

DECEMBER 20, 2020

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

PM WORSHIP

A Time of Worship Preparation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

This evening will be our
Candlelight Service

Jesus the Light of the World

ADVENT READING/CANDLELIGHTING

Advent Reading—Peace

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

/King of Heaven

King of Kings

O Come, Let Us Adore Him - CH #196

WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Special Missions

Keith Heidema Presentation

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - Jay Visser

(Tot Church Dismissed For Ages 3-5)

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Text: Ruth 4

Message: **Advent Peace**

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Beautiful Savior* - LUYH 17:1,3,4

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

organ

Eliana Kuperus

piano

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?



On the web at manhattancrc.org



Check out MCRC on **Facebook**

Pastor Tim Kuperus *Pastor*
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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 20, Life Groups 9 & 1 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 4 & 5 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.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to John Cok and his family as his wife Barb passed away on December 11. May the God of all comfort give you his peace.

THANK YOU

Thank-you so much for your prayers, cards, and comforting words in the passing of our son-in-law and brother-in-law, Ron De Weerd.

"The Lord is my Shepherd." Psalms 23
~ Edith Vander Molen,
John and Connie De Vries

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Plan to join us for our candlelight service *Jesus, the LIGHT of the World* which will be held this evening, December 20. There will be two services; the first at 5:30 p.m. and the 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Please attend the one that you registered for. If you did not register to attend, there will be space in the Fellowship Hall and it will be livestreamed. If questions please contact Kathy Eekhoff.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

We will celebrate the birth of our Savior on Thursday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.!

TOT CHURCH TEACHERS

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

TOT CHURCH

Tot church will be taking a break and not meeting on December 27 and January 3.

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 20 - Mike Kamp,
Dallas Van Gelder, Brett Heidema
Ushers December 27 - Tim Van Dam,
Ben Leep, Mel Dyk

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!

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 Klompien (282-7697). Thank you!

LOVE INC'S PERSONAL CARE CLOSET

We are collecting baby items for the Personal Care Closet at this time. Help our Love INC Personal Care Closets transform lives through your donations. Please bring diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment, wipes, wash, lotion, etc. to the church by next Sunday, December 27. 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.

TWICE TREASURED

We will be closed December 24 - 27 and December 31 - January 3. No donations will be accepted while we are closed.

WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOG

He is our Peace - Celebrate God's power made visible in His son, Jesus Christ, born to bring the world His peace and salvation. Share God's love with someone experiencing poverty, hunger, and injustice this Christmas with a simple gift: a goat, a handwashing station, or farm starter kit. Find these life-changing gifts and more in World Renew's 2020-2021 Gift Catalog at worldrenew.net/gifts, or call 800-552-7972.

GROUNDWORK

FOCUS ON JESUS - There's no doubt Christmas comes with mixed feelings this year, but no matter what might be missing or different, focus on Jesus. Study Colossians 1:3-23 with Groundwork and listen as the Apostle Paul reminds us why our hope is strongest when we fix our gaze on Christ and the promises of reconciliation his birth brings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

MARY'S MIRACLE

Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered what Mary thought about the very first Christmas? Was she scared, excited, or happy? Listen to Mary's Miracle, the story imagined through the eyes of Mary. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

HURRICANE ETA RESPONSE

Right now, 2.5 million people are facing the many devastating impacts of Hurricane Eta. Since November 3, over 300,000 people have been displaced. World Renew is working alongside its Christian partners in Latin America to deliver essential items like food, water, hygiene kits, and shelter items to families most affected by this disaster. Thank you for making an immediate impact through your gifts and prayers. To donate online, please go to: www.worldrenew.net. To donate by phone, please call us at: 800-552-7972.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: "... and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Resonate Global Mission, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part time (24 hr/week) Administrative Specialist to manage all administrative and office support activities of the West Coast Regional leader. The ideal candidate will be located on the west coast. This position will work remotely from their home. 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 January 3, 2021.

DIGITAL MARKETING CAREER

OPPORTUNITY AT WORLD RENEW

At World Renew we are compelled by God's deep passion for justice & mercy. We currently have an opportunity for a Digital Marketing Associate to be based in either Canada or the USA! This position will support the team acquiring leads through managing content, coordinating social media and email campaigns, and championing our peer-to-peer fundraising platform. Details can be found at worldrenew.net/careers or worldrenew.ca/careers

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 number of people are dealing with COVID. 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.

Give thanks that **Noah Kamerman** was given a clean bill of health, after his original diagnosis of a virus around the lining of his heart was discovered to not be the case. A recent EKG and echocardiogram came back completely clear! Praise God for this good news! Thank you so much for the prayers.

Barb Cok passed away very peacefully on December 11. Her great desire was to meet her loving Savior. Please pray that the Lord will wrap His arms around **John** and their children as Barb will be missed by many.

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.

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

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

Please pray for **Eric Danhof** and his family, as his time is short. His liver and kidney function are failing and he continues to deal with a lot of pain. Please pray for relief from the intolerable pain and for continued peace in his heart.

We want to say thank you for your prayers and support for us through these times. As some of you know, our son, **Forest Richard Dupea**, is in NICU in Spokane, WA. This is due to the Lord bringing him into the world five and a half weeks early through a car accident, November 23rd. Thirty-six hours after his birth in Kalispell he was airlifted to Sacred Heart Hospital in WA. Throughout these times the Lord, as always, has been faithful. Forest's body is now doing well; our Savior gave him air to fill his lungs and helped his blood flow through his body. Because of cerebral spinal fluid in the center of his brain he had surgery to help relieve the swelling. We are praying for a quick recovery from this surgery. We are asking for prayers for his little brain that it would heal itself and be rebuilt to help Forest become a strong healthy boy. We are asking that he would become a man after God's Heart that will be able to serve Christ his whole life. Thank you for your continued prayers for our son.

~ In Christ,

Daniel, Marea, and Forest Dupea

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

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.

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

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 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 months.

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 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

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 NO 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

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Christmas Service
 Life Groups 2 & 3 in FH

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM NO Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 4 & 5 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday School & Catechism Resume
 on January 10

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

SPECIAL MISSIONS

DEC 27 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 27 #2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

This offering goes for the support of all of the missionaries supported by our church both here at home and abroad. If you are not prepared to give your Faith Promise offerings today, you can do so any Sunday by simply putting the offering in an envelope and marking it as "Faith Promise Offering".

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