

DECEMBER 6, 2020

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

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GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

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WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

Responsive Reading - LUYH #81

**Angels From the Realms of Glory*

- LUYH #81:1,2,5

**Love Divine*

- LUYH #351:1,2,4

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

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

Responsive Reading

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

**What Child Is This*

- CH #281:1-3

ADVENT READING/CANDLELIGHTING

Advent Reading—Love

O Little Town of Bethlehem - CH #250:1-4

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Evening Prayer

Offering - Christian Education Fund

WE OFFER PRAYERS & GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Christian Education Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

**That Beautiful Name* - CH #266:1-3

Text: Various Selected

Message: **The Incarnation**

Prayer

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - LaRae Sales

(Tot Church Dismissed For Ages 3-5)

Text:

Message: **Advent (2) Love**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

- PH #329:1,3,4

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

- LUYH #796:1-3

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

**Dona Nobis Pacem*

- LUYH #73

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

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**Good Christian Men Rejoice* - CH 273:2,3

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus
preaching

Laurie Grosskopf
organ

Tim Kuperus
preaching

Beth Straatman
piano

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 6, Life Groups 5 & 6 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 7 & 8 will be in the FH.

COVID – 19 UPDATE

The Worship Committee has outlined how we can worship together while following the physical distancing practices outlined by the governor. It is important that we do all we can to create a safe atmosphere for worship. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Deb, Jana, or your elder.

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 Les and Betty Visser whose brother, Herman, passed away in Minnesota. May the God of all comfort give you his peace.

COUNCIL MEETING

The council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m.

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

TOT CHURCH TEACHERS

December 6 -Jorie Flikkema,
Derk Flikkema, Carson Heidema
December 13 & 20 - Hank Eekhoff,
Abbi and Brooklyn Leep

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 6 - Tim Van Dam,
Mel Dyk, Ben Leep

Ushers December 13 - Walt Sales,
Vince Van Dyken, Karsen Kredit

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!

COMBINED YOUTH GROUP

Our last meeting for 2020 will be tonight at 7:15 pm in the Bethel fellowship hall. The night will include supper, games, and a Christmas gift exchange. Please bring a \$5 gift with you as part of that exchange. You are also welcome to wear an ugly Christmas sweater if you have one.

COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

This week is diaper collection week.

ANGEL TREE

Today you will have the opportunity to choose an "Angel Tree Child" from the Fellowship Hall or in the back of church. Angel Tree is a program 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. Come and check it out for more information. Gifts need to be returned to our church by **December 13**.

CHURCHILL RETIREMENT HOME

Help us "Deck the Halls" at Churchill Retirement Home by joining our Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Any individuals, families or groups welcome to enter. Prizes awarded. You bring the tree, set it up, and decorate it! Themes encouraged. Contact Alysha at 224-3236 for details/to sign up.

DOKKEN-NELSON FUNERAL SERVICE

is hosting this year's annual *Service of Hope ONLINE* Sun., Dec. 6, at 2pm at dokkennelson.com/hope for those wishing to set aside time during the holidays to remember a loved one. The service will include a message of encouragement and a memorial slide show. dokkennelson.com/hope

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

MCS 12 DAYS OF GIVING

Manhattan Christian School's fundraiser, 12 Days of Giving, is going on right now! Go to the MCS website and follow the links for more information or to view the Auction. Beginning Monday, December 7 through Friday, Dec 11, new items will be live each day. The auctions will begin at 1:00 pm and close at 7:00 pm. Look online today to see each day's items up for bid. For more information on how to view or participate in the auction, call or message Stephanie Venhuizen (406) 539-6025, or Jodi Venema (406) 580-0792.

The fundraiser ends with a finale on Saturday, December 12, from 12:00-3:00 pm. Drive through for some Christmas cheer at MCS, beginning at the MEC parking lot entrance. First stop, free coffee and hot cocoa! Follow along the drive-thru and stop for your favorites. Dutch Specialties, Caramel Apples, Pies, and Christmas Cookies. In the drive-thru, you will also pick up your Auction winnings.

SALVATION IS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week's devotion talks about how God's salvation is a free gift. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails.

WORLD RENEW GIFT CATALOG

Follow Jesus into the lives of the poor during COVID-19 this Advent through the World Renew 2020-2021 Gift Catalog. Choose a gift that helps people who live with scarcity to experience more of the fullness of life that God intends for them. Need a print catalog? Order yours at bit.ly/ordergc20 or view the online catalog at worldrenew.net/gifts. Call us at 800-552-7972 to find out more and give today!

GROUNDWORK

JESUS WILLINGLY HUMBLED HIMSELF - Would you like to see the "Christmas spirit" last all year long? Join Groundwork as we study Philippians 2:1-11 to study why the Apostle Paul challenges us to examine the incarnation and to understand how the humility Christ demonstrates is the secret. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: In the Bible, the Greek term that is usually translated as "hospitality" means "love of strangers." How might your home (whether it's a house, an apartment, a dorm room, or another place) become a space to practice the love of strangers? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)

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.

Noah Kamerman has been 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 from complications of Covid. Please pray for Herman's family and also for Les and Betty as they grieve his passing.

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, was not doing well, and she passed away early Saturday morning. Please pray for comfort and peace for her family. On January 14 Cena would have been 99.

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.

An update on **Bob Kincaid's cousin, Daniel**, and his wife who were in a serious car crash recently. His wife **Mareah** was able to go to Spokane to be with baby Forrest. They are trying to get him off the ventilator. Daniel is still in quarantine so he was not able to go. 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 **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.

Pray for **Jeffery and Melissa Bos** and their family as they minister in Oman. Melissa has been helping coordinate food

deliveries to people who have lost income due to the COVID19 Pandemic. She requests financial support for this important work.

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."

Pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken** as they work in Cyprus with TWR. They ask us to pray for **the Russian ministry** as their colleagues explore the best ways to reach that area of the world with the Gospel.

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 5 & 6 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM High School Youth Group
 Meets at Bethel CRC

MONDAY

7:00 PM EET Meeting

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM No Cadets or GEMS

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

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

OUR GIFTS

BaGiving as of 10/31/2020

Month Year

GENERAL FUND

Goal	\$29,926	\$359,113
Rec'd	<u>\$18,633</u>	<u>\$41,945</u>
Over (Short)	(\$11,293)	(\$317,168)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Goal	\$33,017	\$396,209
Rec'd	<u>\$30,086</u>	<u>\$55,991</u>
Over (Short)	(\$2,931)	(\$340,218)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Goal	\$2,000	\$24,000
Rec'd	<u>\$990</u>	<u>\$1860</u>
Over (Short)	(\$1,010)	(\$22,140)

OFFERINGS

TODAY

UPCOMING

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

The Christian Education Fund 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.

DEC 13 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 13 #2 MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

DEC 20 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 20 #2 SPECIAL MISSIONS

DEC 27 GENERAL FUND
 DEC 27 #2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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 CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

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