

Last Sunday's Attendance	48
Last Sunday's Offering	\$2,578
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	\$174
Offering YTD	\$64,050
Difference to Offering YTD	\$1,546

Pastor Joseph is ordinarily available, in the office, from 9a-12pm each weekday
We Want To Pray For You! - If you have a prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. If you need immediate prayer please speak with Pastor Joseph after worship.

Study Ahead
July 6th - Living in Light of the Covenants: The Authority and Purpose of Government (Genesis 9:1-7; Romans 13:1-6; Galatians 3:27-29 Government)
July 13th - Living in Light of the Covenants: Ethnic Division and Discrimination (Genesis 9:18-27; 11:1-9 James 2:1-9)

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Sunday, July 6th
**Living in Light of the Covenants:
 The Authority and Purpose of Government**
 Genesis 9:1-7
 Romans 13:1-10
 1 Peter 2:11-17



Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

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



Welcome to Mansfield 1st Presbyterian!

Order of Worship: *July 6th, 2025*

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads



Call To Worship: (Psalm 119:81-83)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:**

#21 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Ben Troyer

Call to Confession: (Psalm 119: 84-85)

Ben Troyer

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

God of righteousness, You have given us holy commands and statutes as instruction for how we must live but, we are unable to achieve or maintain Your standard of perfection. You discipline those whom You love because You are the just God and because You desire our repentance and correction rather than our destruction. Forgive us, we pray. Be merciful in Your chastisement of Your beloved children and give us the strength and courage to follow and obey You. Defend us against those who accuse us falsely. Help us to extend mercy to others, rather than judgment and condemnation, as a means of showing forth Your grace. Fill us up with the comfort of Your assurance and let us live within the blessing of Your steadfast love all the days of our lives. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Ben Troyer

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 119:86-88)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)

Offertory:

Bernice Holman

***Song of Response:**

#324 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Hymn of Preparation:

#564 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

**Please stand as you are able*

Chapter 23 - Of the Civil Magistrate (revised 1788)

1. God, the supreme Lord and King of all the world, hath ordained civil magistrates, to be, under him, over the people, for his own glory, and the public good: and, to this end, hath armed them with the power of the sword, for the defense and encouragement of them that are good, and for the punishment of evildoers.

2. It is lawful for Christians to accept and execute the office of a magistrate, when called thereunto: in the managing whereof, as they ought especially to maintain piety, justice, and peace, according to the wholesome laws of each commonwealth; so, for that end, they may lawfully, now under the new testament, wage war, upon just and necessary occasion.

3. Civil magistrates may not assume to themselves the administration of the Word and sacraments; or the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven; or, in the least, interfere in matters of faith. Yet, as nursing fathers, it is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the church of our common Lord, without giving the preference to any denomination of Christians above the rest*, in such a manner that all ecclesiastical persons whatever shall enjoy the full, free, and unquestioned liberty of discharging every part of their sacred functions, without violence or danger. And, as Jesus Christ hath appointed a regular government and discipline in his church, no law of any commonwealth should interfere with, let, or hinder, the due exercise thereof, among the voluntary members of any denomination of Christians, according to their own profession and belief. It is the duty of civil magistrates to protect the person and good name of all their people, in such an effectual manner as that no person be suffered, either upon pretense of religion or of infidelity, to offer any indignity, violence, abuse, or injury to any other person whatsoever: and to take order, that all religious and ecclesiastical assemblies be held without molestation or disturbance.

4. It is the duty of people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute or other dues, to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake. Infidelity, or difference in religion, doth not make void the magistrates' just and legal authority, nor free the people from their due obedience to them: from which ecclesiastical persons are not exempted, much less hath the pope any power and jurisdiction over them in their dominions, or over any of their people; and, least of all, to deprive them of their dominions, or lives, if he shall judge them to be heretics, or upon any other pretense whatsoever.

**This supports the anti-establishment of or the giving of preferential treatment to any Christian sect by the United State's government, same as the "originalist view" of the US Constitution's 1st Amendment regarding the "freedom of religion". This does not, however, support or endorse the acceptance of a pluralistic view or promote the civil tolerance of any other non-Christian religion. Moreover, although several negative references towards Roman Catholicism were expressly removed in this 1788 revision of the WCF, the prevailing attitude of Presbyterians would have only considered a positive application of this to fellow Protestants: including Baptists, Congregationalists, and Episcopalians; and excluding, "by good and necessary consequence" (WCF 1.6), Roman Catholics, Jews, and "Mohammadeans" or Muslims.*

Sermon Notes

How should we obey and honor God in how we, as human persons, relate with our governing authorities?

How should we relate to our governing authorities as the redeemed children of God?

How should we, as the redeemed children of God, engage with the world politically, for the good benefit of everyone and for God's glory?

Prayers for God's People and the Lord's Prayer (All)
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: Genesis 9:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Sermon: Living in Light of the Covenants: The Authority and Purpose of Government

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

***Affirmation of Faith:** (The Nicene Creed) (All)

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 Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on pages 6,892, 957 in the pew Bible.*

<u>This Week at Mansfield 1st</u>		
Sunday, July 6th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship Luncheon in Kirk Hall
Wednesday, July 9th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Sunday, July 13th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12 pm	Session Meeting

The Lord's Supper: Since this is Christ's table, His invitation and command, we invite anyone who professes the true religion, of faith in Jesus Christ, and who are communicant members in good standing in any evangelical church, to participate with us in this ordinance, while anyone who is not, is asked to respectfully allow the bread and cup to pass.

Game Night - August 19th at 5pm - We will be playing a variety of board and card games. Bring a snack or appetizer to share

Outreach Meeting - August 12th at 4:30pm

Ye Younge Gift Shoppe Committee Meeting - Wednesday, July 16th at 9:00am, Westminster Room, See Jenn Bacquet for more details

Families with kids are invited to cool down with us at RJ’s Splash Pad at the Kroc Center in Ashland, Tuesday, July 22nd, 11:00 - 1:00. Wear your suit and bring your sunscreen & a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert provided. See Mrs. Jenn Bacquet for more details!

Missing Bracelet - tennis bracelet, yellow gold & gems, Please turn into office or Nora Young if found

Nursery in Need - We are currently in need of loving adults to look after our children on Sundays during church. One Sunday a month & one 5th Sunday a year. If interested, please talk with Sonya Francis.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

Meyer Mixdorf, a successful treatment of his brain cancer

Christine Bell, as she has received a new church appointment in the GMC

For all those that God has put in our lives to help us, love us & pray for us

Our American Freedoms

Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Jim Standridge

Healing for Jan Smith

Healing for Ms. Vivian Stevens

Healing for Chuck Fancourt

Healing for Blane Young, 15y.o, stage 4 cancer

Healing for Sara Mack, broken ankle

Healing for Rita Copper

Healing for Janis Gibbs

Healing for Rodney, stroke

Healing for Ken, broken arm

Healing for David, Leslies brother

Healing for Laura, aortic aneurysm

Healing for Brandon Boughman

Healing for first responders and civilians injured in recent house explosion in Mansfield

Lois Davis & family in morning of Harold Davis

Person who was recently shot at Joe & Mary’s store

Daughter in Law of Theresa Plutko, blood sugar & shot in her back

Son of Theresa Plutko, healing for ankle

Friends and family of Wendy, in mourning

Sherry & family, in mourning for the loss of her mother

Nik Stevens

Sid Hall

Harold & Lois Davis

Theresa Plutko, health & housing

Joe Hayes

Mandy Cordle

Pam White

Creta Barber

Bernice Holeman

Frank Daniell

Chester Geiser

Shane, has MS & recently fell

Our Preschool & Staff

Richland Pregnancy Services

Safe Harbor / 8 Days of Hope

The Thomassen Family