

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	65
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,833
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$571>
Offering YTD	\$129,418
Difference to Offering YTD	\$6,814

- * **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: The Shepherds Saw Christ the Lord; Luke 2
- * **There will be no Coffee Hour today or next Sunday the 31st.**
- * Sign up to host future Coffee Hour’s in the Narthex.

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

Phone: 419-756-7066 **Email:** office@mansfield1st.com

Elders

Dana Constance, Ben Troyer,
Judy Swartzmiller, Sally Wyatt

Deacons

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



Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Ladies of Advent:

The Bride, the Lady of the Church

Isaiah 62:1-12;

Ephesians 5:22-30;

Revelation 19:6-9; 21:9-27

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

December 24th , 2023

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Announcements & Greetings: Pastor Joseph Yerger

Call To Worship: (Psalm 96:1-3) Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:** #259 Angels from the Realms of Glory

***Prayer of Adoration:** Judy Swartzmiller

Call to Confession: (Psalm 96:4-9) Judy Swartzmiller

Corporate Prayer of Confession: (All)
God our Father, Lord over all the Heavens and Earth we praise You and confess our unworthiness to receive Your merciful grace. We thank You for the gift of Your love and Your bounteous Providence. We magnify Your Holy Name among all the peoples of the earth. Help us to live in a manner as becomes Your chosen children. Fill us with the Joy of Your Holy Spirit. Let us share and show the Love of Christ. Let us rest always, in the security of Your Peace, as we trust to our great Hope in You. Separate us from all the wickedness in the world and justify us by faith. Let us be accounted righteous, as Abraham was before us. Purify us, wash us, and prepare us to receive our Holy Bridegroom, the Lamb Who Was Slain; Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalm 96:10-13) Judy Swartzmiller

***Song of Response:** #813 Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)

Advent Reading: Pastor Joseph & Jodie Yerger

Offertory: De Richard & Angie Hunter
"Sheep May Safely Graze," by J.S. Bach, arr. by Sharon Aaronson

**Please stand as you are able*

Sermon Notes

Chrismon's

Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms," traditionally are white and gold designs made from Christian symbols that signify Christ. Often displayed on an evergreen tree during the Christmas season, symbols such as stars, crosses, fish, crowns, and the alpha and omega remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

Chrismons were first developed in 1957 by Frances Spencer and the women of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA.



The **Three Circles Intertwining** symbolize the eternal quality of the Trinity since the circle has no apparent beginning or ending.



The **Cross Crosslet** made by combining four Greek Crosses is the Symbol of the spread of Christianity to the four corners of the earth



The **Lyre** represents David and his musical ability. It also stands for the joy in praising the Lord.

***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Children's Message:

Kids come down to the left-side steps

Children are released for Kid's 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**

Song of Preparation:

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: Isaiah 62:1-12; Ephesians 5:22-30;
Revelation 19:6-9; 21:9-27

Sermon: Ladies of Advent: The Bride, the Lady of the Church

***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:**

#277 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on pages 604, 951 & 1006 in the red pew Bible.*



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

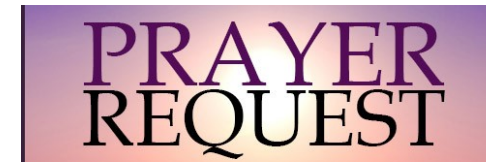
Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, December 24th	10 am	Worship Service
	** No Coffee Hour**	
	6 pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday, December 26th	4:30 pm	Session Meeting
Wednesday, December 27th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
Thursday, December 28th	10 am	Prayer Group
Sunday, December 31st	*No Sunday School*	
	10 am	Worship Service
	** No Coffee Hour**	

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, TONIGHT, December 24th at 6pm in the Chapel

For those who would like a box of tithing envelopes there is a sign up sheet 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.



Students & Families of Tusky Valley	12/14
Eurobrass	Healing for Jeff, kidney stone
EduNations and its students	My kids and to better my life
Families & children of the Sudan	Dean & Marilyn
Our Congregation	12/21
Pastor Joseph & Jodie	My Aunt, her husband passed away on Dec. 11
Shawn Wade & Our Preschool	Healing for Paulette
For Our City, Our Nation & Civic Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)	Ariodyn & family
Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City Councilman, 3rd Ward	Healing for Barb’s grandson
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:

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 after knee surgery

Healing for Martha Ball

Healing for Pat Olsen

Healing for Dan Davis

Healing for Betty Albers

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

Erna & Frank Becker

The family and friends of a classmate of Sonya's, in mourning

Cindy Hessin

Maxine Smith

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Sid & Nancy Hall

Patsey Himes

Charlene Reed

Hazel Bigner & family

Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home Hospice

Maureen Doherty

Mark Doherty

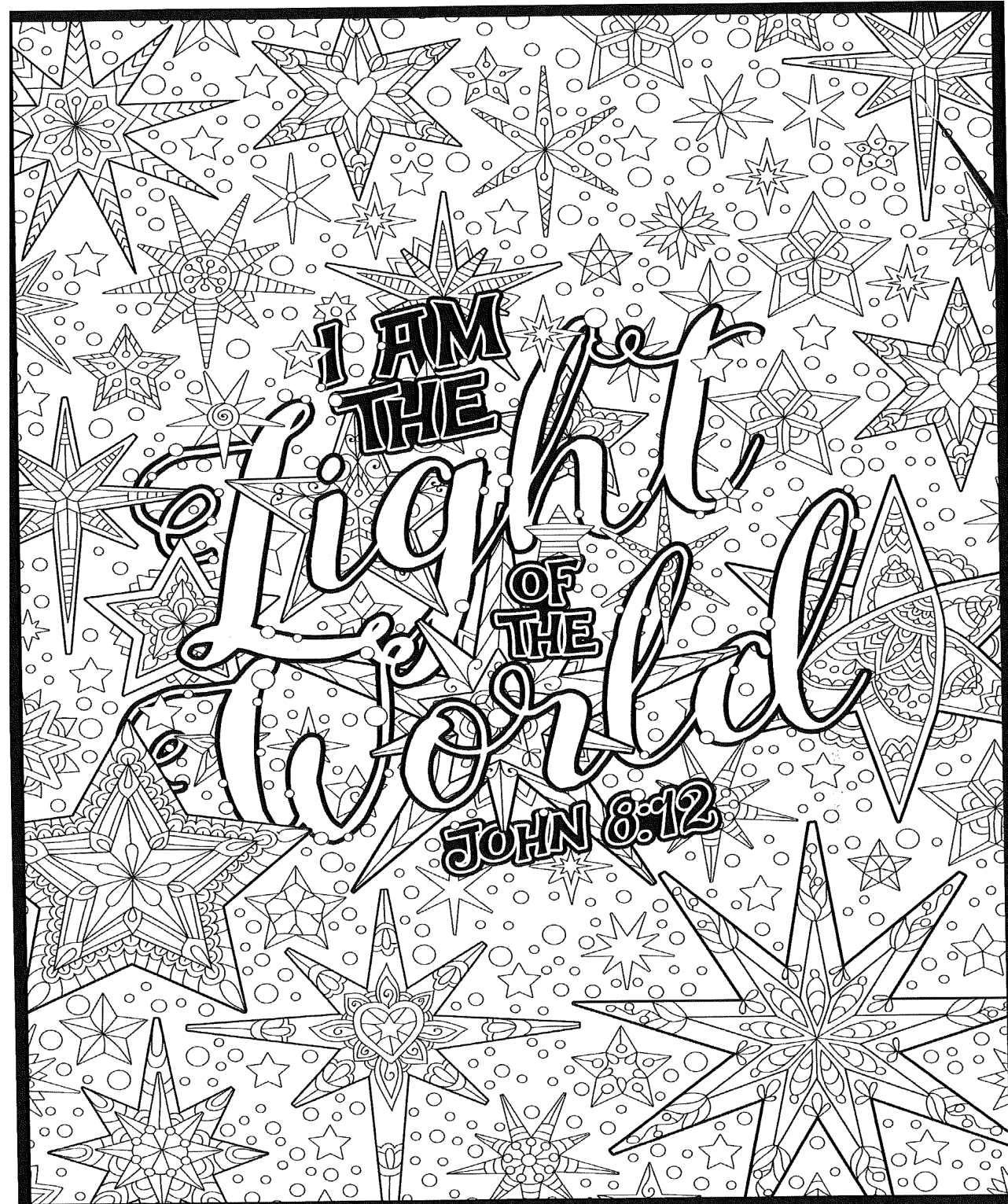
Kenly Scott, improve vision

Brett & Rachel Lloyd

James Willis

Larry Jenkins and Gloria Smith

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Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



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 Until 2024](#)

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 28, 2024](#)

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. [Next meets on January 28, 2024](#)