

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	50
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,206
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$198>
Offering YTD	\$2,206
Difference to Offering YTD	<\$125,206>

- \* **Sermon Notes** - Available in the Narthex
- \* **Listening devices are available upon request**
- \* **Church Directory** - The church directory is available by request from the church office.
- \* **Interested in becoming a church member?** Please talk to Pastor Joseph
- \* **WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU:** If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you.
- \* **Kids Own Worship** - Kids in Kindergarten-4th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children’s Message  
**Lesson: God Gives Us Power to Repent; Luke 3, John 1**
- \* **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**
- \* Sign up to host future Coffee Hour’s in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

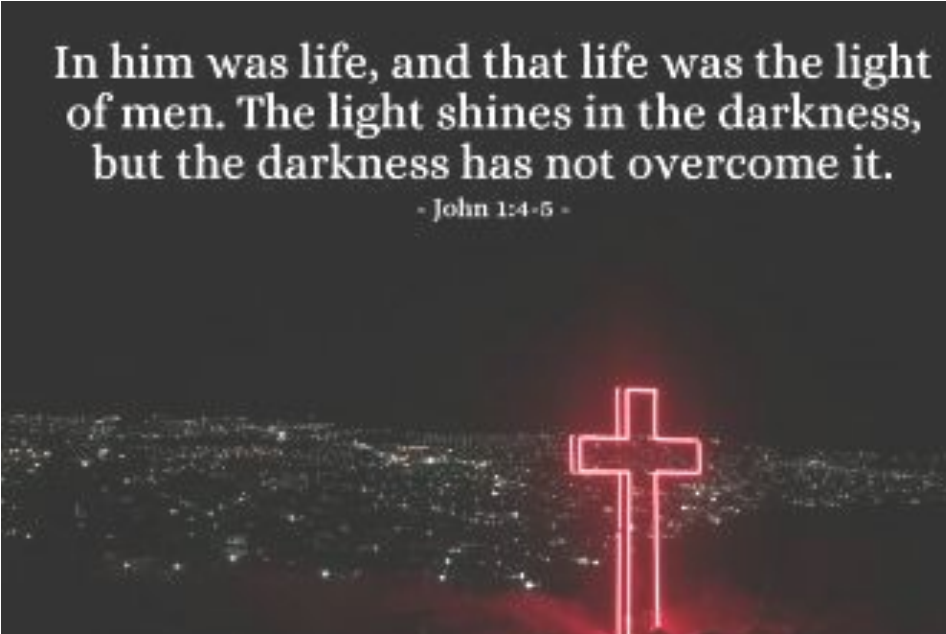
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**Elders**

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



# Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Sunday, January 14th, 2024

**The true light...**

John 1:4-14

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

*A Sanctuary of Worship*  
*A School of Religious Education*  
*A Church Home with Open Doors*



# Welcome to Mansfield 1st EPC



## Order of Worship

January 14th, 2024

*Please take a moment to fill out pew pads*

**Announcements & Greetings:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Call To Worship:** (Psalm 76:1-4)

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

#3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty

**\*Prayer of Adoration:**

Tucker Bacquet

**Call to Confession:** (Psalm 76:5-9)

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

**(All)**

Holy and Magnificent God, truly You are the LORD of Victory. You are victorious, triumphant over all of Your foes. You are triumphant over our enemies. Your Son, Jesus, triumphs over Death and our sin. He invites us to share in and join Him in the victory song of praise to You. Although we do not deserve Your pardon and mercy, You have forgiven us of our past and our present rebellions. You have restored us to Yourself and now we desire to be loyal and faithful to You always. You are gracious to forgive our transgressions. Preserve us from our treasonous inclinations, we pray. Help us to always walk in Your light of life and obey Your Holy commands, because You are Sovereign and we owe our everything to You. Continue to be gracious to Your people and encourage us with the hope of one day seeing the glory of Your face. **AMEN**

**Silent Prayers & Confessions**

**Assurance of Pardon:** (Psalm 76:10-12)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**\*Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

**Installation and Ordination of Church Officers:**

Randy Richard & Dana Woodring

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Sermon Notes

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## Sunday School

## Visitors Are Welcome!

- Pastor Joseph teaches adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Library. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten -2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus), and for 7th-12th grade (Grow with Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.

**Prime Time** - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **On Hiatus**

**Spirit Seekers** - at 4pm. Meets every other Sunday at 4pm with dinner afterwards. This Study for those in their 20's-40's is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **Next meets on January 28th after worship service (11:45am)**

**Kids O' the Kirk** - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers.

**Next meets on January 28th after worship service (11:45am)**

## Offertory:

Lynnette Peffley  
“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Ode To Joy)” Beethoven , arr Hustad

## \*Song of Response:

#815 Doxology

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

## Children's Message:

*Kids come down to the left-side steps*

## Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

## Hymn of Preparation:

#431 Shine Jesus, Shine

## The Word of God\*\*

**The Scripture Reading:** John 1:4-14

**Sermon:** The true light...

## \*Affirmation of Faith:

(The Apostles Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

## \*Sending Song:

#656 Take Time to Be Holy

## Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*\*\* Found on pages 864 in the red pew Bible.*



### **This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC**

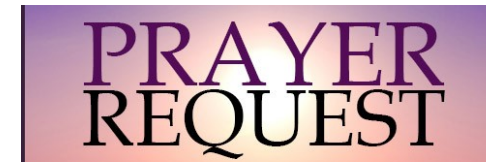
*Office hours are M-F 8am-noon*

Sunday, January 14th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:45 am	Outreach Meeting (Library)
Wednesday, January 17th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, January 18th	10 am	Prayer Group
Sunday, January 21st	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour

**It is with great sadness we inform you that both Betty Albers & Charlene Reed recently passed away. Their obituaries are printed and available in the Narthex.**

**2023 Giving Statements are ready and are located in the Narthex**

**Spirit Seekers & Kids of the Kirk will resume on January 28th after worship.**



Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph & Jodie

Shawn Wade & Our Preschool

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic  
Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City  
Councilman, 3rd Ward

Mayor Jodie Perry

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

All Christians being persecuted  
around the globe

For Revival in our city, state & county

Palestinian Christians

Jerusalem and all those in harms way

For everyone else not listed, but also  
in need of prayer

### **YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:**

**12/21**

My Aunt, her husband passed away  
on Dec. 11

Healing for Paulette

Ariodyn & family

Healing for Barb's grandson



**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise**

**The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS**

Our American Freedoms

Our Freedom to worship the LORD

**Prayers of Petition**

Healing for Carol Nemeth

Healing for Martha Ball

Healing for Pat Olsen

Healing for Dan Davis

Healing for Beverly Urschel

Healing for Joseph James

Healing for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke

Healing for Martha Montague

Healing for Nik Stevens

Healing for Edda Braun

Healing for Jan Gibbs

Healing for David Doerr

Healing for Agie

Healing for Aunt Robin, covid

Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Sid & Nancy Hall

Patsy Himes

Family & friends of Charlene Reed in mourning

Family & friend of Betty Albers, in mourning

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

Kenly Scott, improve vision

Madden Family

Brett & Rachel Lloyd

James Willis

Larry Jenkins mourning Gloria Smith Eurobrass

EduNations and its students

Families & children of the Sudan

**Over——>**

**Description of Church Committees**

**Worship: Chair - Tucker Bacquet**

The Worship Committee is responsible for ensuring that our Sunday worship is set up and prepared accordingly. Duties would include: preparing for Communion, cleaning up following worship (picking up left over bulletins, communion cups, refilling pens/pencils, etc), collecting the attendance register from the black pew pads, lighting and extinguishing the candles, and operating the slide show and sound board (as necessary). May be called upon to assist with passing out bulletins and greeting visitors.

**Fellowship: Chair - Ben Troyer**

The Fellowship Committee is responsible for overseeing, facilitating and/or planning all church community events that take place outside of express worship or study events. This includes: church luncheons and dinners, Coffee Hour, sociable "Social" occasions (e.g. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sundaes), refreshing parlor decorations, organizing and planning annual Christmas decorating, and any other events that occasion suggests.

**Outreach: Chair - Ben Troyer**

The Outreach Committee is responsible for all activities and advertising intended to increase the local community's awareness of our congregation and our services. The purpose of this committee is to improve our external engagement with the people of Mansfield and Richland county; to invite and encourage others to join us for worship, fellowship, discipleship, and eventually in membership. Everything which our church does for the Preschool (Cookie Reception October-Blest, etc) is considered to be outreach.



**Missions: Chair - Randy Richard**

The Missions Committee is responsible for planning, overseeing, and facilitating the Good Works which the congregation does “beyond the walls” (Matthew 25:31-46) including global missions like Samaritan's Purse and local like the Wayfinders.

There is a distinct and particular difference between Missions and Charity: Missions are Good Works which show the love of Christ to others and also share the Good News about Him, while Charity are simply Good Works that display our love for Christ in others but do not convey a Gospel message. Both Missions and Charity are integral parts of our fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15), but Missions should always take the priority.

Jesus did many Good Works during His time on earth, but they were always done with specific intent and the purpose to display Who He Is. Jesus surely had the power to have healed many more people and perform additional miracles, but He did not instead saying, “...*whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do...*” (Jn. 14:12 ESV). Our Good Works are the expression of our faith and a means by which we share and spread our faith to others, not an end in themselves.

**Congregational Care: Chair - Pastor Joseph**

The focus of the Congregational Care Team is to respond to the care and support needs of the congregation and to engage in the ongoing spiritual, physical, emotional and relational expression of living faithfully within the Body of Christ. Every Christian is gifted and called by God to be in ministry.

**LORD’S DAY 1**

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

**OUR SIN AND MISERY**

**LORD’S DAY 2**

3. Q. From where do you know your sins and misery?

A. From the law of God.

4. Q. What does God’s law require of us?

A. Christ teaches us this in a summary in Matthew 22:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

5. Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. No, I am inclined by nature to hate God and my neighbor.

## THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

The Heidelberg Catechism, was written in Heidelberg at the request of Elector Frederick III, ruler of the most influential German province, the Palatinate, from 1559 to 1576. This pious Christian prince commissioned Zacharius Ursinus, twenty-eight years of age and professor of theology at the Heidelberg University, and Caspar Olevianus, twenty-six years old and Frederick's court preacher, to prepare a catechism for instructing the youth and for guiding pastors and teachers. Frederick obtained the advice and cooperation of the entire theological faculty in the preparation of the Catechism.

The Heidelberg Catechism was adopted by a Synod in Heidelberg and published in German with a preface by Frederick III, dated January 19, 1563. A second and third German edition, each with some small additions, as well as a Latin translation were published in Heidelberg in the same year. The Catechism was soon divided into fifty-two sections, so that a section of the Catechism could be explained to the churches each Sunday of the year.

In the Netherlands this Heidelberg Catechism became generally and favourably known almost as soon as it came from the press, mainly through the efforts of Petrus Dathenus, who translated it into the Dutch language and added this translation to his Dutch rendering of the Genevan Psalter, which was published in 1566. In the same year Peter Gabriel set the example of explaining this catechism to his congregation at Amsterdam in his Sunday afternoon sermons.

The National Synods of the sixteenth century adopted it as one of the Three Forms of Unity, requiring office-bearers to subscribe to it and ministers to explain it to the churches. These requirements were strongly emphasized by the great Synod of Dort in 1618-19. The Heidelberg Catechism has been translated into many languages and is the most influential and the most generally accepted of the several catechisms of Reformation times.



# Ash Wednesday

## Soup Supper

**February 14 at 5:30 pm**

**Soup will be provided!**

**Dinner will be held in the Parlor**

**Service will be held in the Chapel**

**Sign up in the Narthex**





Please join us by adding our community prayer angels, which we have collected from “Christmas at Kingwood”, to your prayers. You will find them displayed in the Narthex on the Sanctuary window. Copies are available for you to take home.

We have several different yearly Bible Reading plan options printed and available in the Narthex

Would you like to use your God given talents to help our church? Please read the description of church committees included in this bulletin and prayerfully consider becoming involved with one or more. Sign up sheets for these committees are located in the Narthex. If you are currently a member of these committees, then there is no need to re-sign up.

Save the Date! - We will be hosting a “Empty Bowls” Soup Supper Event on Saturday, February 24th. This event will be a fundraiser held for and in partnership with the Discovery School, Mansfield Christian School & the Lexington School District.

