

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	54
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,845
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$559>
Offering YTD	\$6,146
Difference to Offering YTD	<\$3,470>

- \* **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.
- \* **No Kids own worship today. Children will return to their families after the children's message.**
- \* **Please join us in the Parlor after worship for Coffee Hour, coffee, punch, treats & fellowship.**

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, February 4th, 2024

The Word became Flesh...

John 1:14

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 – February 4th, 2024



*Please take a moment to fill out pew pads*

**Call To Worship:** (Psalms 79:1-5)

Pastor Joseph

**\*Hymn of Praise:**

#214 He Has Made Me Glad

**\*Prayer of Adoration:**

Ben Troyer

**Call to Confession:** (Psalms 79:6-12)

Ben Troyer

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:**

(ALL)

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the sake of Your holy name. We confess that we have sinned and that we still sin against You. We struggle to be obedient children, but our flesh is too weak to resist sin. We do not do what we want, while we do what we do not want to do. Forgive us, we pray. Do not be angry with us. Remember Your covenant, the promises which You have made to Your chosen people; Your promise to remove our sin as far as the East is from the West. Give us the mercy of Your love, because we love You; reserve Your wrath for the wicked, for those who hate You. Show mercy and rescue us poor captives to sin. Jesus, free us, bring us to Yourself, and save us for eternal life in Your kingdom. Let us dwell with You as You came to dwell with us. **AMEN**

**Silent Prayers & Confessions:**

Ben Troyer

**Assurance of Pardon:** (Psalms 79:13)

Pastor Joseph

*\*Please stand as you are able*



## 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 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 mornings.

**Prime Time** - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for all adults, beginning at 4pm. **Our study will resume on February 21st. We will be studying, “Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant, and Savior” by John Stott.**

**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. **Meets next on February 18th**

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

**The first meeting of the Congregational Care Committee will be on February 21 at 4 pm in Westminster.**

**We will be hosting an “Empty Bowls” Soup Supper Event on Saturday, February 24th and we will need your help to make this event a success! If interested in helping please sign up in the Narthex.**

## THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

OUR DELIVERANCE

LORD'S DAY 5

**12. Q. Since, according to God's righteous judgment we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, how can we escape this punishment and be again received into favor?**

A. God demands that his justice be satisfied.<sup>1</sup> Therefore we must make full payment, either by ourselves or through another.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ex 20:5; 23:7; Rom 2:1-11.   <sup>2</sup> Is 53:11; Rom 8:3, 4.

**13. Q. Can we by ourselves make this payment?**

A. Certainly not. On the contrary, we daily increase our debt.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ps 130:3; Mt 6:12; Rom 2:4, 5.

**14. Q. Can any mere creature pay for us?**

A. No. In the first place, God will not punish another creature for the sin which man has committed.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Ezek 18:4, 20; Heb 2:14-18.   <sup>2</sup> Ps 130:3; Nahum 1:6.

**15. Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?**

A. One who is a true<sup>1</sup> and righteous<sup>2</sup> man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is at the same time true God.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 Cor 15:21; Heb 2:17.   <sup>2</sup> Is 53:9; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 7:26.   <sup>3</sup> Is 7:14; 9:6; Jer 23:6; Jn 1:1; Rom 8:3, 4.

**\*Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

**Offertory:**

De Richard and Angie Hunter

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* arr. by Dan Forrest

**\*Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph

**Children's Message:**

*Kids come down to the left-side steps*

**No Kids Own Worship today, Children return to their families in the pews.**

**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**

**Song of Preparation:**

Behold the Lamb

(see insert )

**The Word of God\*\***

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

**Sermon:** The Word became Flesh...

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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

## **Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*Please hold the elements until everyone has been served, then we will partake together.*

\*\*\* Gluten free wafers are available in the small dish on plate

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** (ALL)  
(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

**\*Sending Song:** #306 Alas! Did My Savior Bleed

**Benediction** Pastor Joseph

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## Sermon Notes

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Chris and Emily Carpenter and family  
EduNations and its students  
Families & children of the Sudan  
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  
Our Empty Bowls dinner  
The Youth of Richland County

**YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:**  
**1/26**  
Brooke  
Dean and Marilyn  
Souls to be Saved in Crestline  
Success for YMCA going 24/7  
Healing for Sally Oswalt



**This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC**

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

Sunday, February 4th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, February 6th	4:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
Wednesday, February 7th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, February 8th	10 am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, February 11th	9 am	Sunday School
	**No Adult Sunday School**	
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour

**Prime Time Adult Bible Study will resume on February 21 at 4 pm. In Westminster. Our study will be , “Jesus Christ: Teacher, Servant, and Savior” by John Stott.**

**Our Annual Meeting will be on February 18th immediately following**

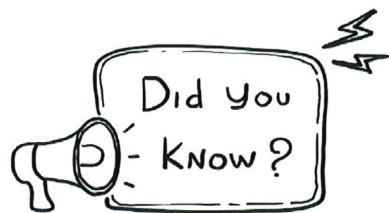
**We have been invited to attend a symposium Saturday February 10th from 9a-noon called “Christian Courage in a Post-Christian World.” We will have two presenters, Aaron Renn and Andrew Brunson (EPC pastor/missionary who was jailed in 2016 as a missionary to Turkey). If interested please contact the office.**



## Book of the Month



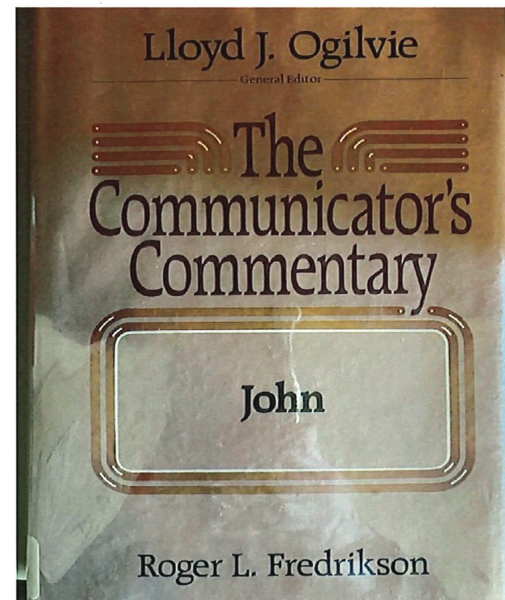
Did you know our library has an entire section devoted to commentaries on the various books of the Bible?



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 REQUEST

### 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 mourning

Erna & Frank Becker

Cindy Hessin

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Patsy Himes

Jim Standridge

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

Kenly Scott, improve vision

Brett & Rachel Lloyd

The Thomassen Family

James Willis

Eurobrass

**Over——>**



# Ash Wednesday

## Soup Supper

February 14 at 5:30 pm

Soup will be provided!

Dinner in the Parlor

The Worship Service will be held in the  
Chapel

Please sign up in the  
Narthex if you plan on  
attending



Moment for Missions



**Safe Harbor Ohio**

We are working closely with [Safe Harbor Ohio](#), a refuge for girls ages 14-18 who are rescued from trafficking. This safe home will be the largest in the Northeast, serving girls from across the region.

We are leading Phase 1 of construction, which includes 3 cottages, a chapel, an administrative building, and a school. This phase will cost over \$3.5 million to complete, but with the help of partners across the country, we are hoping that the price of freedom will be substantially less.

“For every girl who comes to Safe Harbor, I believe God will restore not only her, but generations of her, the kids we will never meet. Your financial gift is a part of changing her story. You are a vital part of the great exchange of beauty for ashes.”

– Melissa Brown, Safe Harbor CEO



## Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away

1. Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King

Behold the Lamb

2. The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ

Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that brings us life

Paid the price to make us one

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King

3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin

Shed for you drink and remember

He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God

So we share in this Bread of Life

And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of grace

Around the table of the King

4. And so with thankfulness and faith we rise

To respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth

As we share in His suffering

We proclaim Christ will come again

And we'll join in the feast of heaven

Around the table of the King

## SYMPOSIUM CHRISTIAN ~~COURAGE~~ IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD



The need for courage is tremendous in our time, particularly for Christians. False ideologies, widely held, pressure us to conform to the world. Basic, essential truths are now risky to speak aloud, and we are tempted to keep our heads down. Please join New Albany Presbyterian Church for a symposium titled "Christian Courage in a Post-Christian World."

**We will host two presenters for our symposium.**



### ANDREW BRUNSON

Pastor Brunson is an ordained teaching elder in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and along with his wife Norine was a missionary in Turkey for many years. In 2016, he was suddenly accused by the police of being a subversive to the Turkish government, arrested and jailed. Pastor Brunson spent 18 months in prison, unsure if he would ever be released.

Scan here to register



### AARON RENN

Mr. Renn is a Christian writer, speaker and thinker. He is a Senior Fellow at American Reformer, a former Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, and will publish his first book this year called *Life in the Negative World*.

### DETAILS:

**FEBRUARY 10  
9:00AM-12NOON  
\$25 PER PERSON**

**LOCATION: NEW ALBANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
5885 EAST DUBLIN GRANVILLE ROAD  
NEW ALBANY, OH**