



**This is the 500<sup>th</sup>  
Lord's Day Worship Service of**

**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.

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The Lord's Day, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.

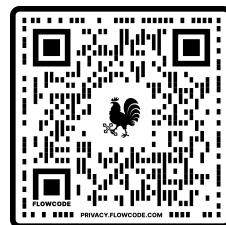
## Prayer

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!



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# Serving

## Serving Today (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

## Serving Next Week (January 7th, 2024)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Nicola Cyr

Singers: Jenna Fiscus and Christine Durrett

**Sound:** Ashton Bartlett

**Nursery:** Helen Durrett and Pat Zimmerman

**Worship Training:** Annie and Lucas Renz

**Greeter:** Ashton Bartlett, Ben Geyer, Blake Rhymes

**Snacks:** Sarah Hinrichsen

**Coffee:** Ashton Bartlett, Ben Geyer, Blake Rhymes

**Lord's Supper Set up:** Ashton Bartlett, Ben Geyer, Blake Rhymes

**Bread Baker:** Ben Geyer

**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 Durrett's home (1703 Fairview)

We are studying Job.

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

at Flaggs' home (2105 Farming Dale Ct)

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

**Today, after the Worship Service**

**The Wareham**

Stay to eat and fellowship!!

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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!

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## **Ladies' Plant Swap**

**Saturday, January 20th, 1-3p**

**Location TBD**

Pick an indoor house plant from your home to split/clip/propagate as a gift for our swap. We'll swap the plants yankee gift exchange style. No requirement to buy/gift a pot. If you'd like to attend the event but do not have a plant to exchange and would like one — let Kristin know and she'll coordinate a clipping for you to swap!

## **Why a rooster?**

Simply put, our logo is a picture of God's grace to sinners. It is an image of our failure and Jesus Christ's triumph.

As Jesus foretold, Peter denied Christ three times before the rooster crowed.

This failure made Peter a broken man, a man who repents and experiences grace, a man who, after Jesus' resurrection, runs not away from Jesus (as we tend to want to do), but towards Him and Jesus restores him fully.

That's the call of the Gospel: run to Jesus.

The rest of Peter's life is spent trusting not in himself or his own abilities, but in Christ and His death upon the cross. That's a picture of the redeemed, the people of God, the bride of Christ, the Church. Sinners clinging to cross of our Savior.

Read the full explanation on our website at [ManhattanPres.com](http://ManhattanPres.com).

## Reflection

“Awakening is the powerful work of our sovereign and gracious God. When He awakens us, He doesn’t simply awaken us from sleep, but from death.”

- Burk Parsons

“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.”

- Psalm 40:3

“God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.”

- C.S. Lewis

### Standing

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

## Call to Worship

### Psalm 95

**Pastor:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**People:** Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song!

## Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city  
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
 Where a mother laid her baby  
 In a manger for his bed:  
 Mary was that mother mild,  
 Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
 Who is God and Lord of all,  
 And his shelter was a stable,  
 And his cradle was a stall:  
 With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
 Through his own redeeming love;  
 For that Child so dear and gentle  
 Is our Lord in heav'n above,  
 And he leads his children on  
 To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
 With the oxen standing by,  
 We shall see him, but in heaven,  
 Set at God's right hand on high;  
 When like stars his children crowned  
 All in white shall wait around.

### Standing

#### Luke 2:11-12

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Author: Cecil F. Alexander

Tune: Henry J. Gauntlett

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**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

**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.**

## 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**

Loving and gracious Father,

The more I delve into the depths of my sin, the uglier and more heinous I discover it is.

If I promise to do better, I am a liar.

If I try to clean myself up in my own strength, I am a fraud.

If I give because I feel guilty, I am a schemer.

If I serve for recognition, I am self-righteous.

If I pray only to get what I want, I am self-serving.

If I read your Word so you will be pleased with me, I am a manipulator.

The selfish motivations of even my best actions are un-holy, un-pleasing, and un-like the One in whose image I am created. Lord, forgive us and give us a total reliance upon, and utter amazement at the life-saving, life-changing, life-giving nature of your grace and mercy through Your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **Psalm 32:3-5**

“For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

## Angels We Have Heard On High

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!**

### Standing

**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

**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**

**Psalm 130:7-8**

**Pastor:** Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Elder Ryan Cyr

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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

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts.  
Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing  
what we need when we need it.  
Trusting you, we can share what we have with others, and we  
do this joyfully, together, today,  
in Jesus` name, Amen.

### Sitting

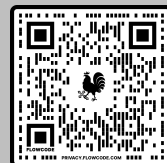
We include giving in the service because we view it as a means of participating in worship.

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. Bibles are available to use and keep on the Welcome Table.

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.

## **A New Year For A New Creation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17**

Pastor Brian Hough

### **Isaiah 40:8**

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

#### I. The Old Creation

#### II. You Are A New Creation

## It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear,  
 that glorious song of old,  
 from angels bending near the earth  
 to touch their harps of gold;  
 "Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
 from heav'n's all-gracious King":  
 the world in solemn stillness lay,  
 to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
 with peaceful wings unfurled,  
 and still their heav'nly music floats  
 o'er all the weary world:  
 above its sad and lowly plains  
 they bend on hov'ring wing,  
 and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
 the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,  
 whose forms are bending low,  
 who toil along the climbing way  
 with painful steps and slow,  
 look now! for glad and golden hours  
 come swiftly on the wing:  
 O rest beside the weary road,  
 and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast'ning on,  
 by prophet bards foretold,  
 when with the ever-circling years  
 comes round the age of gold;  
 when peace shall over all the earth  
 its ancient splendors fling,  
 and the whole world give back the song  
 which now the angels sing.

### Standing

#### Luke 2:9-10

"And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

bard = poet

Words: Edmund H. Sears

Music: Richard Willis, 1850

## 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**

**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.”

**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**

Credits: Words by  
Dustin Kensrue,  
arrangement by  
Kings Kaleidoscope

## Benediction

**Pastor:** May the God of our salvation continue to restore us and heal us as we go forth to live and work in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.

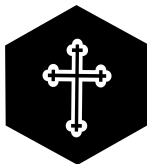
Benediction is parting words. Either a quote from Scripture or informed by the Scriptures to encourage the people of God as they leave.

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**



Ladies Book Club



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