



# 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, August 5th, 2018

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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. You'll find a visitor card in the pew, please fill it out and place in the offering later in the service. Again, we're really glad you're here.

## **Sunday Information**

### **Nursery**

Nursery is provided on the north side of the building (to the right from the entryway) for children under 4 years, but they are also always welcome in the service.

### **Restrooms**

Restrooms are located in the entrance hallway.

### **Children's Sunday School**

We currently have two 8-week sessions of Children's Sunday School: one in the Fall and one in the Spring. It's for kids 4 years old and up and meets immediately after the service.

### **Why Robes?**

The pastors wear robes during the service which might seem odd. This has been a tradition of the church for many centuries. It helps connect us to our past heritage.

The robe also helps emphasize the office of the pastor and de-emphasize the personality of the men in the pulpit. It serves to take notice away from what Brian, Travis, Tim or Jon are wearing that particular Sunday, thus focusing us away from their terrible fashion senses and onto Christ himself. At first it may seem odd, but after a few services you won't notice it, which is partly the point.

## Serving

### Serving Today (August 5th 2018)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Christine Miller

Guitar: Jordan Perlstein

Singers: Tricia Dunning and Derek Ervin

**Sound:** Ryan Cyr

**Nursery:** Lucy Dunning and Jackie Sartos

**Greeter:** Jon and Jack Dunning

**Lord's Supper Prep:** Lucy Dunning

**Bread Baker:** Christy Boyce

**Announcements:** Derek Ervin

### Serving Next Week (August 12th 2018)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Nicola (and Chloe Shanahan offertory and prelude)

Singers: Christine Durrett and Susie Stanfield

**Sound:** Marcos Sartos

**Nursery:** Derek and Erin Ervin

**Greeter:** Andrea Cline

**Lord's Supper Prep:** Cline Quiver of Arrows

**Bread Baker:** Hope Perlstein

**Announcements:** Travis Shanahan

## How to Help Serve

If you are interested or willing to serve in any way please let us know.

We always need more hands to make light work.

**Nursery:** Katie Hardy, [katie.hardy@cru.org](mailto:katie.hardy@cru.org)

**Music (instruments/singing) & Sound:** Tim Durrett, [timothy\\_durrett@yahoo.com](mailto:timothy_durrett@yahoo.com)

**Greeting & Lord's Supper prep:** Hope Perlstein, [hope.perlstein@gmail.com](mailto:hope.perlstein@gmail.com)

Anything else: Brian Hough, [brian@manhattanpres.com](mailto:brian@manhattanpres.com)

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Galatians 5:1

## **Why A Rooster?**

The symbol for Manhattan Presbyterian Church is a rooster grasping onto the cross.

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

Peter's denial of Christ and the rooster crowing is recorded in all four gospels (Matthew 26:30-35 & 26:69-75). This event made Peter a broken man, a man who repents and experiences grace. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is risen and shows up on the shoreline while Peter and the others are fishing. When Peter sees Jesus, he dives in to swim to Jesus excitedly. Think how much guilt Peter must have felt after the rooster crowed. We so often want to run away from God in these moments, but we see Peter do what the Gospel calls sinners to do: run to Jesus, not from Him.

He follows Jesus, moment by moment dependent upon the Gospel. Peter does so by grasping onto the cross of Jesus Christ every step of the way. That's a picture of the redeemed, the people of God, the Bride of Christ, the Church. Sinners clinging to cross of our Savior.

Historically many Protestant churches in Europe placed a rooster atop their steeples to distinguish them from Catholic Churches. The rooster has been a Christian symbol since God used it to show the weakness of man with Peter and the triumph of Christ in the resurrection. There is hope in the Gospel for sinners everywhere including you.



# NEWS & EVENTS

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## **Small Groups**

We take a break from meeting bi-monthly for the summer, but continue to do fellowship activities! Keep an eye out in the bulletin, weekly email and on our MPC Community Facebook page.

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### **Ladies' Fall Book Club**

**This Tuesday, August 7th, 7-9p**

**Radina's Aggieville**

All ladies, all ages, are invited to join in discussing *Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin

(Contact Erin with questions: 810-338-2539)

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### **Men's Saturday Study**

Men, join us to study the Nicene Creed, fellowship and pray. No preparation or prior knowledge necessary. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month. Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 18.

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### **Ladies' Brunch**

**Saturday, August 25th, 9-10:30a**

**Veronica's home (5032 Bramblewood)**

Come out for great food and even better fellowship! Invite a friend or neighbor. The teaching topic is "Contentment in Waiting."

Sign up to bring food at [PerfectPotluck.com](http://PerfectPotluck.com)

Last name: Ladies

Password: 1234

(Contact Veronica with questions: 540-226-6882)

## Reflection

“A mother and father should talk to God about their children even before they talk to their children about God.”

- Alexander Nonymous

“The most influential of all educational factors is the conversation in a child’s home.”

- William Temple

“Most Christians salute the sovereignty of God but believe in the sovereignty of man.”

- R. C. Sproul

“But God doesn’t call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn’t come through...What are you doing right now that requires faith?”

- Francis Chan

### Standing

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

## Call to Worship

from Psalm 33

**Pastor:** Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous,  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**People: Sing to him a new song;  
play skillfully and shout for joy!**

**Pastor:** For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

**People: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love**

## We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### Standing

#### **John 11:51-52**

“He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.”

Words: Dutch  
Song anonymously  
written in 1625

Translator:  
Theodore Baker

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**Standing**

Pastor Brian  
Hough

**Prayer of Adoration**

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 27

**Pastor:** What do you understand by the providence of God?

**People:**

**God's providence is  
his almighty and ever present power,  
whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds  
heaven and earth and all creatures,  
and so governs them that**

**leaf and blade,  
rain and drought,  
fruitful and barren years,  
food and drink,  
health and sickness,  
riches and poverty,  
indeed, all things,**

**come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

## 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**

**Mighty God,**

**Our minds and hearts are full of the sins of self-reliant pride. We know that we are dependent upon you entirely for all things, please wean us from all other dependences. Forgive us for relying upon our own wisdom and strength, for the hours we spend trying to rescue ourselves from pain, suffering and sin, when you have already rescued us in your Son. Forgive us for the successes we seek in life, in career and ministry, by mere hustle without praying and without trusting you to make our efforts succeed. Holy Spirit give us faith in the Lord God Almighty for the forgiveness of sin, but also for every step of our lives. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.**

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

## **Words of Assurance**

### **Psalms 103:8-13**

“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

## Let Us Love & Sing & Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder  
 Let us praise the Saviors name  
 He has hushed the laws loud thunder  
 He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
 He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
 He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us  
 Pitied us when enemies  
 Called us by His grace and taught us  
 Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
 He has washed us with His blood (3x)  
 He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
 Threatens hard to bear us down  
 For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
 Holds in view the conquerors crown  
 He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)  
 Soon will bring us home to God

Let us praise and join the chorus  
 Of the saints enthroned on high  
 Here they trusted Him before us  
 Now their praises fill the sky  
 Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)  
 Thou art worthy Lamb of God

### Standing

Original song  
 has six verses,  
 we are singing  
 verses 1, 2, 3 &  
 5

### Exodus 15:2

“The LORD is  
 my strength  
 and my song,  
 and he has  
 become my  
 salvation; this  
 is my God, and  
 I will praise  
 him, my  
 father's God,  
 and I will exalt  
 him.”

Word: John  
 Newton

Music: Laura  
 Taylor

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**

### **Isaiah 1:18**

**Pastor:** Though your sins are like scarlet, says the Lord,  
they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson,  
they shall become like wool.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

**People: And also with you**

## **A Parting Prayer**

John & Christie Langevin, Ethan, Emily, Graeme.

The Langevins are PCSing to Germany as their Army adventure continues on. Pray for safe travels and for finding a good church home in the country where the Reformation began.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Brian Hough

## 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

Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts.

May our eyes be opened to your holy presence, now and always. 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 decided to set up an online giving option. You can give via check or card; one time or setup a reoccurring gift. As always, all gifts are tax deductible under our 501(c)(3) status.

To give online 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.

## **Unless the Lord & Raising Arrows: Psalm 127**

Pastor Brian Hough

### **Isaiah 40:8**

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

I. Unless the Lord (v.1-2)

II. Raising Arrows (v.3-5)

## Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin?  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
 What can make me whole again?  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! Precious is the flow  
 That makes me white as snow;  
 No other fount I know,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my cleansing, this I see,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
 For my pardon, this my plea,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
 Naught of good that I have done,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### Chorus

This is all my hope and peace,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
 This is all my righteousness,  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### Chorus

Now by this I'll overcome  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus,  
 Now by this I'll reach my home  
 Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### Chorus

Standing

**Hebrews 9:22**  
 “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

naught =  
 nothing

Words & Music:  
 Robert Lowry, 1876

Meter: 7878

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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 come forward. We serve wine, but also offer grape juice (cups on the outside rings) for those who prefer for reasons of personal conviction.

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. You can come forward and an elder will pray with you or you may stay seated and pray one of 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.

**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.”

Credits: Words by  
Dustin Kensrue,  
arrangement by  
Kings Kaleidoscope

**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**

## Benediction

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen

1 Timothy 1:17

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

## Doxology

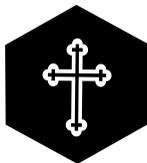
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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



PSALM 127:4

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