



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.

The Lord's Day, April 7th, 2019

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.

Sunday School- Children and Adults

We currently have two 8-week sessions of 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. Nursery is provided for children under 4.

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 This Week (April 7th 2019)

Musicians:

Piano: Chloe Shanahan

Viola: Christine Durrett

Singers: Kelsey Crandall and Amy Shanahan

Sound: Craig Cline

Nursery: Erica Huffman and Lindsey Logan (**Sunday School:** Lanichs)

Greeter: Andrea Cline

Lord's Supper Prep: Cline Clan

Bread Baker: Kristen and Ruth Lanich

Announcements: Samuel Kassing

Serving Next Week (April 14th 2019)

Musicians:

Piano: Katie Brandt

Singers: Aaron Porter and Susie Stanfield

Sound: Rodney Stanfield

Nursery: Lucy Dunning & Michaela Brooks

Greeter: Tony and Jan Lippert

Lord's Supper Prep: Tony and Jan Lippert

Bread Baker: Craig Cline

Announcements: Stucky

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: Lindsey Logan, LNB3475@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

Why Church Membership?

Nowhere in Scripture do we see Christianity apart from commitment to community; we need community and we need to know what the expectations of that community are. Here are a few reasons why Church Membership is important for you, your family and the rest of the church.

1. Just like marriage is a bigger commitment than dating so church membership is a bigger commitment than attending. When you join in membership you are making a visible commitment to Christ and His Church.
2. We live in a world that is afraid to commit to anything, we wish to be a church that doesn't just reflect the culture, but challenges it. Committing to a local church will help you understand what commitment is both to you and from you to others.
3. Church membership keeps us accountable to each other. When we join a church we are offering ourselves to one another to be encouraged, rebuked, corrected, and served. We are placing ourselves under leaders and submitting to their authority (Heb. 13:7). We are saying, "I am here to stay. I want to help you grow in godliness. Will you help me to do the same?"
4. Similarly, joining the church in membership will help your pastor and elders be more faithful shepherds. Hebrews 13:7 says "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority." That's your part. Here's ours: "They keep watch over you as men who must give an account." We take seriously our responsibility before God to watch over your souls.
5. Joining the church gives you an opportunity to make promises. When you become a member at Manhattan Presbyterian Church, you make promises to pray, give, serve, attend worship, seek the spiritual guidance of the church, obey its teachings, and seek the things that make for unity, purity, and peace. We ought not to make these promises lightly.

(Adapted from a document Kevin DeYoung wrote on Church Membership)

**If you are interested in membership, talk to any of the elders
(Tim, Travis or Brian)**

NEWS & EVENTS

Small Groups

Sunday group meets **April 14th** at the Shanahan's after worship and Sunday School, about noon (4407 Harbour Hills Dr)

Thursday group meets **April 11th** at the Durrett's at 6p
(2505 Sumac Dr)

Sign up to bring food as you are able at PerfectPotluck.com
Sunday group, use "Last name" Sunday
Thursday group, use "Last name" Thursday
Both passwords are 1234

Spring Sunday School

Meets today!

Nursery: Provided for kids under 4

Littles Class: Ages 4-7 (pre-K- 1st grade) meets in Children's Library

Middles Class: Ages 8-11 (2nd - 5th grade) meets in Chi-Rho Room, upstairs, first room on right

Bigs Class: Ages 12+ (Middle School & High School) meets in Map Room, upstairs, third on the left

Adult Class: Heidelberg Catechism, meets downstairs in Fireplace Room. Coffee is available in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Book Club

Wednesday, April 10th, 7p

BlueStem Bistro in Aggierville

We are reading *Extravagant Grace* this month, and we will also discuss last month's book, *The Pursuit of Holiness*. Come join the discussion!

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19th, 7p

We meet for a time of scripture reading and singing as we reflect on our Savior's death in preparation for Easter Sunday. No nursery, children join us in this short service.

Reflection

"When calamity after calamity seems to surge in upon us, we'll be tempted to doubt God's love. Not only do we struggle with our own doubts, but Satan seizes these occasions to whisper accusations against God: 'If He loved you, He wouldn't have allowed this to happen."

- Jerry Bridges

"Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts."

- Malachi 3:1

"The Father is redeeming sinners to be delighters in his Son."

- Lewis Allen

Standing

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

Call to Worship From Luke 1:68-69

Pastor: God gave a message through Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist saying...

People: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David"

All: Let us worship the Lord!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Standing

Revelation 4:8

"And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: John B. Dykes (1861)

Public Domain

Standing

Pastor Brian
Hough

Each week after
the Prayer of
Adoration with
one voice we
pray the Lord's
Prayer.

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.

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 Shema, Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Pastor: Hear, O Israel:

People: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.**

**And these words that I command you today shall be
on your heart.**

**You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie
down, and when you rise.**

**You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.**

**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.**

Standing

Shema / שְׁמָה is a Hebrew word meaning “Hear.” It begins this portion of Deuteronomy that was traditionally used in Jewish prayer services.

Jesus would have grown up saying it and in fact quotes the first portion just before he gives the Two Great Commandments in Mark 12:29-31

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

Lord,

Hear our prayer as those who have no light to be found in ourselves. On our own, we stumble around in a darkness of our own making.

Our hearts produce the chaos of sinful desire that doesn't want to be found by the radiance of Your holiness. We would rather cherish our own secret idols in the shadows than be exposed to the light of Your truth.

Our dark delights have left us as prisoners who do not know what freedom tastes like apart from the grace of Your light.

So shine the light of the knowledge of Christ in our hearts once again. Illuminate our darkness, so we can see You overcome it through the work of Jesus on our behalf. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Words of Assurance

Romans 5:8

"God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

For All The Saints

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
 Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
 Alleluia, Allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
 Alleluia, Allelu...

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
 And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 Alleluia, Allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
 Alleluia, Allelu...

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way,
 Alleluia, Allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

Standing

Hebrews 12:1-2

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Words: William Walsham How

Music: Christopher Miner

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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

Passing of the Peace

Pastor: God has given us peace through Jesus Christ so that we may also have peace with each other. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sitting

The Pastoral Prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Timothy Durrett

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 give our offering hopefully, hoping that you can use these gifts hoping that these gifts can further your kingdom hoping
that your kingdom will come.

Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
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

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.

Doubts of the Faithful: Luke 7:18-35

Pastor Brian Hough

Isaiah 40:8

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

I. Old School Texting with John the Baptist (v.18-23)

II. Who is John? (v.24-30)

III. Receiving the Lord & his forerunner (v.31-35)

Standing

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find, Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the lepers spots, And melt the heart of stone

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
My sin had left this crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow. (2x)

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool."

Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865

Music: Alex Nifong

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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 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

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

Fount is short for fountain or water spring, it's acknowledging that God is the source of every blessing.

Ebenezer is Hebrew for "Stone of Help" a way of remembering what God has done.

1 Samuel 7:12
"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us."

Exodus 33:14
"And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.""

Word & Music:
Robert Robinson
(1758)
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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Benediction

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Galatians 1:3–5

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

Doxology

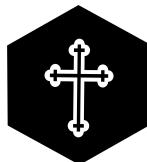
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him all creatures here below;
praise Him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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



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