

DECEMBER 16, 2018

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

*Words of Welcome

*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

Advent Ceremony - Brian & Jill Ayers
Choir - *For Unto Us a Child is Born*

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Angels From the Realms of Glory*
- CH #259:1,2,5

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

WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Offering - General Fund
Special Missions

Offertory - Mariah Leum

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - Kyle De Boer
(Tot Church Dismissed for ages 3-5)

Text - Various Selected

Message: **An Advent Cry:**
A Nation Cries For A King

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

**Angels We Have Heard On High*
- CH #278:1,3

God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Joy to the World* - CH #270:1,2,4

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus
preaching

Laurie Grosskopf
organ

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Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Once In Royal David's City*
- CH #286:1,2,4

**The First Noel* - CH # 265:1,2,6

WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS

Evening Prayer

Offering - Special Missions

Offertory

**Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*
- CH #292:1,2,5

GOD SPEAKS TO PEOPLE

Text - Isaiah 11 (pg. 725)

Message: **A Shoot From the Stump**
of Jesse

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming*
- CH #255:1-3

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Go Tell It On The Mountain*
- CH #258:3

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus
preaching

Ruth Van Dyken
organ

piano

Welcome

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



On the web at manhattancrc.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 online at manhattancrc.org

MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT

Today is the third 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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

December 23

Candlelight Service - 6:00 PM

December 25

Christmas Day Service - 10:00 AM

December 30

Combined Praise Service - 6:00 PM

AIM TEAM PRESENTATION

There will be a slide show presentation by the AIM Team who went to Kenya after the morning service in the Sanctuary. After you grab some refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, you are invited to return to the Sanctuary to hear more about the trip and ask the group questions.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rita Rose (Klompjen) and Kai Colvin who were recently united in marriage. May God richly bless you as you begin your life together!

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who chose an "Angel Tree Child" from the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. We appreciate each one of you! Please have your gifts back to church by this evening. Thank you!

"PAGE 14" IS DUE!

MCRC is moving forward with the **Safe Church Guidelines**. Please take time to review the document and complete "Page 14" of the document. All adults volunteering with minors need to have "Page 14" completed by January 6, 2019. Contact Kyle De Boer, Wes Asher, or Roz Danhof with any questions or concerns.

LOVE INC'S PERSONAL CARE PANTRY

We are collecting baby items at this time. Please bring diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment, wipes, wash, lotion, etc. to the south foyer **by December 30**. Thank you!

CANDLELIGHT COOKIES

Families whose last name begins with A-Ka, are asked to bring 1 1/2 dozen cookies for the coffee time following the candlelight service on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

We ask that you bring your cookies the **morning** of the 23rd and that they be **marked** for "candlelight". Thank you so much!

FOUND

A ring was found in a back pew of the church. Please call the church office.

SERVING

If you would like to join the MCRC family in serving coffee and bringing cookies for fellowship time after the morning services, please mark your name down on the sheet in the east entry. Coffee serving is 1 -2 times a year and bringing cookies is 2 times a year. When it is your turn to bring cookies, you are asked to bring 4 dozen homemade or store bought cookies. If you are no longer able to serve coffee or bring cookies and need to be removed from one or both lists, please mark your name down on the sheet in the east entry.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Wes and Brenda Asher have removed their land line so that is no longer in service. Their cell phone numbers are: Wes: 580-8539 Brenda: 539-5183

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! See www.manhattanchristian.org for more information!

GREETINGS

Linda and I send our Christmas greetings to "ya-all" from sunny South Carolina. We are settling into a new routine in life and Linda tells me it is going better than expected. Having been so engrossed in administration for so long she was a bit fearful about me withdrawing.

Linda is busy with her sewing and crafts, I volunteer as a gardener at Shannon Forest Christian and am figuring out the rest. We joined a Y and work out twice a week. I love the pool and am back into swimming.

We have found a good church home at Fellowship Presbyterian Church and are getting involved.

We miss all of you but are confident this is where God has us planted now.

May you all have a blessed Christmas. The door at the De Jong home in Simpsonville, SC would always be open to any of you if you come out this way.

God Bless, *Patrick and Linda De Jong*

SAVE THE DATE

This year, our traditional MCS Alumni Event will take place on **Saturday, January 26, 2019!** All alumni and their families are invited to attend. We would love to see you and your family here, so please consider joining in on the fun day with other MCS alumni. There will be volleyball and basketball games; join in the friendly competition. Then, be sure to stop by the hospitality room (available from 12:30 to 3:30 PM) and help yourself to the complimentary meal. Enjoy your free admission to the home Eagles high school basketball games starting at 4 PM in the Memorial Event Center versus White Sulphur Springs. **Register for this event by calling 282-7261 or e-mailing ekimm@manhattanchristian.org by January 11, 2019.**

SERVING THIS WEEK

DECEMBER 16

NURSERY

AM Leanne Moss, Jana Van Dam,
Maddie Visser, Madyson Heidema,
Anna Visser

PM Diane Van Egmond

TOT CHURCH

3's Giselle Vander Laan
Shayla Van Dyken

4's Kathryn Chausse'
Cullen Visser

Substitutes

Ren Braaksma, Beth Kamerman,
Beth Straatman

USHERS

Ben Leep, D. Van Gelder

GREETERS

Matt & Missy Kamps
Wes & Brenda Asher

COFFEE SERVERS

Bob & Julie Kincaid
Hemina Visser, Jill Brouwer

LIBRARY

Lisa Heidema, Bonnie Van Dyke

VIDEO AT CRH

AM Matt & Missy Kamps

COOKIES (4 dz),
Madeline W., Lois W., Julie W.

SERVING NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER 23

NURSERY

AM Tami Leep, Stacy Burley, Caleb
Bellach, Simeon O'Hara, Brook Leep

PM Jon & Kathryn Chausse'

NURSERY CHRISTMAS DAY

Julie Witte, Annie O'Hara, Lainie
Dykman, Isabelle Beals, Lydia Visser

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Shayla Van Dyken

4's Kathryn Chausse'
Cullen Visser

Substitutes

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Beth Straatman

USHERS

Darrel Flikkema, Sean Wyatt

USHERS CHRISTMAS DAY

Darrel Flikkema, Sean Wyatt

GREETERS

Al & Joan Bos
Joe & Amy Braaksma

GREETERS CHRISTMAS DAY

Ret Blanksma, Marlene Blanksma
Dorothy Flikkema, Hermina Visser

COFFEE SERVERS

Kurt & Stacy Burley
Terry & Callie Dykman

LIBRARY

Jill Brouwer, Rose Brouwer

VIDEO AT CRH

AM

COOKIES (4 dz),
Lorna W., Bonnie A., Brenda A.

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Pray for safe travel for our **college students** who will be coming home for Christmas break.

Continue to pray for **Eliana Kuperus** as she recovers from a bad ankle sprain. Pray for healing and strength.

Pray for complete healing for **Rachel Visser** as she recovers from foot surgery.

Please pray for continued recovery for **Herb Potts**.

Continue to pray for **John and Jami Visser, Emelia, and Maddie** who are in 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.

Be in prayer for **Pete Blanksma** who spent some time in the hospital this past week.

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

Thank you for your prayers for **Sheila Heidema**. Keep her in your prayers for peace and strength as she goes through her treatments.

Please pray for the **women in our church who are expecting**; that the pregnancies will go smoothly.

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, Deb Flikkema, Jana Van Dam, Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, and Robert Poelman**.

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

Anni O'Hara's uncle, **Bill Lockhart**, had a heart attack this past Monday and is now home from the hospital and doing well. Please keep him in your prayers for a good recovery. He will be spending a good bit of time in the near future in doctors' appointments and rehab. He is very grateful for God's healing hand and for all of our prayers for him.

Please pray for Steve and Jennifer Sofie's friend, **Michael Coulson**. He will be transferring to a rehab center for intensive therapy of his left side, as he suffered a stroke after his brain surgery. His spirits are good and they are thankful for the prayer!

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

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

From **Gary Schipper**: "Thanks to each of you for your prayers and support through 2018. Every prayer and attention given my way is an appreciated blessing. Have a great Christmas! I am traveling to the high-country of Ecuador. Among the Quichua-speaking populations, TLT has had a significant impact for over 8 years in dozens of churches. I will be traveling with my good friend Luis Pellecer, who began TLT training in this area before handing it off to me a few years ago. In the next few days we will celebrate new graduations and plan future trainings. Please pray for God's wisdom and for these dedicated and humble brothers as they train and apply these practical courses to a needy area."

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 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. Also pray for Mark as he considers his long-term plans for the future.

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.

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 **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.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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 Christmas Party

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM NO Cadets or GEMS

DECEMBER 23 No Sunday School

DECEMBER 30 No Sunday School

OFFERINGS

TODAY

GENERAL FUND & SPECIAL MISSIONS

The offering today is for Special Missions through the giving of your Faith Promise pledges. These offerings go for the support of all of the missionaries supported by our church both here at home and abroad.

UPCOMING

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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