

Advent

AT MANHATTAN PRES



**“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 10th, 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.

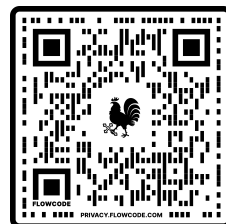
Prayer

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 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

Serving Next Week (December 17th, 2023)

Musicians:

Piano: Chloe Shanahan

Singers: Amanda Braun and Adam Thiesen

Viola: Christine Durrett

Sound: Ashton Bartlett

Nursery: Stephanie McAlister and Taylor Veldkamp

Worship Training: Hailey Pasque and Helen Durrett

Greeter: Dennis and Stephanie McAlister

Snacks: Jenna Breshears

Coffee: Ashton Bartlett and Ben Geyer

Lord's Supper Set up: Ashton Bartlett and Ben Geyer

Bread Baker: Dunnings

Announcements: Blake Rhymes

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 Job.

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

at Flaggs' home (2105 Farming Dale Ct)

Dec 17th- Cookie and White Elephant gift exchange (funny gifts!)

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! All ages invited to join!

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.

Join our texting service!

**This is the primary way we communicate!
And bonus, you get serving reminders too! ;)**

Scan this code:



Reflection

“We all long for [Eden], and we are constantly glimpsing it. Our whole nature is... still soaked with a sense of exile.”

- J.R.R. Tolkien

“I think that churches would be places of greater intimacy and growth in Christ if people stopped lying about what we need, what we fear, where we fail, and how we sin. “

- Rosaria Butterfield

Standing

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

Call to Worship

Based on Isaiah 9

Pastor: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light

People: **Those who dwelt in the land of the darkness, on them has light shined.**

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King:
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With th'angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King."**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord!
 Late in time behold him come,
 Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
 Hail th'incarnate Deity,
 Pleas'd as man with men to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
 Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 Ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 Born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth,
 Born to give them second birth.

Refrain

Standing

Luke 2:13-14

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!""

"incarnate"
 mean
 embodied in
 flesh

Words & Music:
 Charles Wesley,
 1739

Mendelssohn

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 15 & 16

Pastor: What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

People: **One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.**

Pastor: Why must he be a true and righteous man?

People: **He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.**

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,

from eternity you prepared a way for our redemption through the coming of your Son.

You sent your holy prophets through the generations to kindle in our hearts a holy anticipation of our blessed Savior.

How we marvel that he was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquity.

The healing for which our hearts long is found in Christ alone.

Grant us this day, therefore, a measure of your grace to genuinely confess our sins before you.

Renew us in faith and love that we may welcome Christ to rule our lives, both now and forever.

Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

1 John 2:1-2

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Braun Family

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful; Joyful and triumphant
 O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem
 Come and behold Him
 Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

God of God; Light of Light
 Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb;
 Very God begotten not created:

Chorus

Sing choirs of angels; Sing in exultation
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above
 Glory to God in the highest

Chorus

Yea Lord we greet Thee; Born this happy morning
 Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
 Word of the Father
 Late in flesh appearing

Chorus

Standing

Luke 2:15

“When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

This hymn was originally written in Latin and titled “Adeste fideles”

Many of the lyrics are credited to monks, before it was put into hymn form in 1744.

Abhor = hate
 Late = now

Words & Music: C. Frederick Oakeley,

Translation: John Francis Wade

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 Psalm 130:7-8

Pastor: Hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. He will redeem his people from all their iniquities.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Tim Durrett

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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

Lord we give you today what is already yours.
 You provide so much for us,
 blessings pressed down,
 shaken together,
 running over.
 Thank you for giving us the ability to give,
 and cheerful hearts to do it.
 Amen.

Sitting

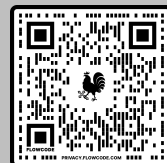
We include giving in the service because we view it as a means of participating in worship.

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.

The Curse At Work: Genesis 4:1-14

Pastor Brian Hough

Isaiah 40:8

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

I. Agriculture Bros & Their Offerings To God (v.1-5)

II. Crouching Sin, Hidden Desire (v.6-7)

III. A Warning Ignored, A Murder Occurred (v.8)

IV. The Consequences of Cain's Sin (v.9-14)

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Chorus

And by the light of that same star
three Wise Men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Chorus

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Chorus

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
full reverently upon the knee,
and offered there, in his presence,
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Chorus

Standing

Matthew 1:18

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”

In French,
“joyeux noel”
means “Merry
Christmas.”

“o'er” means
“over”

Words & Music:
Anonymous (1833)

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.

Standing

Angels We Have Heard On High

Luke 2:14
“Glory to God in
the highest, and
on earth peace
among those
with whom he is
pleased!”

“Gloria in
excelsis Deo” is
Latin for “Glory
to God in the
highest”

Words: A.
Nonymous

Public Domain

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Benediction

From Psalm 98:2

Pastor: The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the sight of the nations.
May his blessing be upon us, his people.

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 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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