

Advent

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**“The true light, which gives light to everyone,
was coming into the world.”**

John 1:9

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 3rd, 2023





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. Our website ManhattanPres.com also has a lot of information about our beliefs and values, check it out for more information about Manhattan Pres. Again, we're really glad you're here.

Nursery

It's downstairs for kids 3 and under! They are also always welcome to stay in the service!

Coffee, tea and snacks

Grab a drink and snack from the bar and feel free to bring it to your seat!

Restrooms

Restrooms are located downstairs. There is a handicapped accessible restroom in the hall next to the foyer.

Balcony

If you need to go up to social distance properly please do.

Bibles

Bibles are available on the Welcome Table for you to use or keep.

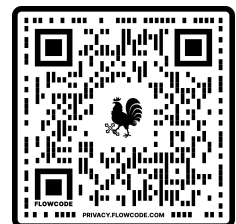
Prayer

The elders take seriously their call to pray for you and are honored to pray with and for you.

Email prayer requests to prayer@manhattanpres.com

Visitor Cards/Information

Pick up a visitor card at the Welcome Table and place it in the offering plate later in the service or scan this code. We also have a packet on the Welcome Table that's full of info about who we are and what we believe. Please grab one!



Serving

Serving Today (December 3rd 2023)

Musicians:

Singers: Madi Allen and Tricia Dunning

Sound: George Durrett

Nursery: Brookelyn Fernelius and Amanda Braun

Worship Training: Rachel Martinusek and Berkley Hough

Greeter: John Hollar & Carter Sawyer

Snacks: Helen and Thomas Durrett

Coffee: Carter Sawyer and Wyatt Dougherty

Lord's Supper Set up: Carter Sawyer and Wyatt Dougherty

Bread Baker: Helen/Christine Durrett

Announcements: Tim Durrett n

Serving Next Week (December 10th, 2023)

Musicians:

Singers: Amanda Braun and Hailey Pasque

Instruments: Sonder Crane, Todd Crane, Christine Durrett, John Frigon,
Evan Bassler

Sound: Alex Curto

Nursery: Felecia Keister and Amelia Schubert

Worship Training: Emily Thiesen and Mike Benoit

Greeter: Benoits

Snacks: Kristin Benoit

Coffee: Benoits

Lord's Supper Set up: Benoits

Bread Baker: Kristin Benoit

Announcements: A Benoit

We need more people to help!!

Scan this code to see ways to serve and sign up!



Get involved in a Small Group!

We gather together for fellowship and to dig deeper into discussions on how God's Word shapes our lives.

Sunday Afternoon

Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays after worship

Pat Zimmerman's home (2320 Players Circle)

If you are interested in this group,

contact Caleb Kothmann to join or for more information (913-707-2488)

Sunday Evening

Meets 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings at 6:30p

Graham and Rebekah Roses' home (908 Brierwood Dr.)

If you are interested in this group,

contact Graham to join or for more information (785-236-1744)

Wednesday Evening (2 groups)

Childcare provided at these!

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings at 6:30p

Adam and Emily Thiesens' home (830 Leavenworth)

OR

Cooper and Hailey Pasque' home (3351 Newbury St)

If you are interested one of these groups,

contact Adam (785-341-2853) or Cooper (405-802-7711)

Youth Bible Study and Fellowship Nights

Youth 7th-12th, come join us!!

Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 6:30p

at Durretts' home (1703 Fairview)

We are studying Ecclesiastes.

Fellowship: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 6:30p

at Flaggs' home (2105 Farming Dale Ct)

Coffee & Theology

2nd Saturday of every month from 8:00 to 9:15am

Eames Building: 330 Poyntz, upstairs in conference room:

Next meeting: December 9th

Men & Women, Adults, College and High Schoolers invited

We will discuss chapter 3 of *Biblical Hermeneutics*.

See Travis or Ryan with questions

Women's Annual Ornament and Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 16th, 10a

Annie Renz's house (2820 Nevada)

Bring a new, wrapped ornament to exchange White Elephant style, and a batch of cookies to exchange as well if you'd like to take home a selection of yummy treats!

Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 24th, 4:30p

Join us for our candlelight service of Lessons & Carols celebrating Christ's birth. No nursery, children join us for this short service.

Salina Church Plant

Please join us in praying for a potential church plant in Salina. The efforts are being led by Brad & Emily Irvin. If you know of anyone in or near Salina who might be interested in being part of this work, please connect them to the Irvins, or share with them this website, SalinaPCA.org

Reflection

"Depend upon it, if you walk closely with God forty years, you will at the end of that time have a much lower opinion of yourself than you have now."

- John Newton

"Adam lost Paradise. Jesus regains Paradise."

- Unknown

Standing

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

Call to Worship

Micah 5:2

Pastor: What word did the Lord give the Prophet Micah?

People: "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
 Op'ning to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 Drive the dark of doubt away;
 Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
 Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
 Stars and angels sing around Thee,
 Center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird and flowing fountain; Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
 Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
 All who live in love are Thine;
 Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
 Which the morning stars began;
 Father love is reigning o'er us,
 Brother love binds man to man.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 Victors in the midst of strife,
 Joyful music lifts us Sunward
 In the triumph song of life.

Standing

Psalm 71:23
 "My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed."

"vale" means valley

Words: Henry Van Dike

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven & Edwards Hodges

Standing Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Brian
Hough

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

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1 & 2

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Pastor: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

People: **First, how great my sins and misery are;**
Second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery;
Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

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 Heidelberg Catechism was written 1563, there are 129 Questions and Answers.

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

Father, we confess before you that we have sinned in the things we think about and in the things we choose to forget which are important to you.

We've sinned in the words we've said to others, and the words we've left unsaid that needed to be spoken.

We've sinned in things we've done to our co-workers, our family, our friends,

and those you've placed in our path each day, and we've neglected to truly love you and love our neighbor.

Have mercy on us though we are undeserving.

In the words of Lamentations 5:21,

"Restore us to yourself, O LORD, that we may be restored!"

Forgive us and look upon us as those who are clothed in the perfect righteousness of Christ Jesus.

Stir up our hearts to more fully trust that Christ died for us, rose for us, and will come again for us.

It's in Christ's name that we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Psalm 51:17

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rob & Rachel Martinusek

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!"

Standing

Habakkuk 2:20
"But the LORD
is in his holy
temple; let all
the earth keep
silence before
him."

Homage - To
give special
honor.

Words: Gerard
Moultrie 1864

Music: Ralph
Vaughan Williams
1906

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

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Ryan Cyr

The elders take seriously their call to pray for you and are honored to pray with and for you.

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Dismissal for Children’s Worship Training

Children nursery to age 6 are invited to join us for prayer and then a time of teaching during the sermon. They will rejoin us before the Lord’s Supper.

We Give Generously

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

God calls us to be generous
 not when all the bills are paid
 not when we have everything we need
 not when we see our way clear.
 God calls us to be generous now,
 in this present moment,
 trusting in God who is our Provider.
 And so we give freely, as we have received freely,
 we love fully as we have been fully loved.

Accept the gifts of our hands and the thankfulness of our hearts
 and hands and voices, all lifted in praise to you, God of our life!
 Amen.

Sitting

We include giving 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.

Online Giving Option

We learn in the Scriptures that giving is an act of worship to God. That is why we include an offering in the liturgy each week. We also know that in an era when we don't use checks or cash very often, remembering to bring it to church with you can be difficult. In order to assist your desire to faithfully support Manhattan Pres the Elders have set up an online giving option. You can give via check or card; one time or a reoccurring gift. As always, all gifts are tax deductible under our 501(c)(3) status.

To give online, scan the circle or go to
manhattanpres.churchcenter.com
 We will always have time of offering
 in the worship service as well





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.

East of Eden: Genesis 3:20-24

Pastor Brian Hough

Isaiah 40:8

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

I. The Naming of Eve (v.20)

II. Clothed By God (v.21)

III. Evicted From Paradise (v.22-24)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

Chorus

O come, thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Chorus

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Chorus

Standing

Isaiah 59:20

“And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression,” declares the Lord.”

Words: Latin Antiphons, 12th century

Adapted by John Mason Neale, 1851

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 join us as we circle the room. We serve wine, but also offer grape juice (cups on the outside ring) for those who prefer for reasons of personal conviction. We offer a gluten-free bread option in the pre-packaged cups. Please ask, as we deliver the elements, if you are unsure.

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. Simply allow the elements to pass you by. We encourage you to consider 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.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Standing

Luke 2:25

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.”

“Day-spring”

means dawn and is reference to Luke 1:78

Words: Verses 1 & 4
Charles Wesley,
1744. Verses 2 & 3
Mark Hunt 1978

Music: Charles
Wesley

Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear Desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee
Day-spring from on high appear
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth”

Come to earth to taste our sadness
He whose glories knew no end
By his life he brings us gladness
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend
Leaving riches without number
Born within a cattle stall
This the everlasting wonder
Christ was born Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Benediction

Pastor: God the Father, who loved the world
so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for eternal life.

God the Son, who comes to us
as Redeemer and Judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

God the Holy Spirit, by whose working
the virgin Mary conceived Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.

People: Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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.

The Service of Covenant Renewal concludes

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



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

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

Thomas Ken, 1709

LOVE GOD | LOVE NEIGHBOR



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