

Manhattan

CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH



SHARING
HOPE
AND
belonging
IN CHRIST

Welcome

— DECEMBER 21, 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

- Mark Eekhoff & Nathan Adams

Fullness of Grace

A Come, let Us Adore Him CH #196:1,3,4

*God Greet His People

WE GIVE GOD OUR PRAISE

**Holy Forever*

**Joy to the World* :1-3

Announcements

BAPTISM

Baptism of Landon Robert Huitink

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS

Offering - Special Missions

Offertory - *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

(Tot Church Dismissed for Ages 3-5)

Text:

Message: **ADORE—Redemption**

Prayer

**Hope Has a Name*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

PH #345:1-3

WE CONCLUDE IN PRAISE

*God Blesses His People as They Depart

Postlude

**please stand if you are able*

Tim Kuperus *preaching*

Deb Smit *piano*

Emily Straatman *keys*

Mike Dyke, Mark Eekhoff *musicians*

PM WORSHIP

6:00 PM

*Please join us this evening
for our Candlelight Service!*

SERVING THIS WEEK DECEMBER 21

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

Roz Danhof, Heidi Braaksma, Dominic
Triemstra

Candlelight Nursery

Jorie Flikkema, Angela Kamp, Teagan
Flikkema, Lila Kamp

Christmas Nursery

Kendra Heidema, Emily Eekhoff, Allie
Heidema, Kinsley Heidema

TOT CHURCH

3's: Libby Triemstra, Lydia Visser

4/5's: Julie Kincaid, Emma Burley

USHERS

Mel Dyk, Isaac Van Dyken

Ushers Christmas Day

Brett Heidema, Ben Leep

GREETERS

Patrick & Holly Luther

Karsen & Darby Kredit

Greeters Christmas Day

Brad & Annie Moss

Beth Straatman

COFFEE SERVERS

Mark & Emily Eekhoff

Cale & Miranda Howells

COOKIES (4 dz)

Cecilia Vaniman, Emily Eekhoff,
Miranda Howells

LIBRARY

Erika Van Dyk, Rose Brouwer

WORSHIP AT CRH

Mike Kamp

SERVING NEXT WEEK DECEMBER 28

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

Leesha Visser, Cassidy Brush, Drew
Straatman

TOT CHURCH

3's: No Tot Church

4/5's: No Tot Church

USHERS

Rob Braaksma

GREETERS

Brett & Kendra Heidema,

Leland & Lisa Heidema

COFFEE SERVERS

Jay & Ann Visser

Chris & Connie Hahn

COOKIES (4 dz)

Beth Straatman, Ann Visser, Connie Hahn

LIBRARY

Closed

WORSHIP AT CRH

Bob Kincaid

CHURCH FAMILY

Cathy Dawe has an appointment for back surgery, but it is a couple of months away. Please continue to pray for pain relief for Cathy.

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.

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

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.

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

Pray for our **council members**.

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

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.

Pray for our **college students and our day school children** in their studies. 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

Please pray for **Bruce Liudahl, Jake's dad**. Jake got a call last week that the kidney biopsy showed that it was in fact cancer is in his dad's kidney. Bruce had surgery on Wednesday to blast some stone and take more samples to test for cancer. Please pray that they will find no more cancer. The surgery went well, and Bruce is back home recovering. Jake and Shawna appreciate the prayers as this could be a long road ahead.

Pray for **all those affected by flooding waters**, whether here in Montana or in other states. Pray for those without homes, and those who may need to rebuild, or do much clean up after devastation from the water.

Bob Kincaid's dad, Dennis, has been diagnosed with a-fib. To reduce the risks of blood clotting in the area of his heart that is not in rhythm, he was planning to have a watchman implanted last Thursday in Billings. The surgery was aborted because they found a small blood clot. Dennis is now on blood thinners for a time before they can do this surgery. Please pray that the blood clot will clear up and for him as he waits for another surgery.

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.

Keep **Joyce Flikkema and family** in your prayers. Pray for peace and comfort to surround their family. We rejoice that Clary has now seen Jesus, but we will miss him here with us.

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

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

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 Maletougou 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.

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

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

GATHERED TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP

During the time of Advent, Pastor Tim will lead a series of sermons with the theme of ADORE. Ponder this word and what it means. Pray that God will help you see with new eyes the amazing gift of His son coming to earth as a baby to be born, live, die, and rise again for you! We have so much to adore our great God for!!

BAPTISM

This Sunday we will have the joy and privilege of celebrating the baptism of Landon Robert Huitink during the morning service. Landon is the son of Heath and Jordan Huitink and a brother to Hudson. We praise God for his covenant faithfulness!

FELLOWSHIP

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

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Candlelight Service is this Sunday evening at 6:00. Invite and bring your friends, family, and neighbors! There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

Please bring a plate of treats (if you can) to share. Plan to stay for the fellowship.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This Thursday we celebrate the birth of our savior at our Christmas Service at 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school will be taking a break and will not meet December 28 and January 4. We resume January 11.

ELDERS' MEETING

The elders are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 23, at 7:00 p.m.

BELLTOWER

The digital edition of the December Belltower is available. There are a limited number of printed copies in the racks near the mailboxes.

BABY CARE PRODUCTS NEEDED

Our Love INC Personal Care Closets transform lives through your donations. Our church has committed to supplying baby care products such as baby wash, lotion, wipes diapers, pull-ups, diaper rash ointment, etc. Donations can be brought to our church and put in the south foyer by Sunday, December 28 or directly to the Love INC business office at 141 Discovery Drive in Bozeman. Please talk to David or Judy Douglas or contact the Love INC business office to learn more at 406-587-6395. Thank you!

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.

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!

CHURCHILL RETIREMENT HOME

Join us on Monday, December 22, from 6:30–8:30 PM for a Christmas Open House! Come enjoy the beautiful decorations throughout the home, vote for your favorite Christmas tree, share in sweet fellowship, and savor delicious seasonal treats. Your presence is a blessing to our staff and residents—we would love to celebrate the season with you. We are also looking for donations of Christmas goodies. If you're able to contribute, please let Deborah or Alysha know. Thank you for helping make this evening extra special!

KIDS CORNER

Advent at Home: Away in a Manger - Check out this week's kids' devotion, "Advent at Home: Away in the Manger" at www.kidscorner.net. Jesus knows what it feels like to be human, just like you. This means He understands when you're tired, hurt, or having a hard day. He loves you so much and always knows how to comfort and care for you! Explore all the great content at kidscorner.net

THRIVE FAITH FORMATION

Around the world a lot of people are thinking about giving and receiving gifts for Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is, in some way, God's gift to God? It marks that important moment when God entered our earthly life in order to restore God's broken world through the cross of Christ and the empty tomb. A restored world had been a desire of God's heart for a long time, so now is a good time to write God a Christmas card, praising the Lord that salvation is possible through the birth of the Christ-child in Bethlehem.

GROUNDWORK

The Light of the World Among Us - Together, let's explore the moment Isaiah's anticipation of light turns to the reality of the light of the world among us. Join Groundwork as we study Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 2:1-20, John 8:12, Ephesians 5:8-9, and Revelation 22:5 to discuss Jesus Christ's birth, life, and the hope he brings, uncovering the profound meaning of Christ's light shining in our world and how we live as children of light. GroundworkOnline.com

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

This week, we celebrate the gift of Jesus, who left his heavenly home to offer us the hope of eternal life with him. By giving a gift for World Renew this season, you can help share hope in Jesus for families facing poverty, disaster, or crisis worldwide. Please consider giving generously for World Renew online at worldrenew.net/gifts

HELP FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST FLOODING

Heavy nonstop rains have led to record flooding in western and central parts of Washington state, killing at least one and forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate due to profound damage to homes and communities. World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is preparing a response to help flood survivors, including in communities already recovering from severe flooding in 2021. Please join in prayer and donate to help flood survivors at worldrenew.net/northwest, by calling 1-800-552-7972, or by mailing a check made out to World Renew, with "Pacific Northwest Floods 2025" in the memo line, to: World Renew, 8970 Byron Commerce Dr SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

THIS WEEK

TODAY

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

TUESDAY

7:00 PM Elders' Meeting

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY

9:00 AM No Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship Service
6:00 PM Worship Service
- Combined at Bethel

TODAY'S OFFERING

SPECIAL MISSIONS

These offerings go for the support of all of the missionaries supported by our church both here at home and abroad:
Lauren & Connie Runia, Daryl & Carol Van Dyken, Melissa Bos, Sosthene & Kara Maletoungou, Mark Eekhoff, Kurtis Schutter, Randy Jones, Katie Venhuizen, and Matt Kirby.

UPCOMING OFFERINGS

December 30 Love Fund
General Fund
January 4 General Fund
January 11 Capital Improvement Fund
General Fund
January 18 Special Missions

OUR GIVING

General Fund Approved Budget	\$430,916
Received To Date	\$ 97,144
Capital Improvement Fund Approved Budget	\$ 75,000
Received to Date	\$ 12,761
Christian Education Fund Pledges	\$ 87,241
Received to Date	\$ 28,710

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