

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

# **AM** WORSHIP

10:00 AM

# **PM** WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Advent Ceremony - Cody & Ashley Hammond

\*God Greets His People

## **WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

\**O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

- CH #245:1,2

\**Here I Am To Worship* - LUYH #567:1,2

\*Words of Welcome

\*We Greet One Another

## **WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS**

Special Number -

*Quiet Night, Wondrous Sight*

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Offering - General Fund

Manhattan Christian School

Offertory

## **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

Children's Message - LaRae Sales

(Tot Church Dismissed for ages 3-5)

\**Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

- LUYH #667:1,3

Text - Various Selected

Message: **An Advent Cry:**

**The Ground Cries**

Prayer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\**O, Christ Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire*

- LUYH #828:1,4,5

## **WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

\**Hark the Glad Sound* - LUYH #60:1,4

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

*preaching*

Laurie Grosskopf

*organ*

A Time of Worship Preparation

## **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

\*God Greets His People

\*We Greet One Another

## **WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

\**Jesus, Name Above All Names* - CH #86

\**That Beautiful Name* - CH # 266:1,2,4

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Lord's Day 14 - Q & A 35, 36

## **WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS**

Evening Prayer

Offering - Manhattan Christian School

Offertory

## **GOD SPEAKS TO PEOPLE**

\**What Wondrous Love Is This*

-LUYH #164:1,2

Text - Philippians 2:1-11 (pg. 1230)

Message: **Christ Laid Aside His Crown**

Prayer

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\**Love Divine*

-LUYH #351:1,3

## **WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

\**Love Divine*

-LUYH #351:4

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

*preaching*

Ruth Van Dyken

*organ*

# Welcome

Coffee, punch, and cookies are served in the fellowship hall after the morning service!



On the web at [manhattanccrc.org](http://manhattanccrc.org)



Check out MCRC on **Facebook**

## VISITING TODAY?

**Nursery** is located on the lower level for all children up to the age of 3.

**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

## MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Throughout the Advent season we will be focusing on the cries of God's people and His creation as they await the coming of the Savior, the one who would turn their cries to joy. Each Sunday we will pause at this hectic time of year to refocus our attention on the true meaning of the season.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The K-6 Sunday School program is December 9 at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Christmas Bells."

Reminder for parents - practice for the program is at 4:45 on December 9 in the sanctuary with supper provided for the students before the program.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sadie Schipper who passed away on November 21. We also extend our sympathy to Dave and Deb Tinklenberg in the loss of Dave's father, Leroy, on Monday, November 26. May the God of all comfort give you his peace.

### FOOD DRIVE

The deacons report that 212 pounds of food was delivered to the Headwaters Area Food Bank. Thank you for your giving!

### THANK YOU

Praise the Lord, from whom all blessings flow. We had a wonderful outpouring of support for the Combined Youth Group. Over \$4000 was raised between the supper and raffle. We will also be purchasing two wheelchairs from ROC Wheels with the funds raised at the bake sale. Thank you to all those who donated bake goods, time, potatoes, and came out for the supper!

### COUNCIL MEETING

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.

### CROSSROAD BIBLE INSTITUTE

Volunteers for Crossroads Prison Ministry are needed. There are 6000 people waiting to be mentored through writing prisoners. Would you be willing to help? Call 1-616-530-1300 for more info.

### **COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY**

This Sunday is diaper collection week.

### **THE SAFE CHURCH GUIDELINES**

The guidelines can be found online or on the table by the Fellowship Hall. Council members and all adult volunteers who serve in ministries with minors need to read this document and fill out the last page (Page 14). Once filled out, drop off Page 14 in Kathy's office. Contact Wes Asher or Kyle De Boer with any questions.

### **JOB OPENINGS**

The Churchill Retirement Home and Assisted Living is looking for the following positions to join our team ASAP:

- Part Time Daytime Cook
- Part Time/ Full Time Evening Resident Assistant. Must be available to work weekends.

For more information, please call the office @282-7233 or stop by for an application. Thank You!

### **SERVICE OF HOPE**

Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is hosting its annual *Service of Hope*, Sunday, December 2, at 2pm for those wishing to set aside a time during the holidays to remember a loved one. The service will include a message of encouragement, candle lighting, and a memorial slide show—the service is free and all are welcome. For info please call 587.3184.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Manhattan Christian School Elementary Music Department presents, "A Shepherd's Story!" The Christmas concert will be held on December 11th at 7:00pm. Come join us in celebrating the story of Jesus' birth from stories of the shepherds! Questions? Call 406.282.726

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Join our Middle and High School Music Departments at Manhattan Christian School on Tuesday, December 18th for our Christmas Program! This night will feature music from our 5th through 12th grade bands, and 6th through 12th grade choirs. The Christmas concert will begin at 7:00 PM! Please visit [www.manhattanchristian.org](http://www.manhattanchristian.org) for more information!

### **IS YOUR HEART READY?**

Advent starts today. Is your heart ready? Celebrating Christmas isn't a day, it's a season. Orient your Christmas season with Advent devotions from World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting tomorrow, Dec. 3. This year's devotional series titled Holy Impatience will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. To sign up, go to [crcna.org/](http://crcna.org/) advent.

# SERVING THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 2

## **NURSERY**

**AM** Libby Triemstra, Leah Brouwer,  
Heidi Hager, Derk Flikkema

**PM** Breanne Heidema

## **TOT CHURCH**

**3's** Missy Kamps  
Micah Kamps

**4's** Joan Bos  
Levi Visser

### **Substitutes**

Breanne Heidema, LaRae Sales  
Crystal Van Dyken

## **USHERS**

Mike Kamp, Wally Sales

## **GREETERS**

Jay & Ann Visser  
Sean & Lorna Wyatt

## **COFFEE SERVERS**

Curt & Deb Smit  
Keith Heidema, Nate Dyk

## **LIBRARY**

Rose Brower, Jana Van Dam

## **VIDEO AT CRH**

**AM** Elinor Vander Ark  
Ret Blanksma

**PM**

**COOKIES** (4 dz),  
Betty V., Cassi V., Hermina V.

# SERVING NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 9

## **NURSERY**

**AM** Dorothy Heidema, Beth  
Straatman, Emelia Visser,  
Kenzie Van Kley

**PM** No Nursery  
- Sunday School Program

## **TOT CHURCH**

**3's** Missy Kamps  
Micah Kamps

**4's** Joan Bos  
Levi Visser

### **Substitutes**

Breanne Heidema, LaRae Sales  
Crystal Van Dyken

## **USHERS**

Shad Van Dyken, Bob Kamp

## **GREETERS**

Joel & Amy Visser  
Ben & Julie Witte

## **COFFEE SERVERS**

Terry & Sally Triemstra  
Wes & Brenda Asher

## **LIBRARY**

Sheri Van Dyken, Joan Bos

## **VIDEO AT CRH**

**AM** Sid & Betty Kamps  
**PM**

**COOKIES** (4 dz),  
Jacquelyn V., Lola V., Melissa V.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

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## CHURCH FAMILY

Please pray for **Dave and Deb Tinklenberg**, as Dave's father passed away this past Monday. Pray for strength and peace for the family during this time. And remember the family of **Sadie Schipper** as well.

Continue to pray for **Herb and Evie Potts**. Herb was released from the hospital on Wednesday, but he was readmitted on Thursday. Please pray for successful treatment and healing.

Pray for the members of the **AIM Conference team** as they return from their work in Kenya. Pray for safety in travel and that their work at the Spiritual Life Conference may have been a blessing to all of those involved. May the experience enrich their Christian walk.

Pray for **John and Jami Visser, Emelia and Maddie** as they leave for the Philippines on a service project. Pray for good health and safe travel for them, as they plan to work there for most of December.

Pray for strength and better health for **Ray Van Dyken** and **Chip Kamerman**.

Thank you for your prayers for **Sheila Heidema**. She was able to go back to one treatment every 3 weeks with hopes of trying the immuno therapy again in the near future.

Please pray for the **women in our church who are expecting**, that the pregnancies will go smoothly, especially those with complications.

Continue to pray for baby **Shirah Luther**, the granddaughter of Patrick and Holly Luther. Pray that she will grow in strength as she deals with her kidney issues.

Pray for **Gary Bos** as he deals with chronic lung problems.

**Rob & Julie Hager** thank you for your faithful and continued prayers. Pray for strength and wisdom as they deal with Rob's health.

Remember to pray for all our senior church members who are living in various retirement homes: **Ethel Dykstra, Grace Douma, Jerita Andriesen, and Joan Van Dyk** (in Personal Care at the Churchill Retirement Home), **Alice Van Dyken** and **Pete Blanksma** (at Spring Meadows Assisted Living), **Lila Douglas** (in her home at 8074 Churchill Rd.)

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

Pray for **Kyle De Boer** and his duties as Youth Director.

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

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

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY

Please pray for Steve and Jennifer Sofie's friend, **Michael Coulson**. He had brain surgery last Tuesday and they removed the 5 cm tumor - they believe it is a grade 4 glioma. But, he ended up having to go back into emergency surgery on Thursday as he had bleeding and pressure building up; they were keeping him sedated and on the ventilator. Keep him in your prayers for strength and healing.

Continue to pray for **Steve and Jennifer Sofie's cousin, Michelle**, as she deals with cancer in her lungs. Pray that she will have strength and peace, and pray for her family, too.

**Jeanette Visser** requests prayer for her grandson, **Albert Brown**, who is serving time in Deer Lodge.

## **SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH**

Pray for **Kurtis and Amelia Schutter** as they work with the Navigators in the Netherlands. They ask for prayer as they seek the Lord's will in the next step in their future plans.

Be in prayer for **Rick and Becky Luth** as they complete their training with YWAM. They will be leaving on December 17 for Battambang, Cambodia to do a 2 month outreach where their main focus will be working with the leaders at the YWAM base, and helping to run their Youth Development Center, which is also an accredited English school.

Be in prayer for **Mark Eekhoff** and his work in Nairobi, Africa. Give thanks for all the work that was done at the Spiritual Life Conference and also pray for Mark as he considers his long-term plans for the future.

Continue to uphold **Mark and Jennifer (Van Dyke) Underhill** as they work overseas with Cru. Pray that all of their visa issues will be resolved.

Remember to pray for **Will and Dorothea Kirkendall** as she works as Prayer Coordinator for Wycliffe.

Continue to pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken**, who report that they have settled in on the island of Cyprus. Please pray for Daryl as he works on the Silk Road Transmitter installation in Central Asia until December 8.

**Sosthene and Kara Maletougou** are presently back in the US for a time so that they can visit and reconnect with various churches. Pray for safe travel for them and a good time of sharing about their work.

Pray for **Jeff and Melissa Bos** as they adjust to life and work in Oman. Give thanks for the 50-year anniversary of the College of Christian Theology in Bangladesh this December. (Read their update in the Dec. Belltower.)

Pray for **Lauren and Connie Runia** and their work in translation for Wycliffe

Pray for **John Westra** as he visits prisoners and leads Bible study with Bozeman Prison Ministries.

Pray for the work that **Pastor Jack** does at Montana State Prison.

Keep **Chaplain Randy Jones** in your prayers as he carries out his duties around Gallatin County.

### **DO YOU HAVE AN UPDATE FOR THE PRAYER LIST?**

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

# THIS WEEK

## TODAY

9:00 AM Sunday School - All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
Tot Church  
(dismissed during service)  
5:00-5:45PM Prayer Time in Council Room  
6:00 PM Worship Service

## TUESDAY

9:30 AM Coffee Break Bible Study  
7:00 PM Council Meeting

## WEDNESDAY

2:00 PM Dorcas Guild  
7:00 PM Youth Group Meets  
7:00 PM Cadets Meet  
NO GEMS

# LOOKING AHEAD

## DECEMBER 9

Sunday School Christmas Program - PM

## DECEMBER 23

Candlelight Service - PM

## DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service—10:00 AM

No December Elders' Meeting

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# OFFERINGS

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## TODAY

### **GENERAL FUND & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND**

The second offering is for the Christian Education Fund which is used to cover the tuition costs of families who are participating in the Christian Education Fund. It is for the exclusive benefit of students whose families belong to Manhattan CRC.

## UPCOMING

DEC 9 GENERAL FUND  
DEC 9 #2 **MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

DEC 16 GENERAL FUND  
DEC 16 #2 **SPECIAL MISSIONS**

DEC 23 GENERAL FUND  
DEC 23 #2 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

DEC 25 **LOVE FUND**  
DEC 30 GENERAL FUND  
DEC 30 #2 **SYNODICAL ADMIN. SERVICES**  
DEC 30 PM GALLATIN VALLEY DIACONATE

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