

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,095
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$309>
Offering YTD	\$4,301
Difference to Offering YTD	<\$2,911>

- * **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.

- * **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: The Holy Spirit Gives New Life; John 3, 19
- * Join us after worship for **Coffee Hour**, located in the Parlor. Coffee, punch, treats & fellowship
- * Consider signing up to host future Coffee Hour's. Sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

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Elders

Dana Constance, Diana Hammer, Ben Troyer,
Judy Swartzmiller, Sally Wyatt

Deacons

Margaret Baker, Dee Engle,
Pat McGinty, Vivian Stevens,
Leslie Lancy



Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

John 1:10-13

Sunday,
January 28th,
2024
**The True
Light...**
(part 2)
John 1:4-13

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 28th 2024

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads



Call To Worship: (Psalms 77:1)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn Sing:**

Two Songs, 1-2 verses each

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Judy Swartzmiller

Call to Confession: (Psalms 77:2-9)

Judy Swartzmiller

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

Merciful God, our sins are before our eyes and they keep us constantly awake. Be merciful to us, O LORD, remove our transgressions from Your holy sight; cleanse us of our guilt and make us clean before you. Replace the rags of our wickedness with the robes of Christ's righteousness, according to Your grace. Look favorably towards Your people once again and let us continue to rest in the glory of Your light and love. You are the LORD and You will have mercy upon whom You will have mercy and compassion upon whomever You will, let us be numbered among those who receive Your steadfast love, forever. We pray and ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Judy Swartzmiller

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalms 77:10-20)

Pastor Joseph

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Hymn Sing:

Four Songs. 1-2 verses each

Offering:

During the 1st song

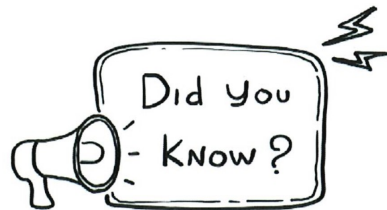
**Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

January Book of the Month



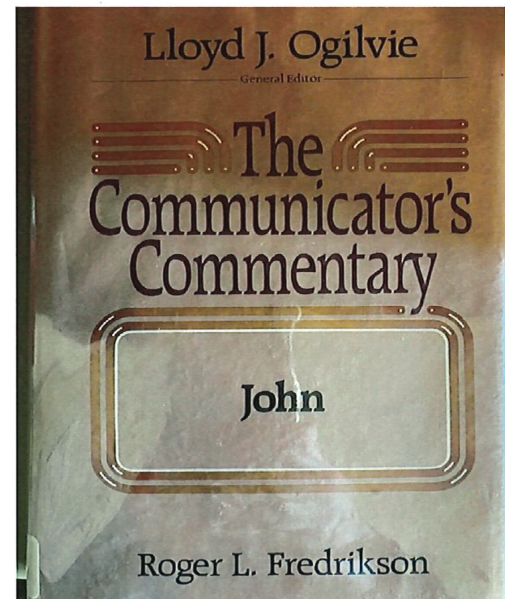
Did you know our library has an entire section devoted to commentaries on the various books of the Bible?



Check out one of these excellent commentaries on the Gospel of John to aide you in our Sunday morning corporate study of this gospel.



Madame Librarian, Emma Bacquets', Top Pick



This commentary is concise, easy for the layman to read, and is packed with insights into this gospel.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Kids are now released to go to Kids Own Worship

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**

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 1:4-13

Sermon: The True Light...(part 2)

***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**

***Hymn Sing:**

Two Songs, 1-2 verses each

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on page 862 in the red pew Bible.*



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, January 28th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am	Session Meeting in Library
	11:30 am	Spirit Seekers in Westminster
Wednesday, January 31st	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, February 1	10 am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, February 4th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service (No Kids Own Worship)
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour

2023 Giving Statements are ready and are located in the Narthex

New Photo Directories are available in the Narthex.

We will be hosting an “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.

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. Please sign up in the Narthex.



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



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

Sid Hall & family in morning

Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Patsy Himes

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home
Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

Kenly Scott, improve vision

Brett & Rachel Lloyd

James Willis

Eurobrass

EduNations and its students

Families & children of the Sudan

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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 TODAY, January 28th after worship service (11:45am)**

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **Next meets TODAY January 28th after worship service (11:45am)**

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.

THE LORD'S DAY 3

Q. Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

A. No, on the contrary, God created man good¹ and in his image, that is, in true righteousness and holiness, so that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love him, and live with him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify him.

Q. From where, then, did man's depraved nature come?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise, for there our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.

Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.

LORD'S DAY 4

Q. But does not God do man an injustice by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

A. No, for God so created man that he was able to do it. But man, at the instigation of the devil, in deliberate disobedience robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

Q. Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally, as he has declared: Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law (Gal 3:10).

Q. But is God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, but he is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.