

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

7950 **CHURCHILL RD**

Welcome

JANUARY 10, 2021

He is so rich
in kindness and grace
that he purchased
our freedom
with the blood of
his Son and forgave
our sins.

Ephesians 1:7 NLT



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On the web at **manhattancrc.org**

JANUARY 10, 2021

AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

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

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

*10,000 Reasons - LUYH #559:1-3

*Great Are You Lord

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Morning Prayer

Offering - General Fund

Denominational Ministry Shares

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Children's Message - La Rae Sales

(Tot Church Dismissed For Ages 3-5)

Text: Various Selected

Message: **Counterfeit Gods (1)**

Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Take My Life

COMMUNION

We Partake of Communion

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People

*New Doxology

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus

preaching

Deb Smit

organ

Maddie Visser

keys

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

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*God Greets His People

*We Greet One Another

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

*And Can It Be - CH #347:1,2,4

*Nicene Creed

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin

- LUYH #696:1-3

WE OFFER PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Evening Prayer

Offering - Denominational Ministry

Shares

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

Text: Ruth 4

Message: **Ruth and Jesus**

Prayer

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People

*The Love of God - CH #157:1-3

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Leanne Moss

piano

MCRC ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU

This week marks 5 years since Rob's diagnosis of Huntington's Disease. There are not enough words to thank you all for blessing us in countless ways – with your love, generosity, cards, anonymous gifts, text messages, scenic drives, Rob-sitting, grocery runs, meals, house help, etc., and for faithfully standing by us in prayer. We have been blessed beyond measure. We cannot fully express the love and appreciation we have for our church family. Thank you for being part of our journey. ~ *The Hagers*

Philippians 1:3, Romans 8:28

LORD'S SUPPER

This morning we celebrate the sacrament Christ instituted and commanded us to share, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me." As living members of Christ's church, partake and be nourished in your faith journeys. If there's any question regarding your participation, please feel free to contact an elder or the pastor.

OFFERING FOR MINISTRY SHARES

Ministry shares work by means of each congregation of the CRCNA contributing a set amount of funds. These funds are then pooled to make a variety of congregational-support ministries possible, such as Safe Church Ministry, Disability Concerns, Race Relations, Worship Ministries, and Pastor Church Resources. The funds also support evangelism and outreach efforts such as Chaplaincy and Care Ministry, Resonate Global Mission, and Back to God Ministries International. To see a complete list of the ministries supported by ministry shares, visit crcna.org/ministryshares.

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 January 10, Life Groups 8 & 9 will be in the Fellowship Hall. Next Sunday, Life Groups 1 & 2 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.

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 January 10 - Mike Kamp,

Dallas Van Gelder, Brett Heidema

Ushers January 17 - Tim Van Dam,

Mel Dyk, Ben Leep

TOT CHURCH

Tot Church resumes today.

Teachers January 10 & 17 - Julie Witte,
Cavan and Lydia Visser

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

COMBINED YOUTH GROUP

We will meet tonight at 7:15 pm in the Manhattan CRC fellowship hall.

TODAYS

The Today devotionals for January/February have not yet arrived as they are experiencing unusual shipping delays. We are hoping they arrive soon. A few copies of the second week of January are available on the table by the mailboxes if you would like one.

DECEMBER OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Special Missions	\$ 1,018
Denominational Ministry Shares	\$ 75
Manhattan Christian School	\$ 856
Headwaters Area Food Bank	\$ 50
Christian Education Fund	\$ 38,331
General Fund	\$ 31,819
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 4,183

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!

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.

ZOECARE

Are you fluent in Spanish? ZoeCare is looking for volunteers to work a few hours per week as patient advocates who can communicate with our Spanish-speaking patients. Along with the nurse, advocates work on the front lines with young pregnant women deciding whether to keep or abort their unborn child. The language barrier must be breached effectively to provide patients with the best care and to express the message of hope and life. Please contact Lisa at (406) 586-0444 or lisa@gotozoe.org.

GROUNDWORK

SABBATH REST - Does Sabbath rest just mean taking a day off? Or is it more than that? Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2:1-3, Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, and Hebrews 4:6-11 to better understand what God designed and intended the Sabbath for and how this spiritual discipline can draw us closer to God. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

HOW DO I PRAY?

Prayer doesn't have to be complicated. And there is no single right way to do it. "How Do I Pray?", a free ebook from the ReFrame Ministries Prayer Team shows you six ways to reinvigorate your prayer life. It's yours free at reframeministries.org/ways-to-pray

TRUSTING GOD'S PLAN

Check out the new kids' devotion this week at www.kidscorner.net. Esther went through some very scary times but still trusted God's plan. Maybe during the pandemic, you've been scared too. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

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

HANDBOOK OF BIBLICAL PARENTING

Teaching our kids to love God is the key calling of parenthood. "A Handbook of Biblical Parenting" from Family Fire empowers you to fulfill your most important responsibilities as a parent. Get the ebook when you subscribe at familyfire.com/parentinghandbook.

"FINDING STRENGTH AND SUPPORT IN SCRIPTURE"

This four-part Bible study podcast series and ebook from Groundwork can help you or someone you love draw power from God's Word to grow in your faith when dealing with dementia, anxiety, depression, and chronic illness or pain. Get it when you subscribe to Groundwork at groundworkonline.com/findingstrength.

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

Please continue to pray for many in our church who have tested positive for Covid and are recouping from this virus. Give thanks for those who seem to be feeling much better! Also, pray that many will be spared from getting this virus.

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.

George Den Hartigh (and Eleanor) tested positive for Covid and George entered the hospital last Sunday after spiking a high fever. George is now home but has a cough along with pneumonia. Eleanor is feeling much better. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Eric Danhof passed away Decemeber 25. He is now without pain and at home with the Lord. The family is very thankful for the prayers of our congregation. Please pray that our loving God will wrap his arms around **Eric's family**, and the **extended Danhof family**, and bring them peace and comfort as only He can.

Continue to pray for **Bob Kincaid's cousin** and his family. Praise God that **Forrest** is continuing to improve after having surgery to put a permanent shunt in his head. The family is thankful for all the prayers and ask for them to continue!

SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES & THE GLOBAL CHURCH

Pray for **Keith Heidema** as he left this past Thursday for a year-long mission through Resonate Global Missions. Pray for his health and safety and that this time will be a blessing for Keith and also for all those he encounters in his time there.

Pray for **Mark Eekhoff** as he is traveling in Lesotho and Kenya for the next 4 weeks. Pray for his safety and that his time there will be blessed as he makes connections and works further on setting up the Shepherd Project. Mark is scheduled to fly to Nairobi, Kenya to begin his conference with AIM on January 9. Give thanks for a new COVID-19 negative test result arriving in time for his flight. Pray also for the **new missionaries** that are joining in the work of Africa Inland Missions.

Pray for **Kurtis Schutter** as he works with the Navigators. He is thankful for answered prayers in the past year:

-“We met new students on campus even in the pandemic and got to pray for a lot of connection.

-Seeing our love for God grow as a staff team and in staff Bible study.

-Seeing a discipleship culture grow. I have been encouraged to see more questions arise from students about discipleship in our community. Thank you so much for praying for me and this ministry!”

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.

Keep **Jeffery and Melissa Bos** in your prayers as they serve in Oman.

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.

Please pray for **our country** through these troubled times. Pray for wisdom for those who serve in our government and for a peaceful transition of power.

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 8 & 9 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
 7:15 PM Combined Youth Group Meets
 in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Coffee Break Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Junior High Youth Group
 7:00 PM GEMS & Cadets Meet
 7:00 PM Publications Committee Meets

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School Grades K-12
 10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
 Life Groups 1 & 2 in FH
 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD

OUR GIFTS

Giving as of 12/31/2020

Month Year

GENERAL FUND

Goal	\$29,926	\$359,113
Rec'd	<u>\$31,819</u>	<u>\$105,288</u>
Over (Short)	\$1,893	(\$253,825)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Goal	\$33,017	\$396,209
Rec'd	<u>\$38,331</u>	<u>\$130,938</u>
Over (Short)	\$5,314	(\$265,271)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Goal	\$2,000	\$24,000
Rec'd	<u>\$4,183</u>	<u>\$7,172</u>
Over (Short)	\$2,183	(\$16,828)

OFFERINGS

TODAY

UPCOMING

DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY SHARES

The Christian Reformed Church uses ministry shares to fund a variety of requested ministries both within North America and around the world. The vast majority of every dollar of ministry shares goes directly to ministry programs that start new churches, train servant leaders, support chaplains, resource congregations, and reach out to our neighbors through media and

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**
 JAN 31 PM **LOVE INC**

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