

# Advent



## 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 9th, 2019

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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. There is also a space for nursing mothers in the nursery.

### **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.

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## Serving

### Serving Today (December 9th 2018)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Katie Brandt

Guitar: Chloe Shanahan

Singers: Susie Stanfield &amp; Amy Shanahan

**Sound:** Rodney Stanfield**Nursery:** Houghs, minus Brian :)**Greeter:** Hope Perlstein**Lord's Supper Prep:** Hope Perlstein**Bread Baker:** Katie Hardy**Announcements:** Veronica St Claire

### Serving Next Week (December 16th 2019)

**Musicians:**

Piano: Brooksie McCarty

Viola: Christine Durrett

Singers: Erin Ervin and TBD

**Sound:** Marcos Sartos**Nursery:** Jackie Sarto & Lucy Dunning**Greeter:** Samuel Kassing**Lord's Supper Prep:** John "The recently engaged Intern" Talmage**Bread Baker:** Erin Ervin**Announcements:** Tim Durrett

## 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:** Michaela Brooks, mflamb95@gmail.com**Music (instruments/singing) & Sound:** Tim Durrett, timothy\_durrett@yahoo.com**Greeting & Lord's Supper prep:** Hope Perlstein, hope.perlstein@gmail.com

Anything else: Brian Hough, 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

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## **Small Groups**

Small groups are an important part of ministry at MPC. If you desire to enter more deeply into friendship and mutual care with other believers, this is the place to do it. If you don't already attend one, we can't encourage you more to get involved in this way.

Each group shares a meal (Sunday lunch and Thursday dinner), has a teaching/discussion time and prays together. They both welcome children of all ages.

**Sunday Small Group meets today, December 9th,  
right after worship service (about 11a)  
at Amy and Travis Shanahan's home (4407 Harbour Hill Dr)**

**Thursday Small Group meets next on  
Thursday, December 13th at 6:00p  
at Christine and Tim Durrett's home (2505 Sumac Dr.)**

Sign up to bring food as you are able at [PerfectPotluck.com](http://PerfectPotluck.com)  
Sunday group, use "Last name" Sunday  
Thursday group, use "Last name" Thursday  
Both passwords are 1234

**Ladies' December Fellowship**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6p**

**Leslie's house (608 Bertrand St.)**

Fellowship and Christmas carol sing!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you'd like!

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**Men's Saturday Study**

**Saturday, Dec. 15th at 8:30a**

**BlueStem Bistro in Aggieville**

Men, come study the Nicene Creed, fellowship and pray.

No preparation or prior knowledge necessary. Come when you can, no commitment required.

This group meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month.

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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

**Monday, Dec. 24th at 7p**

We will meet together to celebrate the eve of Christ's birth that ends the time of Advent!

No nursery, all kids can join us in the short service!

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**Ladies' January Book Club**

**Wednesday, Jan. 9th at 7p**

**Radina's Aggieville**

We are reading "Refresh: Embracing a Grace-paced life in a world of endless demands" by Shonna and David Murray- a great book to start the New Year with! :)

Men- there's a great counterpart book for y'all, just FYI.

It's called "Reset: Living a grace-paced life in a burnout culture" also by David Murray

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## Reflection

‘You look at your life and think, This doesn’t make sense! Either I don’t really believe the Bible, or I’m extremely unloving. I’m more concerned about being rejected than I am about someone else’s eternal destiny.’

- David Platt

“If Jesus is who he claimed to be, then the absolute pinnacle of true foolishness is to reject Him.”

- Keith Mathison

“If you live for people’s acceptance, you’ll die from their rejection.”

- Lacrae

### Standing

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

## Call to Worship

### From Isaiah 6

**Pastor:** The prophet Isaiah said, “In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. And the heavenly creatures called to one another and said:

**People: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!’**

## 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**

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  
 Now 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.

Words & Music: C. Frederick Oakeley,

Translation: John Francis Wade

**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

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty**

**Maker of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## 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

**The Affirmation of faith is a time for us to remember together what we believe.**

This is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was written by the apostles themselves, but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It dates back to at least the 4th century.

“catholic” in this creed means the true Christian Church of all times and all places, which ought not be confused with Roman Catholicism.

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**

**The sun never stops burning bright, it never stops providing light; it only seems to stop because the earth turns away from the light and we dwell in darkness, hidden from the sun.**

**Heavenly Father, we confess that often our hearts are like that. The light of the Lord is always present, but we turn away from you Lord, we reject the content of your Word, we rebel against your ways, we hide from you and dwell in darkness.**

**Gracious Lord forgive us for every sin and give us hearts that long to live in the light of your glory. May we desire to dwell in your presence, to seek you through the ordinary means of grace, and to find the rest we long for in the ever present grace of the Gospel. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession of Sin**

### **Words of Assurance**

#### **Romans 8:1-2**

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Kelly “Bean” Thomas and Brie “Cheese Wheel” Philips**

## 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 meek and lowly,  
lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern;  
day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless;  
tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness,  
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.

**Standing**

**Psalm 132:11**

“The LORD  
swore to  
David a sure  
oath from  
which he will  
not turn back:  
“One of the  
sons of your  
body I will set  
on your  
throne.”

Words & Music:  
Cecil F. Alexander,  
1818

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### **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.**

## **On Mission**

Zach & Ellie Robson share about God's call on their life as missionaries. They are sticking around after the service to talk to anyone who would like to know more or so you can sign up for their prayer list.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Elder Travis Shanahan

## 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

Giver of all good things,  
let your grace flow through us;  
a generous stream,  
unstoppable, refreshing, abundant.  
We release these gifts into your river of love,  
flowing out to all the world.  
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 a 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.

## **Faith & Rejection: Luke 4:22-30**

Pastor Brian Hough

### **Isaiah 40:8**

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

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clear away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high!”

### Standing

**Habakkuk 2:20**  
“But the LORD  
is in his holy  
temple; let all  
the earth keep  
silence before  
him.”

Homage - To  
give special  
honor.

Words: Gerard  
Moultrie 1864

Music: Ralph  
Vaughan Williams  
1906

## 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 ring) for those who prefer for reasons of personal conviction. We offer a gluten free bread option for communion for those whose diets necessitate it. Please let us know in advance if you need this option and we can accommodate you.

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

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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**

**Luke 2:25**

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1744.

Music: Charles Wesley

## **Come Thou Long Expected Jesus**

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear Desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

## Benediction

May the Mighty One who has done great things and whose mercy goes on from generation to generation, when life's perils confound you, may his counsel guide you and beneath his wings protect you and may God be with you till we meet again. 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.

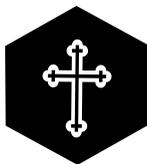
Benediction is parting words. Either a quote from Scripture or informed by the Scriptures to encourage the people of God as they leave.

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**



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