

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, December 31st, 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 under 4 years, 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.

Why Church Membership?

Nowhere in Scripture do we see Christianity apart from commitment to community; we need community and we need to know what the expectations of that community are. Here are a few reasons why Church Membership is important for you, your family and the rest of the church.

1. Just like marriage is a bigger commitment than dating so church membership is a bigger commitment than attending. When you join in membership you are making a visible commitment to Christ and His Church.

2. We live in a world that is afraid to commit to anything, we wish to be a church that doesn't just reflect the culture, but challenges it. Committing to a local church will help you understand what commitment is both to you and from you to others.

3. Church membership keeps us accountable to each other. When we join a church we are offering ourselves to one another to be encouraged, rebuked, corrected, and served. We are placing ourselves under leaders and submitting to their authority (Heb. 13:7). We are saying, "I am here to stay. I want to help you grow in godliness. Will you help me to do the same?"

4. Similarly, joining the church in membership will help your pastor and elders be more faithful shepherds. Hebrews 13:7 says "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority." That's your part. Here's ours: "They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." We take seriously our responsibility before God to watch over your souls.

5. Joining the church gives you an opportunity to make promises. When you become a member at Manhattan Presbyterian Church, you make promises to pray, give, serve, attend worship, seek the spiritual guidance of the church, obey its teachings, and seek the things that make for unity, purity, and peace. We ought not to make these promises lightly.

(Adapted from a document Kevin DeYoung wrote on Church Membership)

NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Groups

***NOTE! Perfect Potluck sign ins are changing:**

Thursday group Username: Thursday - Password: 1234

Sunday group Username: Sunday - Password: 1234

The Thursday group will start back up this week, **January 4th** with game night at the Durrett's (2505 Sumac Dr). Join us for dinner and fellowship! Sign up to bring something at PerfectPotluck.com using new sign in above.

The Sunday group will start back up January 14th

Sunday Parish meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month;
Thursday Parish meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday.

Musicians and singers needed!

If you can sing, or play an instrument, we need you! We are in need of more musicians (any instrument) and singers (any level) to sing on Sunday mornings. You will receive the music earlier in the week and practice is at 8am the Sunday you sing/play. Contact Tim or Laura if you can help!

Sound people needed too!

We are also in need of more people to run sound on Sunday mornings. The commitment is about once a month and showing up the Sunday mornings you are scheduled at 8am (with the musicians). No knowledge or experience necessary! We will train you on all the equipment! See Tim or Laura if you are interested!

Men's Study

Saturday, January 6th, 8:30a

BlueStem Bistro in Aggieville

Guys (HS and college included!) join us for a study of the Westminster Confession. No preparation or prior knowledge necessary.

This study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month

Serving

Serving Today (December 31st 2017)

Musicians:

Piano: Nicola Cyr

Singers: Derek Ervin & Christine Durrett

Sound: Craig Cline

Nursery: Laura Hough & Heidi McFadden

Greeter: Andrea Cline

Lord's Supper Prep: Cline Sons & Daughter

Bread Baker: Craig Cline

Announcements: Veronica St Claire

Serving Next Week (January 7th 2018)

Musicians:

Piano: Katie Thomas

Singers: Juli & Eric Simpson

Sound: Ryan Cyr

Nursery: A Durrett & Tricia Dunning

Greeter: Hope Perlstein

Lord's Supper Prep: Hope Perlstein

Bread Baker: Andrea Cline

Announcements: Amy Shanahan

How to Help Serve

If you are interested or willing to serve in any way please let us know.

We always need more hands to make light work.

Nursery contact Katie Hardy, katie.hardy@cru.org

Music (instruments/singing) & Sound contact Tim Durrett,
timothy_durrett@yahoo.com

Greeting & Lord's Supper prep contact Hope Perlstein,
hope.perlstein@gmail.com

Anything else, Brian Hough, brian@manhattanpres.com

“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 5:1

Reflection

“If God is the creator of all things, and if the Bible has his seal of truth and power, then the Bible has the right to interrogate my life and culture, and not the other way around.”

- Rosaria Butterfield

“O Lord...you struck my heart with your Word, and from that moment I loved you.”

- St. Augustine

“I can’t make the Bible come alive for anyone. The Bible is already alive. It makes me come alive.”

- R.C. Sproul

Standing

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

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Pastor: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is
renewed like the eagle’s.”**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God; When I in awesome wonder
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
 I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder
 Thy pow'r thru'out; The universe displayed

**Then sings my soul
 My Savior God to Thee
 How great Thou art
 How great Thou art (2x)**

When through the woods; And forest glades I wander
 And hear the birds; Sing sweetly in the trees
 When I look down; From lofty mountain grandeur
 And hear the brook; And feel the gentle breeze

Chorus

And when I think; That God His Son not sparing
 Sent Him to die; I scarce can take it in
 That on the cross; My burden gladly bearing
 He bled and died; To take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come; With shout of acclamation
 And take me home; What joy shall fill my heart
 Then I shall bow; In humble adoration
 And there proclaim; My God how great Thou art

Chorus

Standing

Psalm 92:5

“How great are
 your works, O
 Lord! Your
 thoughts are
 very deep!”

Deuteronomy 10:17

“For the Lord
 your God is
 God of gods
 and Lord of
 lords, the
 great, the
 mighty, and
 the awesome
 God, who is
 not partial and
 takes no
 bribe.”

Words: Carl Gustav
 Boberg 1885
 verses 1 & 2 in
 Swedish. English
 and verses 3 & 4.
 Stuart K. Hine,
 1949

Music: Swedish
 folk song

ccl# 11250329

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 Question 1 & 2

Pastor: What is the chief end of man?

People: **Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

Pastor: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

People: **The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

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

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

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

Pastor: Lord, when the prophet Isaiah was confronted with your holiness, he exclaimed:

People: **“Woe is me! For I am lost;
for I am a man of unclean lips,
and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”**

Pastor: Lord, without your mercy, we, too, are lost.

People: **Forgive us for the sins that we commit so readily –
our arrogance toward other people;
our neglect of those whom you call us to love;
our pride in our accomplishments and position;
our worship of idols: those lesser gods that we try to
find satisfaction in.**

Pastor: Forgive us through the blood of Jesus,
our merciful Savior and Advocate.

People: **Our hope is in you Lord; Amen.**

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Jeremiah 33:8

“I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.”

I will glory in my Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer
 Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
 Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
 And hung Him on that judgment tree
 I will glory in my Redeemer
 Who crushed the power of sin and death
 My only Savior before the holy Judge
 The Lamb who is my righteousness
 The Lamb who is my righteousness

I will glory in my Redeemer
 My life He bought, my love He owns
 I have no longings for another
 I'm satisfied in Him alone
 I will glory in my Redeemer
 His faithfulness my standing place
 Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
 My feet are firm, held by His grace
 My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer
 Who carries me on eagles' wings
 He crowns my life with lovingkindness
 His triumph song I'll ever sing
 I will glory in my Redeemer
 Who waits for me at gates of gold
 And when He calls me, it will be paradise
 His face forever to behold
 His face forever to behold

Standing

Jeremiah 9:23-24:

"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,
 Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this,
 That he understands and knows Me,
 That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.
 For in these I delight," says the Lord."

Words & Music:
 Steve & Vikki Cook,
 2000

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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

Sitting

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

Passing of the Peace

From 1 Peter 2:25

Pastor: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. We were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Tim Durrett

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

Generous God;
Over and over your grace sustains us,
over and over your love provides for us,
over and over your arm steadies us.
We give you these gifts,
with gratitude and joy,
thankful that you are God over all.
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.

How to Read the Bible: Psalm 119:18 and 36

Pastor Dave Upchurch

Isaiah 40:8

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

Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Upon a Life I have not lived,
 Upon a Death I did not die,
 Another's Life; Another's Death,
 I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
 Not on the sorrows I have known,
 Another's tears; Another's griefs,
 On these I rest, on these alone.

**O Jesus, Son of God,
 I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
 There both my life and death I read,
 my guilt, and pardon there I see.**

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
 As one who has Thy Word believed!
 I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
 As one who has Thy gift received.

**O Jesus, Son of God,
 I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
 There both my death and life I read,
 my guilt, and pardon there I see.
 (2x)**

Standing

1 Peter 1:3
 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

Words: Horatius Bonar

Music: Kevin Twit

Meter: 8888

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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.

Standing

**Philippians
2:9-11**

“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Credits: Words by
Dustin Kensrue,
arrangement by
Kings Kaleidoscope

All Glory Be To Christ

(Tune of Auld Lang Syne)

Should nothing of our efforts stand, No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy, The thirsty without price
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am, The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new.

Behold our God shall live with us, And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” amen.

Romans 15:13

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

Doxology

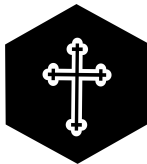
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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



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