrett password: 6705)

Volunteers are also needed to help serve dinner Friday at 6pm and breakfast Saturday at 7:30am. Contact Laura if you can help.

Everyone is also invited to a worship service here at 7pm, Friday Aug 4th

No Monthly Prayer Gathering in August due to Presbytery meeting

We will resume meeting on the first Sat of the month to pray together in September.

Serving

If you would like to use your gifts and time to serve please let us know.

Serving Today (July 30th 2017)

Musicians:

Piano: Katie Thomas

Singers: Tricia Dunning, Derek Ervin

Sound:

Nursery: Dave & Katie Hardy

Greeter: Andrea Cline

Lord's Supper Prep: Cline Clan

Bread Baker: Heidi McFadden

Announcements: Samuel Kassing

Serving Next Week (August 6th 2017)

Musicians:

Piano: Katie Thomas

Guitar: Sam Curry

Singers: Jordan Perlstein, Tricia Dunning

Sound: Craig Cline

Nursery: Hayley Likovetz & Rachel Cooper

Greeter: Jon & Jack Dunning

Lord's Supper Prep: Hope Perlstein

Bread Baker: Christie Langevin

Announcements: Shawn Brandmahl

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Galatians 5:13

Reflection

“The concept of man as a gardener is highly suggestive: A gardener does not destroy nature, nor leave it as it is. He cultivates and develops it, enhancing its beauty, usefulness, and fruitfulness. So God expects his servants to bring all creation under his lordship. Science, engineering, art, education, government are all part of his responsibility. We are to bring every dimension of life, both spiritual and material, under the rule and law of God.”

- Tim Keller

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.”

- Genesis 1:31

Standing

God invites us to worship Him, we respond to His invitation.

Call to Worship from Psalm 92:1-2; 34:3

Pastor: It is good to praise the LORD
and make music to your name, O Most High,

**People: To proclaim your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night.**

Pastor: Magnify the LORD with me.

People: Let us exalt his name together!

O Worship The King

O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
While angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Standing

Psalm 145:10

“All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!”

Ineffable means too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words

Words: Robert Grant (1779-1838)

Music: Johann Michael Haydn

Public Domain

Standing

Pastor Brian
Hough

Prayer of Adoration

This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. This prayer focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.

Each week after the Prayer of Adoration with one voice we pray the Lord's Prayer.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which 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, forever.

Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 7-11

Pastor: What are the decrees of God?

People: **The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.**

Pastor: How doth God execute his decrees?

People: **God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.**

Pastor: What is the work of creation?

People: **The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

Pastor: How did God create man?

People: **God created man, male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.**

Pastor: What are God's works of providence?

People: **God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

Standing

Catechism is a strange word. It's basic meaning is "to teach orally." They are written as a series of questions and answers designed to teach the people of God a summary of what the Scriptures teach, also called doctrine.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism was written 1647.

Gloria Patri is a brief historical praise to God which clearly sets forth Trinitarian understanding

Sitting

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, Christians are called to come before our holy God with honesty and transparency, confessing our brokenness and asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ.

See **1 John 1:9** for more on confession.

The Words of Assurance declare the good news that all those who hope in Jesus alone to make them right with God are forgiven, not based on their own merits, but based on God's promise of salvation in Christ.

We Confess Our Sin

Holy God,

**You sent Your Son Jesus to be our peace,
and yet we know so much strife and war
in the world,
in our communities,
in our churches,
and within ourselves.**

**Untie the knots of envy and disappointment
that dwell in our hearts.**

**Loosen our grasp on worldly things,
that we might open our hands to holy things.**

**Grant us repentance of our sin and turn our hearts to You,
and make us whole, we ask.**

Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Romans 8:37-39

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

The Love of Christ Is Rich & Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

**Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.**

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart.

Chorus

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove.

Standing

Ephesians 2:4-5

"But God,
being rich in
mercy,
because of the
great love with
which he
loved us, even
when we were
dead in our
trespasses,
made us alive
together with
Christ—by
grace you
have been
saved"

Words: William
Gadsby

Music: Sandra
McCracken

Standing

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as, “The peace of Christ with you” and the response, “And also with you.”

1 John 4

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: Let us love one another, for love comes from God.

People: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Pastor: Friends, since God so loved us, we ought to show our love towards one another. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Sitting

The Pastoral Prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Travis Shanahan

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings

The offering is a way for Christians to support the church's mission and ministry. Christians give back to God a portion of all the resources which God has given. We give as an act of faith and gratitude in response to God's grace to us.

Words for Reflection

Ever-faithful God,
we long to be faithful givers,
modeling ourselves on you
who have given everything to us.
May your Spirit of abundance,
which gives more than we ask or imagine,
grace these gifts for your kingdom
in Jesus' name, Amen.

Sitting

We include Tithes and Offering in the service because we view it as a means of participating in worship.

If you are guest today please feel no obligation to give.

We preach from the English Standard Version.

As the Bible is the primary means by which God speaks to and edifies His people, we read and listen to the Scriptures together in worship. In ancient Israel and the early church, services of worship were organized for the public reading of Scripture - a practice vital to building up the community of faith.

A sermon is not just a teaching for living; it is mainly a time when Christ encounters His people through His Word.

Here is the Sea, Great and Wide: Psalm 104

Pastor Jon Dunning

Isaiah 40:8

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.”

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

**You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.**

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

Standing

Psalm 86:15

“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”

Words & Music:
Dawn Rodgers &
Eric Wyse

ccl# 11250329

The Lord's Supper

Communion is a sign and seal for those who believe in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of sin. It's not for good people. It's for you if you believe and embrace that you are worse and more messed up than you ever dare to admit; and yet you are more loved and accepted by our Savior than you had ever dared to hope - this is because of the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus for you.

You will be invited to come forward. We serve wine, but also offer grape juice (cups on the outside rings) for those who prefer for reasons of personal conviction.

Children are welcome to come with their parents. Each child should talk with the elders about his or her belief in Christ before taking the Lord's Supper. Please contact us to do that at a future date.

If you are not taking the Lord's Supper with us today, we don't want this to be an awkward time. You can come forward and an elder will pray with you or you may stay seated and pray one of the prayers provided on the next page. We're glad you're here today.

Words of Institution

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God are for the people of God. Come eat and drink with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The prayers below are provided as guides for your silent, individual prayer during the Lord's Supper

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

PRAYER OF FAITH

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Standing

“ere” means “before”

Words: Ancient Irish poem from 8th century Arranged by David Evans, 1927

1. Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are,
that have been,
And that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

2. O that birth forever blessed,
when the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the
Savior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face, evermore
and evermore!

3. This is He Whom
heav'n taught singers
sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines, the long expected,
Let creation praise its Lord, evermore
and evermore!

4. O ye heights of heav'n adore Him;
Angel host His praises sing;
All dominions, bow before Him, and
extol our God and King!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring, evermore
and evermore!

5. Christ, to Thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Benediction

“Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen and Amen.”

Psalms 89:52

Benediction is parting words of Scripture to encourage the people of God as they leave.

Doxology

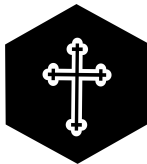
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Doxology is a hymn containing an ascription of praise to God.

Thomas Ken, 1709

The Service of Covenant Renewal concludes

**Go Love Your God
Go Love Your Neighbor**



LOVE GOD | LOVE NEIGHBOR

HOW
Great
THOU
ART



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