



Join us for snacks and coffee across from the sanctuary following the worship service. Thank you Jerry & Joyce Duff for hosting.



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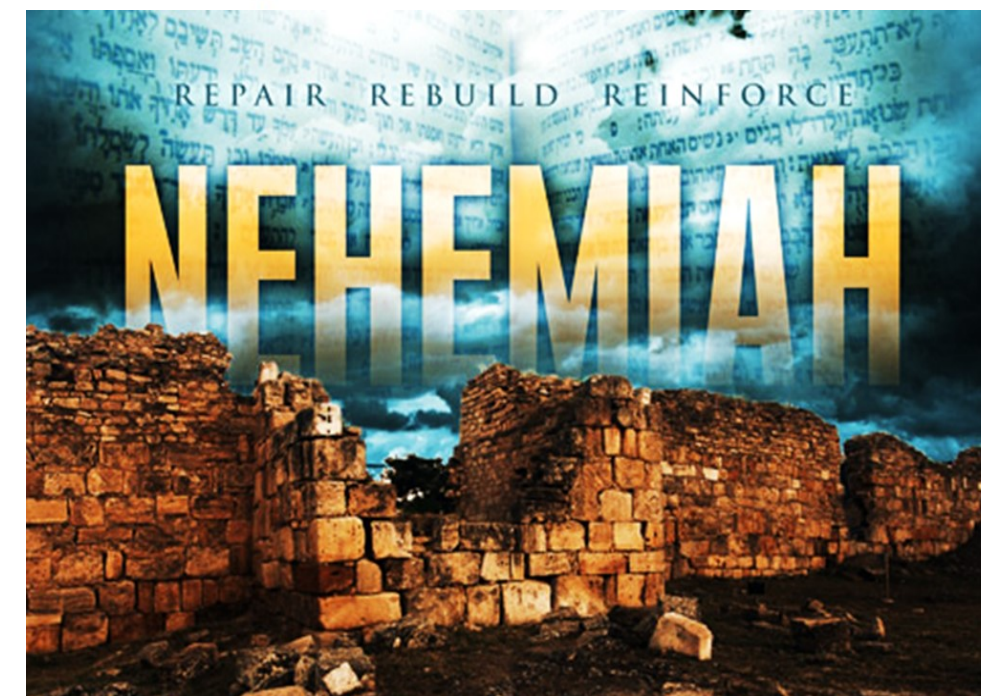
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Please let the office know if you would like tithing envelopes for 2020. There's a sign up sheet on the table outside the office.

## This Week at Mansfield 1st

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| Sunday, January 5<br>10 am     | Worship Service                    |
| Thursday, January 9<br>9:30 am | Mansfield 1st Prayer Meeting       |
| Saturday, January 11<br>9 a.m. | Putting away Christmas Decorations |



**"Reality Check"**  
**Nehemiah 1:1-4**

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**January 5, 2020**



**Kids age 3-5th grade are invited to participate in Kids Own Worship following the Children's Message in the 10 am worship service.**

Order of Worship

January 5, 2020

Announcements

Moment for Mission—Mission Team

\*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ

Call To Worship (Psalm 139:13-18)

**Leader:** For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

**People:** I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

**Leader:** My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

**People:** Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

**ALL:** How precious also are Thy thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with Thee.

\*Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Savior and Lord: How easy it is to forget the Joys of Christmas morning when we get caught up in its aftermath. Writing thank you notes and putting away our Christmas baubles dim our vision of Your gift which is priceless and undeserved. Forgive our short term memories. May we, at any age, anticipate a fresh new year which holds the certainty of Your love and forgiveness—gifts which are everlasting. We “thank you” for the gift of Your son Jesus Christ. In His Precious Name we pray, Amen

\*Hymn of Praise:

#139 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Tithes, Offerings, Offertory, and Prayer Requests

\*Song of Response #815 Doxology

Children’s Message

Children are dismissed for Kids Own Worship

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-4

Sermon: “Reality Check”

\*Song of Response:

#302 “Lamb of God”

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

**Our Confession of Faith Together: 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.

Invitation to the Table: *Personal Preparation*

Institution of the Sacrament: *Blessing the Bread in Jesus’ Name*

*Blessing the Cup in Jesus’ Name*

Distribution of the Elements:

PLEASE HOLD THE BREAD AND THE CUP SO THAT WE MAY TAKE THEM TOGETHER

*Receive the Bread in Jesus’ Name*

*Receive the Cup in Jesus’ Name*

Closing Prayer of Hope in God’s Grace

\*Closing Hymn:

“How Deep the Father’s Love”

Benediction

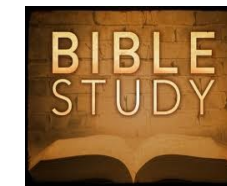
Postlude

\*Please stand if possible

Announcements!

**WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU**

If you have an immediate prayer need and would like prayer during service today, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests will be read and prayers will be after the sermon. Be as thorough as possible so we can most effectively pray for you, and/or get back with you if more information is needed.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Studying the Epistles of Paul, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians.



Session minutes are available in the Narthex following their approval.



**Quilters will resume on January 13.**



**Help is needed taking down and putting away Christmas decorations on Saturday, Jan. 11 @ 9 a.m. Any assistance is greatly appreciated! Thank you**

\*\*\*Last week your contributions totaled \$1,555. This includes online deposits posted 12/23-12/29. Thank you for your tithes and offerings.\*\*\*