

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 17th, 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.

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.

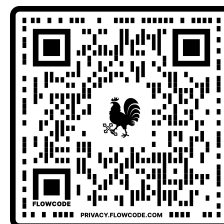
Email prayer requests to prayer@manhattanpres.com

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 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

Serving Next Week (December 24th, 2023)

Musicians:

Piano: Nicola Cyr

Singers: Adam Thiesen and TBD

Sound: John Frigon**Nursery:** Houghs**Worship Training:** Ashton Bartlett and Jack Dunning**Greeter:** John and Corri Frigon**Snacks:** Corri Frigon**Coffee:** John and Corri Frigon**Lord's Supper Set up:** John and Corri Frigon**Bread Baker:** Corri Frigon**Announcements:** John Frigon

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

TODAY at Tim and Christine Durrets' home (1730 Fairview Ave)

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 White Elephant and Cookie Competition

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

Tonight, 6:30p

Flaggs' home (2105 Farming Dale Ct)

Bring a funny gift for a white elephant exchange and a batch of cookies (different than you made last year) to compete for this year's best youth cookie recipe (optional!!)

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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 6th, 9:00am

The Wareham

Men of MPC! Let's start off 2024 on a high note with some time of fellowship over delicious food! Bring a friend or neighbor, all ages invited! Sign up to bring a dish with the link in the Weekly Email or the text you will get tomorrow!

Join our texting service!

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

Scan this code:



Reflection

"The good life isn't the absence of heartache; it's the presence of God, by grace, in the midst of it. Our hope in the midst of hardship is that Jesus doesn't just work things out for our good- he is our good."

- Ruth Simons

"The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth."

- Psalms 145:18

Standing

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

Call to Worship

From Luke 1:68-75

Pastor: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people

**People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the
house of his servant David, as he spoke by the
mouth of his holy prophets from of old.**

Pastor: He did this to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he
swore to our father Abraham.

**People: To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand
of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in
holiness and righteousness before him all our days."**

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
 let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heav'n and nature sing,
 and heav'n and nature sing
 and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
 let men their songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat the sounding joy,
 repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
 nor thorns infest the ground;
 he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found,
 far as the curse is found,
 far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
 and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteousness,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders of his love,
 and wonders, wonders of his love.

Standing

Psalm 98:4

“Make a joyful
 noise to the
 LORD, all the
 earth; break
 forth into
 joyous song
 and sing
 praises!”

Isaiah 25:9

“It will be said
 on that day,
 “Behold, this is
 our God; we
 have waited for
 him, that he
 might save us.
 This is the
 LORD; we have
 waited for him;
 let us be glad
 and rejoice in
 his salvation.”

Words: Isaac Watts
 (1719)

Music: Handel
 (1742)

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

Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 22 & Heidelberg
Catechism Question 35

Pastor: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

People: **Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.**

Pastor: What do you confess when you say: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

People: **The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took upon himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, through the working of the Holy Spirit. Thus he is also the true seed of David, and like his brothers in every respect, yet without sin.**

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 in 1647.

The Heidelberg Catechism was written 1563.

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: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

People: Lord, hear my voice!

Pastor: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

People: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

People: For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Caleb and Brookelyn Fernelius

As With Gladness Men of Old

As with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright,
 So, most gracious God, may we
 Evermore be led to Thee!

As with joyful steps they sped,
 To that lowly cradle bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Him whom heaven and earth adore,
 So may we with willing feet
 Ever seek Thy mercy-seat!

As they offered gifts most rare
 At That cradle, rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring,
 Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King!

Holy Jesus, every day
 Keep us in the narrow way;
 And when earthly things are past.
 Bring our ransomed souls at last
 Where they need no star to guide,
 Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
 Need they no created light;
 Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
 Thou its Sun which goes not down.
 There forever may we sing
 Alleluias to our King!

Standing

Matthew 2:10-11

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.”

“alloy” means sin’s tendency to mix and corrupt.

Words: William C. Dix, 1860

Composer: Konrad Kocher, 1838

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: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
Great is his faithfulness!

In Christ you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Brian Hough

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

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, with the action of this offering we tell your story:

how you have dealt generously with us,

how you have met our needs,

how you have heard our prayers,

how your goodness is from everlasting to everlasting.

Bless these offerings which are given in the name of Christ,

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 Song of Lamech: Genesis 4:17-26

Pastor Brian Hough

Isaiah 40:8

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

I. Canaanite Culture (v. 17-24)

II. Sethite Culture (v. 25-26)

Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and Child.
 Holy infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight!
 Glories stream from heav'n afar,
 Heavenly hosts sing: Alleluia,
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from thy holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
 Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night!
 Wondrous star, lend thy light;
 with the angels let us sing
 alleluia to our King;
 Christ, the Savior is born!
 Christ, the Savior is born!

Standing

Luke 2:16

“And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.”

Alleluia means
 “God be praised!”

Words: Joseph
 Mohr, 1818

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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 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

What Child Is This?

Matthew 2:2
“Where is he
who has been
born king of the
Jews? For we
saw his star
when it rose
and have come
to worship him.”

“laud” means
praise.

“ass” is a
donkey, you’re
so immature.

Words & Music:
Traditional English
Carol, Adapted by
William Dix

Greensleeves

What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Benediction

Romans 15:12-13

Pastor: Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the
Gentiles shall hope.”

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

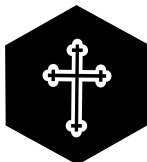
People: Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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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