

# 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 24th, 2023



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## 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](http://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.

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## 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.

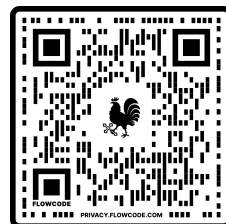
## Prayer

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](mailto: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 24th, 2023)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Nicola Cyr

Singers: Adam Thiesen and Emily Taylor

**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

### Serving Next Week (December 31st, 2023)

**Musicians:**

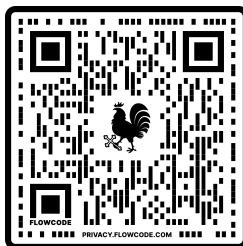
Piano: Emily Taylor

Singers: Chloe Shanahan and Emily Thiesen

**Sound:** Jeremy Fritz**Nursery:** Nicola Cyr and Berkley Hough**Worship Training:** Sonder Crane and Kathleen McAlister**Greeter:** Rob Martinusek**Snacks:** Brookelyn Fernelius**Coffee:** Caleb and Brookelyn Fernelius**Lord's Supper Set up:** Caleb and Brookelyn Fernelius**Bread Baker:** Amy Shanahan**Announcements:** Rob Martinusek

**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 Durrett's home (1703 Fairview)

We are studying Job.

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

at Flaggs' home (2105 Farming Dale Ct)

## **Christmas Eve Service**

**Tonight, 4:30p**

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

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## **Fifth Sunday Potluck: New Year, New Recipes!**

**Sunday, December 31st, after the Worship Service**

**The Wareham**

Try a new recipe to bring to share!  
Sign up link in the Weekly email and text.

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## **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!

## **Join our texting service!**

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

**Scan this code:**



## Reflection

"[Christmas] means not just hope for the world, despite all its unending problems, but hope for you and me, despite all our unending failings."

- Tim Keller

"Infinite, and an infant. Eternal, and yet born of a woman. Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman's breast. Supporting a universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms. King of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph. Heir of all things, and yet the carpenter's despised son."

- Charles Spurgeon

### Standing

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

## Call to Worship

**From John 1:9, 5, 18 & Psalm 98:7-9**

**Pastor:** The true light which gives light to everyone has come into the world.

**People: This light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot extinguish it.**

**Pastor:** No one has ever seen God; but the one and only Son, who is himself God, and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

**People: Therefore, let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes.**

**Pastor:** He will judge the world in righteousness.

**People: Christ has come, Alleluia!**

## Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
ye who sang creation's story,  
now proclaim Messiah's birth;

**Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the new-born King.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
yonder shines the infant Light:

**Chorus**

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
brighter visions beam afar;  
seek the great Desire of nations;  
ye have seen his natal star:

**Chorus**

Saints before the altar bending,  
watching long in hope and fear,  
suddenly the Lord, descending,  
in his temple shall appear;

**Chorus**

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore your voices raising  
to th'eternal Three in One:

**Chorus**

**Standing**

**Matthew 2:11**  
"And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh."

"natal" means at the time of Jesus' birth.

Words: James Montgomery, 1825.

Music: Henry Smart, 1867.

**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 Catechism Question 21

**Pastor:** Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

**People:** **The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.**

### 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.

## 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**

Based on Luke 24:45-49; Isaiah 66:18-24

Father, Jesus told his followers that, “repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem...”

Here in Kansas, we are thousands of miles and years separated from this promise, yet we are the “nations” he was speaking of. We are the “tongues” Isaiah wrote of, who had not heard your fame nor seen your glory.

Yet, in your lavish grace, you opened our eyes and showed us your glory in Christ, and you have rescued us from being shackled to our sin. Am I moved to joy and gratitude for this, Lord? Am I moved to praise, holy living, and Gospel mission out of my gratitude? Sometimes I am and sometimes I am not.

Lord, apply Christ’s grace to my heart. If any entitlement is present, give me gratitude. If any pride, give me humility. If any impurity, give me holiness. If any faithlessness in mission, give me faithfulness for the sake of Christ and the sake of the nations. Amen.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Words of Assurance**

**Galatians 4:4-5**

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Shanahan Family**

## From The Squalor of the Borrowed Stable

Standing

From the squalor of a borrowed stable  
 By the Spirit and a virgin's faith  
 To the anguish and the shame of scandal  
 Came the Savior of the human race  
 But the skies were filled  
 With the praise of heav'n  
 Shepherds listen as the angels tell  
 Of the gift of God come down to man  
 At the dawning of Immanuel

King of heaven now the friend of sinners  
 Humble servant in the Father's hands  
 Filled with power and the Holy Spirit  
 Filled with mercy for the broken man  
 Yes He walked my road and He felt my pain  
 Joys and sorrows that I know so well  
 Yet His righteous steps give me hope again  
 I will follow my Immanuel

Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal  
 He was lifted on a cruel cross  
 He was punished for a world's transgressions  
 He was suffering to save the lost  
 He fights for breath He fights for me  
 Loosing sinners from the claims of hell  
 And with a shout our souls are free  
 Death defeated by Immanuel

Now He's standing in the place of honor  
 Crowned with glory on the highest throne  
 Interceding for His own beloved  
 'Til His Father calls to bring them home  
 Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
 Hope of heaven or the fear of hell  
 But the bride will run to her Lover's arms  
 Giving glory to Immanuel

### Luke 2:7

"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."

Words & Music:  
 Stuart Townsend  
 1999

ccl# 11250329

**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.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Kalina Grace Irvin, the covenant child of Brad & Emily is brought to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Dearest Kali,  
For you God made the world  
For you the prophets & patriarchs were sent  
For you the covenants & promises were given  
For you God's revelation was written down  
For you our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ became a man,  
lived a perfect life, Died upon the cross,  
And was raised again for your salvation  
You cannot possibly know these things now.  
But we your church promise to tell them to you until you make them your own.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Elder Travis Shanahan

**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](http://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.

## **Jesus' Family Tree: Luke 3:23-38**

Pastor Brian Hough

### **Isaiah 40:8**

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

## Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my cradle, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

### Standing

**Luke 2:7**  
“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Words & Music:  
James R  
Murray, 1885.

## **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**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Micah 5:2**

“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.”

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars together  
Proclaim the holy birth;  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Words: Phillips  
Brooks, 1868

Public Domain

## Benediction

**Pastor:** As God parted the seas for his children, be assured he will lead, guide and direct your path. May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you and remain with you always.

**People: Thanks be to God, 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.

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

The Service of Covenant Renewal concludes

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



LOVE GOD | LOVE NEIGHBOR

*Immanuel*  
GOD *With* US

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