

# Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING  
HOPE  
AND  
*belonging*  
IN CHRIST

*Welcome*

— NOVEMBER 30, 2025 —

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AM WORSHIP

10:00 AM

A Time of Worship Preparation

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Words of Welcome

\*We Greet One Another

Prayer

Advent Reading

- Deb Smit & David Chausse'

*My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

LUYH #69:1,2,4

\*O Come, Let Us Adore Him CH #196:1-3

\*God Greet His People

**WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

\*Christmas Sanctus GH #745:1-3

\*Hark The Glad Sound LUYH #60:1,3,4

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Offering - Dordt University

Offertory -

*(Tot Church Dismissed for Ages 3-5)*

**GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

Text: Luke 1:46-55

Message: **Adore**

Prayer

Special Music - Chellie

*Magnificat*

**WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

\*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

GH #723:1-3

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus  
*preaching*

Ruth Van Dyken  
*organ*

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PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

A Time of Worship Preparation

**GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship

\*God Greet His People

\*We Greet One Another

**WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE**

\*Praise the Savior Now and Ever

LUYH #191:1,2,4

\*We Worship You, Whose Splendor

*Dwarfs the Cosmos* LUYH #737:1,5,6

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

Evening Prayer

\*Keep What You Have Believed

LUYH #769:1,2

**GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

Text: Matthew 16

Message:

Prayer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\*Take Up Your Cross LUYH #326:1,3,4

**WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE**

\*God Blesses His People as They Depart

\*Glory Be to the Father LUYH #961

Postlude

*\*please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus  
*preaching*

Vonnie Roller  
*organ*

SERVING THIS WEEK NOVEMBER 30

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**AM NURSERY** *(Located on the lower level  
for all children up to the age of 3.)*

Crystal Van Dyken, Judy Douglas, Alex  
Straatman

**TOT CHURCH**

**3's:** Roz Danhof, Ariella Meza

**4's:** Libby Danhof, Lila Kamp  
(sub.) Brittney Braaksma

**USHERS**

Ben Leep, Brett Heidema

**GREETERS**

Darrel & Deb Flikkema  
Mel & Carla Dyk

**COFFEE SERVERS**

Dylan & Sarah Van Gelder  
Leland & Lisa Heidema

**COOKIES** (4 dz)

Sarah Van Gelder, Chellie Noon,  
Lisa Heidema

**LIBRARY**

Closed

**WORSHIP AT CRH**

Brad Kamerman

SERVING NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 7

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**AM NURSERY** *(Located on the lower level  
for all children up to the age of 3.)*

Jennifer Bos, Deb Flikkema, Solomon  
O'Hara

**TOT CHURCH**

**3's:** Stacy Burley, Emily Straatman

**4's:** Lisa Heidema, Marlow Todd

**USHERS**

David Douglas, Les Visser

**GREETERS**

Bob & Sharon Kamp  
Sid & Betty Kamps

**COFFEE SERVERS**

Hank & Kathy Eekhoff  
Mike & Wendy Dyk

**COOKIES** (4 dz)

Pat Ungersma, Wendy Dyk,  
Kathy Eekhoff

**LIBRARY**

Jill Brouwer, Rose Brouwer

**WORSHIP AT CRH**

Heath Huitink

# PRAYER REQUESTS

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

## CHURCH FAMILY

**Ken Blanksma** had surgery last week to repair a torn bicep which caused the ligament to move out of place in his left shoulder. His pain is tolerable. Pray for pain relief and that Ken will heal well after this surgery.

**Cathy Dawe** had an appointment with the surgeon last Wednesday and they have set a date for surgery. Unfortunately, Cathy will need to wait 3 months until she can have the surgery as the surgeon is that busy. Please continue to pray for pain relief for Cathy.

Pray for **expectant moms and dads**. Pray for healthy babies and moms as they await their precious little ones. Thanking the Lord for His constant care of the little ones who have been born.

Please keep **Rob and Julie Hager and family** in your prayers as Rob continues to decline with the effects of Huntington's disease. Please pray for God's peace, strength, and the ability to praise and glorify him through these hard days. They are very grateful for all of your thoughts and prayers.

Pray for our part-time staff: **Kathy Eekhoff, Lisa Heidema, Bob Poelman, and Jim & Bonnie Potts**.

Keep **Josh and Lacey** and their young family in your prayers as they minister to us and to our youth.

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

Pray for our **council members**.

Pray for the **senior saints of our church**. Sometimes they struggle with pain. At other times, with discouragement. They may also deal with unknown medical issues. At other times, they wonder what medical treatment they should pursue. Pray that God will give them peace and wisdom during these times.

Remember to pray for all of our church members in the personal care wing of the Churchill Retirement Home: **John Cok, Ethel Dykstra, Edith Vander Molen, Rob Hager, and Hermina Visser**. Others from our church live in independent rooms there. **Pete Kimm and John Kamps** are living at Park Haven in Manhattan.

Please pray for our **church family and community** as many are grieving the passing of close family members and friends recently. Pray for comfort, strength, and peace for all.

Pray for our **college students and our day school children** as they have started a new school year. Pray for our **teachers, administrators, and parents** as well.

Pray for **our military and their families**. Pray for courage and safety for them. Pray that they will know how grateful we are for their service and sacrifice for us.

## **EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY**

Keep **Joyce Flikkema and family** in your prayers as **Clary** passed away very peacefully last week. Pray for peace and comfort to surround his family. We rejoice that Clary has now seen Jesus, but we will miss him here with us.

Pray for **Halane Van Dyken** as she continues to receive treatments. She had a brain scan recently that revealed 3 tiny spots. The tiny spots were radiated, and she will continue with chemo as scheduled. Pray that this radiation may be effective and for continued strength and peace for Halane and family.

**Carla Walhof** has had her stem cell transplant. She has moved to a facility very close to the hospital in Sioux Falls. She needs to have someone stay with her 24/7. Please pray for her body to continue to accept these new cells. Pray for Carla, Corwin, their children, and their extended family and friends. May the Lord wrap His arms around them and give them peace and strength.

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

Pray for **Matt Kirby** as he leads Athletes in Action at MSU. Pray that he may be able to touch many lives with the love of Christ.

Pray for **Katie Venhuizen** as she works with Resonate Global Missions.

Pray for **Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou and family** and their work with the Christian schools in Africa along with the Teacher's Garden (Christian education resource center). Give thanks to God for sustained growth in the ministry of the Teachers' Garden. Pray for God's provision for the resources needed by the Teachers' Garden ministry to meet growing demands for teacher training.

Pray for **Daryl and Carol Van Dyken** and for their work with TWR. They are living in Pennsylvania. Daryl is doing digital work with TWR.

Pray for **Melissa Bos** and family as Melissa works in Grand Rapids, MI. serving as the Missionary in Residence at Calvin Theological Seminary. Give thanks for God's provision for all of their needs.

Be in prayer for **Mark Eekhoff** and the continuing work of the Shepherd Project.

Pray for **Lauren and Connie Runia** as they work with Wycliffe in many different areas of ministry.

Pray for **Kurtis Schutter and family**. They have made the decision to join with the Navigators in Des Moines, IA. Pray for them as they make new adjustments in their move to Des Moines.

**Chaplain Randy Jones** ask for prayer for the safety and well-being of our officers and that he would know how and when to minister to those who are in crisis with the compassion of Christ.

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

If you have an update for the prayer list, please call the office at 406-282-7442, call or text Kathy (406-580-1835), or contact your Life Group elder.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP**

Advent begins this Sunday, November 30. Each Sunday we light our Advent candles as we reflect on the gift of Christ, the Messiah, coming to earth. As we celebrate his first coming, we look forward to his second coming.

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Coffee, punch, and cookies will be served after the morning service. Stay for a time to get to know each other!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School will not be meeting this Sunday, November 30. We resume December 7.

## **DEACONS' MEETING**

The deacons are scheduled to meet on Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m.

## **ANGEL TREE**

Thanks to those who have already picked an "Angel Tree Child" from the Angel Tree! There are still 5 children for you to choose. 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 to the fellowship hall and check it out. Please sign the sheet listing which child's "code number" you have chosen. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to our church fellowship hall by December 14 or earlier if possible. Thank you!!

## **RESTROOM REMODEL**

Painting in the main floor restrooms will be starting soon. The toilet partitions will be removed, so if you are using the restroom, please lock the outside door for privacy.

## **BELLTOWER**

The digital edition of the December Belltower is now available. As always, there will be a limited number of printed copies available in the racks near the mailboxes.

## **WORSHIP COORDINATOR POSITION**

Do you have the gifts and interest to do this work? Are you curious how God might be calling you to be part of the ministry at MCRC in this way? Maybe there is a part of this ministry that interests you and you would be willing to share in this with others. If you would like to check it out, go to the church website, or stop in the office for a job description. If you have questions or would like more info, please talk with Kathy Eekhoff.

## **SERVICE OF HOPE**

Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service is hosting their annual Service of Hope on Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m. to set aside time during the holidays to remember a loved one—all are welcome. [dokkennelson.com/hope](http://dokkennelson.com/hope)

## **COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY**

Next week is diaper collection week.

### GRIEF SHARE

The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss. Grief Share provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. December 10 & 13, 10:00 a.m. The Bridge in Manhattan. 1085 Yadon Rd. Contact Joanie 406-570-3568

### MAINTENANCE POSITION

We are looking for a part-time maintenance person at Manhattan CRC. This position involves outside maintenance (lawn care and snow removal) and inside (overseeing maintenance and repairs). This person would also be responsible to open, walk through, and lock the church each day. Please contact Hank Eekhoff (406-580-2735) for information or questions.

### TWICE TREASURED

Twice Treasured is **in need** of brown grocery bags. You can drop them off at the thrift store or at the MCS school office. Thanks!

### KIDS CORNER

Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: O Come, O Come, Immanuel" at [www.kidscorner.net](http://www.kidscorner.net). God promises to be with us in every moment—when we're sad, happy, or waiting for better days—and that gives us hope. This Advent, we can celebrate the hope of Jesus, who was born to be our Savior and will one day come again. Check out all the great content at [kidscorner.net](http://kidscorner.net), like the Kids Corner Christmas Collection of devotions, bible stories, crafts, and activities.

### GROUNDWORK

Waiting for the Light of the World. - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com) and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

### THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP

Today is the first Sunday in the season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus. There are many different ways we can get ready for Christmas—such as listening to music, reading Christmas stories, and lighting Advent candles. How will you practice getting your heart ready? Check out the Advent page of Thrive's Family Faith Formation toolkit for some ideas: [crcna.org/advent-tools](http://crcna.org/advent-tools). Brought to you by Thrive: [crcna.org/Thrive](http://crcna.org/Thrive)

# THIS WEEK

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## TODAY

9:00 AM No Sunday School - All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
Tot Church  
6:00 PM Worship Service  
7:15 PM Combined High School  
Youth Group

## WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM No GEMS  
7:00 PM Cadets  
7:00 PM Junior High Youth Group

## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday School - All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship Service  
6:00 PM Worship Service

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 14 Sunday School Program

# TODAY'S OFFERING

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## DORDT UNIVERSITY

As an institution of higher education committed to the Reformed Christian perspective, the mission of Dordt University, located in Sioux Center, Iowa, is to equip students, alumni, and the broader community to work effectively toward Christ-centered renewal in all aspects of contemporary life.

# UPCOMING OFFERINGS

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**December 7** General Fund  
**December 14** Denominational Ministry Fund  
General Fund  
**December 21** Special Missions  
General Fund  
**November 30** Love Fund  
General Fund

# OUR GIVING

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General Fund Approved Budget	\$430,916
Received To Date	\$ 64,657
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
Received to Date	\$ 57,201
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 87,241
Received to Date	\$ 12,418

**(fiscal year ends 8/31/26)**

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