

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

7950 **CHURCHILL** RD

Welcome

DECEMBER 27, 2020

“For my eyes have seen
your salvation,
which you have
prepared in the sight of
all nations:
a light for revelation to
the Gentiles,
and the glory of your
people Israel.”

Luke 2:30-32

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On the web at **manhattancrc.org**



DECEMBER 27, 2020

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Words of Welcome

Announcements

Call to Worship

**Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* - CH #292

**God Greet His People*

**We Greet One Another*

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Good Christian Men Rejoice*

- CH #273:1-3

**The Birthday of a King* - CH #284:1,2

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Capital Improvement Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

**As With Gladness Men of Old*

- CH #290:1,2

Text: Luke 2:22-39

Message: **What Do You Expect**

In The New Year

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**We Three Kings of Orient Are*

- CH # 288:1-5

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

**God Blesses His People*

**Go Tell It On The Mountain*

- CH # 258:1,3

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Don Johns

preaching

Laurie Grosskopf

organ

This Sunday's evening service
has been canceled

MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST PASTOR

Since Pastor Tim must quarantine, we welcome and thank pastor Don Johns, interim pastor of E-Free, who was able to fill in on short notice. This evening's service has been cancelled. Bethel welcomes anyone who would like to join them this evening.

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 4 & 5 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 6 & 7 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.
- 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.

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 any questions, please feel free to contact Deb, Jana, or your elder.

DEACONS' MEETING

The deacons are scheduled to meet on Monday, December 28, at 7:00 p.m.

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 27 - Tim Van Dam,

Ben Leep, Mel Dyk

Ushers January 03 - Walt Sales,

Karsen Kredit, Vince Van Dyken

TOT CHURCH

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

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

JANUARY OFFERING SCHEDULE

01/03/21 - General Fund

Christian Education Fund

01/10/21 - General Fund

Denominational Ministry Shares

01/17/21 - General Fund

Special Missions

01/24/21 - General Fund

Warren Hiebert - Bozeman Prison Ministries

01/31/21 - General Fund

GEMS

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 this evening. Thank you!

COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

Next week is diaper collection week.

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!

VULNERABLE POPULATION

According to CDC guidelines, vulnerable populations include those over 65 and those with heart disease, diabetes, asthma, etc. Those to whom this applies are encouraged to worship via livestream. Also, those exhibiting any symptoms of illness are asked to worship via livestream.

INVITATION NOT OBLIGATION

Worshipping in the church is an invitation, not an obligation. If you feel uncomfortable coming to church at this time, please worship via livestream. The service will be livestreamed. Go to our church website (manhattancrc.org) on your computer, scroll to "News", and under this heading find the live stream. The digital archive will be available shortly after the service concludes.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Please keep in mind that physical distancing applies not only during worship, but also before and after.
- Maintain appropriate 6' distance between families or household groups (including children). Please arrive on time to avoid bunching up in the back.

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 31 - January 3. No donations will be accepted while we are closed.

GROUNDWORK

FAITH QUESTIONS WE ALL ASK - "Do we still need the Old Testament?" "Does God really love me? If he does, why is my life falling apart?" and " Will we make it through the pandemic?" Study Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 13, Romans 5:8, and Matthew 25:31-46 with Groundwork as we seek answers to questions faithful believers have sent us this year and grow stronger in faith together. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

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

LOVING MY ENEMY

Check out this week's new kids' devotion about loving our enemies at www.kidscorner.net. As you listen, remember that what bullies say about you doesn't define you. God has already said who you are. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

BLOGGERS WANTED

Do you enjoy writing on topics related to faith and ministry? If so, Staci over at The Network (crcna.org/Network) would love to hear from you! The Network is open for anyone to post—all you'll need to do is create an account and add your blog. Or, if you'd prefer, email network@crcna.org and we'd be happy to help!

CRCNA POSITION OPENING

Ministry Support Services, a ministry of the Christian Reformed Church in North America is looking for a part-time Curriculum Developer for the Thrive project. Thrive is a 5-year grant funded project. Hours for the first year will be up to 18 hours a week and will decrease over the remaining four years. 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 8, 2020.

AT-HOME FAITH FORMATION TIP

The Practice of Hospitality: Kathleen Norris wrote, "True hospitality is marked by an open response to the dignity of each and every person." As you go through your week, focus on approaching every person you meet with this kind of open response. At the end of the week, look back at how this approach changed your attitudes and actions. (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 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.

Pray for **Pastor Tim and Heidi** as they recover from Covid. Pray that **Elyse and Eliana** will stay healthy and pray for **Nicolas and Hannah** as they quarantine back home. Pray for renewed health and strength for their entire family.

Give thanks that **Noah Kamerman** was given a clean bill of health. A recent EKG and echocardiogram came back completely clear! Praise God for this good news! Thank you so much for the prayers.

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

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.

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Keith Heidema** as he makes his final preparations to leave for Costa Rica on January 7 for a year long mission through Resonate Global Missions.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 Maletoungou**:
"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.

Pray for **Chaplains Warren Hiebert and Randall Jones** as they minister to officers, 1st responders and dispatchers throughout Gallatin County.

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 4 & 5 in FH
 6:00 PM NO Evening Worship Service

MONDAY

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM NO Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 6 & 7 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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

This fund is set up to help cover large expenses for improvements or changes related to church assets. Typically not covering regular maintenance, but larger expenses like remodeling, reroofing, etc. of church buildings.

UPCOMING

- JAN 3 GENERAL FUND
- JAN 3 #2 **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND**
- JAN 10 GENERAL FUND
- JAN 10 #2 **DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES**
- JAN 17 GENERAL FUND
- JAN 17 #2 **SPECIAL MISSIONS**
- JAN 24 GENERAL FUND
- JAN 24 #2 **WARREN HIEBERT - BOZEMAN PRISON MINISTRIES**
- JAN 31 GENERAL FUND
- JAN 31 #2 **GEMS**

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