

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

Deb & Maddie

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Midnight Clear

Announcements

Call to Worship

*God Greet His People

*We Greet One Another

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

Sunday School Kids "Christmas Program"

Bells - *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Angels We Have Heard on High

Away in a Manger - CH #262:1-3

ADVENT READING/CANDLELIGHTING

Advent Reading—Joy

Angels From the Realms of Glory

BAPTISM

Baptism of Bria Brouwer

Who You Say I Am

WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Manhattan Christian School

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

(Tot Church Dismissed For Ages 3-5)

Text: Ruth 3

Message: **Advent Joy**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Joy to the World*

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Go Tell it on the Mountain* - LUYH 93:1,2

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

organ

Maddie Visser

piano

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

Bonnie & Danica Leep

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WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

- LUYH #581:1,2,3

**How Great Our Joy* - CH #269:1-3

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Evening Prayer

Offering - Manhattan Christian School

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

**Silent Night* - CH #253:1,2,4

Text: Various Selected

Message: **The Incarnation (2)**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Of the Father's Love Forgotten*

- LUYH #78:1,2,4,5

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Worthy, You Are Worthy* - CH #106:1,3

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Bonnie Potts

organ

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?



On the web at manhattancrc.org



Check out MCRC on **Facebook**

Pastor Tim Kuperus *Pastor*
406.282.7968 pastor@manhattancrc.org

Kathy Eekhoff *Administrative Assistant*
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Tot Church for children from 3-5 years. After the children's message we head to the lower level where parents can pick up their children after the AM service.

Hearing Impaired Assistance
Stop by the Tech Booth

Today's Message
Available via CD at the Tech Booth, or online at manhattancrc.org

MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- Our worship services will be held indoors. Livestream will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Masks required as per governor's directive.
- Life Groups will be divided between the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. For December 13, Life Groups 7 & 8 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 9 & 1 will be in the FH.

OTHER DETAILS

- Please bring your own Bible. We will seek to avoid using the books in the pew. If you do need to use them, don't put them back in the holders, but set them on the bench so they can be wiped down.
- Tot Church will be available. No coffee/punch time available yet.
- The upstairs restrooms will be available for use, one person at a time. The downstairs restrooms will be closed.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate, along with Neil and Hannah the baptism of their daughter Bria Sierra Brouwer.

THANK YOU

Dear friends, Thank you very much for your special prayers, your lovely cards, your calls, your beautiful flowers, your visits during the past recent weeks. The Lord heard your prayers; He is giving me His amazing peace and presence now with the absence of my husband, Herb, and is helping me recover from the Covid. I miss Herb greatly, but am thankful he is now celebrating with Jesus and has no more pain. Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life!" ~ *With much love, Evie Potts*

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Plan to join us for our candlelight service *Jesus, the LIGHT of the World* which will be held next Sunday evening, December 20. There will be two services; the first at 5:30 p.m. and the 2nd at 7:00 p.m. An email was sent out to register or you should have been contacted. If not, please contact Kathy in the office.

TOT CHURCH TEACHERS

December 13 & 20 - Hank Eekhoff,
Logan and Carson Heidema

SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS

Please consider an opportunity to serve a K - 8 Sunday School class.

You will be blessed by the experience.

Contact Betty @ 282-6020

DESIGNATED PEWS

- For those that worship in church, we will be sitting in designated pews in order to keep an appropriate distance according to guidelines given to us. Ushers will be help you find a seat.

Ushers December 13 - Walt Sales,

Vince Van Dyken, Karsen Kredit

Ushers December 20 - Mike Kamp,

Dallas Van Gelder, Brett Heidema

NURSERY

For the next few months there will be no volunteers staffed for nursery. The nursery and wiggle room/cry room will remain available for anyone who needs to use them during the worship service. While children are always welcome in the sanctuary, taking your little one downstairs and listening to (in nursery) or watching (in wiggle room) may be a good option for those of you with young ones. Thank you for your understanding!

~ The Nursery Committee

PHOTO PERMISSIONS

The Publications Committee has put together a photo policy so that we can post pictures on our website and social media and show more of who we are as a church family to the community. We are asking for your permission to post photos of you and your dependents. Please fill out the very short form in your email by December 20 to grant or withhold permission. A few paper copies and a drop box are available by the mailboxes. Thank you for responding promptly!

ANGEL TREE

Thank you for taking the Angels and purchasing gifts for the children! Angel Tree is part of Prison Fellowship Ministries that gives our church the opportunity to share Christ's love with children of prisoners by purchasing a Christmas gift for them. Many times, the children are the silent sufferers, but we can let them know that they are not forgotten by sharing a gift, and more importantly, Christ's love with them. Gifts need to be returned to our church **today, December 13**. Thank you!

OFFERINGS RECEIVED FOR NOVEMBER

Special Missions	\$ 1,531
Love INC	\$ 200
Headwaters Food Bank	\$ 835
Manhattan Christian School	\$ 100
Love Fund	\$ 20
General Fund	\$ 31,524
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 1,129
Christian Education Fund	\$ 36,616

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

- Send your weekly or monthly gifts to Manhattan CRC, 7950 Churchill Road, Manhattan, MT 59741.
- Give on-line by going to manhattancrc.org and clicking the "Give Now" tab.
- Hold your gifts in an envelope at home, send in monthly, or bring back to church when you feel comfortable.
- If you have any questions about giving please contact Larry Klompfen (282-7697). Thank you!

YOUR LOVE INC MINISTRY IS HIRING!

Love INC is seeking a Project Manager/ Marketing Coordinator. Please contact CJ at communications@loveincgc.org to apply or to request more information.

DEVOTIONS FOR A BLUE CHRISTMAS

In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

GROUNDWORK

JESUS CHRIST CAME WITH A PURPOSE - In the season of Advent, we celebrate the fact that Jesus came into the world. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Timothy 1:12-17 to also remember the important reason why Jesus came into the world. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU

Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week it's all about how much God loves you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOG

Advent Means Hope - With World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalogue, you can help a family plant seeds to grow food after COVID-19 lockdowns, give a child the supplies they need for health with a nutrition kit, or provide safety for a disaster survivor. Choose a gift that gives someone who is poor and hungry the opportunity for a better life today and hope for the future. Give online at worldrenew.ca/gifts or call 1-888-WRLD-RNW.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: "This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own concern." How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES

It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/advent. It's free!

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Resonate Global Mission, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) has a full-time (40 hrs/wk) opening for a Program Manager anywhere in North America. This position will serve the mission innovation director and Mission Innovation Team (MIT) by managing and continually improving the systems, processes, and procedures for the internal operations of the mission innovation team in such areas as planning, budgeting, reporting, and partnerships, and to serve as the primary liaison for the mission innovation director with agency and denominational support services. Visit www.crcna.org/jobs for a detailed position description or to complete an online application, attaching a resume and cover letter, no later than December 14, 2020.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray fervently that God arrests this spreading virus. We pray for those infected. We pray for health workers on the front lines of this pandemic. We pray for leaders who must make hard choices on how to respond. We pray for calm.

We trust God our Father who is always in control, even when our life feels tenuous and uncertain.

CHURCH FAMILY

Continue to pray for our community as a growing number of people are dealing with COVID. Pray also that our local **schools** would stay virus free. Keep all our **teachers and school staff** in your prayers for strength, good health and energy to do their work. Include our **college students** in your prayers as well as they deal with holiday travel, remote learning, and other challenges.

Noah Kamerman was diagnosed with a virus around the lining of his heart, a likely complication from having COVID earlier this month. He will need to see a pediatric cardiologist in Great Falls early in December. Pray that the doctors would know how best to treat the situation, and that Noah could soon find relief from the symptoms and healing from this issue.

Les Visser's brother Herman from Minnesota passed away recently. Please pray for Herman's family and also for Les and Betty as they grieve his passing.

Pray for those church **members with unspoken needs**. Some deal with chronic pain, depression, and loneliness.

Rob & Julie Hager thank you for your prayers. Please pray for strength, peace and wisdom as Rob's health declines. His

dementia is significantly worse, and he has other health issues.

Remember to pray for all our senior church members who are living in various retirement homes: **Jerita Andriesen, Ret Blanksma, Ethel Dykstra, Grace Douma, and Edith Vander Molen** (in Personal Care at the Churchill Retirement Home), and **Jeanette Visser** (at Gallatin County Rest Home.)

Keep **Pastor Tim and Heidi** in your prayers as they minister with us.

Please pray for our part-time staff: **Deb Flikkema, Jana Van Dam, Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, Jim & Bonnie Potts and Bob Poelman**.

Be in prayer for **our Council members**.

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Cena Brouwer was diagnosed with Covid recently and passed away on Dec. 5. Please pray for comfort and peace for her family. Cena has been living in Marysville, Washington close to her daughter.

Please pray for **Eric Danhof** and his family, as his time is very short. Eric is holding his own although the prognosis continues to be grim. He is very positive even though he continues to deal with a lot of pain. Give thanks that the Lord is holding them up through this difficult time.

Continue to pray for **Bob Kincaid's cousin, Daniel**, and his wife, **Mareah**, who were in a serious car crash recently. Pray for their recovery and for their baby, Forrest. They still have a long way to go but they are

very thankful for the healing and the continued prayers!

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken** who have been cast into grief with the loss of their infant granddaughter, Nora. Pray for their entire family, especially for the parents of this little girl.

Pray for **Kurtis Schutter** as he works with the Navigators. He is thankful for students who have remained connected with him through this year and the second lockdown. His prayer requests: "Ask for prudence in making plans for next year. Who should we initiate with? How can we create a discipleship culture in this community? What is Jesus asking us to do? These are three questions that are on my mind and I would love for you to pray into this with me."

Pray for **Lauren & Connie Runia** as they work in Bible translation for Wycliffe. Give thanks that The Papua New Guinea Scripture Media Ministry (SMM) team has continued their work over the past few months, completing the dubbing and editing of the JESUS video in the Kandas, Lihir, and most recently the Tigak language. While these language names are unfamiliar to most of you, they represent over 37,000 men, women, youth, and children all of whom are precious and loved by God.

Please pray for **Mark & Jennifer Underhill** and **Jesse & Megan Radoslovich** and their work with Cru.

Prayer requests from **Jeffery and Melissa Bos**:

Pray for continued health for our family and the social circles with whom we interact.

Pray for meetings and church services in Muscat to resume in person.

Pray for decreasing COVID infections, increasing understanding of precautions, and affordable vaccines.

Pray that we may travel to the US next summer and reconnect with family, friends, and supporters.

From **Sosthene and Kara Maletougou**: "We ask for your continued prayers for God's peace here in West Africa. We covet your prayers for God's special mercy, compassion and divine protection."

Remember to pray for **Dorothea Kirkendall** as she serves on the International Prayer team for the Wycliffe Global Alliance.

Continue to pray for **Mark Eekhoff**. He is working on an outreach to the Shepherds in Lesotho where he lived for two years, so that they may continue to hear the Gospel. Pray for God's blessings on his future plans.

DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR THE PRAYER LIST?

Call the office at 282-7442, your district elder, or John and Eileen Scheffer 388-3032

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 7 & 8 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 9 & 1 in FH
 5:30 PM Candlelight Service
 7:00 PM Candlelight Service

LOOKING AHEAD

December 25 - 10:00 AM Christmas Service

OUR GIFTS

Giving as of 11/30/2020

Month Year

GENERAL FUND

Goal	\$29,926	\$359,113
Rec'd	<u>\$31,524</u>	<u>\$73,469</u>
Over (Short)	\$1,598	(\$285,644)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Goal	\$33,017	\$396,209
Rec'd	<u>\$36,616</u>	<u>\$92,607</u>
Over (Short)	\$3,599	(\$303,602)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Goal	\$2,000	\$24,000
Rec'd	<u>\$1,129</u>	<u>\$2,989</u>
Over (Short)	(\$871)	(\$21,011)

OFFERINGS

TODAY

UPCOMING

MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

This offering is helping pay for educational costs that are not covered by tuition. This money becomes part of the school's general operating fund and is not treated as tuition. It benefits all students enrolled at Manhattan Christian.

DEC 20 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 20 #2 **SPECIAL MISSIONS**
 DEC 27 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 27 #2 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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