



Join us for Sundae Sunday in Kirk Hall. Thank you Francis Family for hosting.



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## This Week at Mansfield 1st

Sunday, December 29  
10 am

Worship Service

Wednesday, January 1

Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 2  
9:30 am

Mansfield 1st Prayer Meeting



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**“A Safe Haven”**  
**Matthew 2:13-15**

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**Kids Own Worship**  
*It's church, just for kids!*

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

**December 29, 2019**

## Order of Worship

December 29, 2019

### Announcements

#### Moment for Mission—Deacons Team

**\*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ**

#### Call To Worship (Deuteronomy 10:17-21 )

**Leader:** For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

**People:** He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing.

**Leader:** Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

**People:** You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

**ALL:** He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

#### \*Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Heavenly Father, As we say “goodbye” to 2019 and “Hello” to 2020, help us to forget the sins of the past and embrace the prospect of a tomorrow with a renewed commitment to You. May we lift our eyes to you and focus our souls on You while asking forgiveness for the egregious sins of our nation. “LORD, glorify yourself before the world and put forth Your power to unite the extremes of humankind through the church of Jesus Christ. Unite the races, the classes, the genders, the tribes—all in praise to You.” (T.Keller) Bless us, LORD, as we seek to bless you! In Jesus Name, Amen

#### \*Hymn of Praise:

**#270 “Joy to the World!”**

#### Tithes, Offerings, Offertory, and Prayer Requests

**\*Song of Response #815 Doxology**

## Family Worship

(Children stay with their parents)

**Scripture: Matthew 2:13-15**

**Sermon: “A Safe Haven”**

**\*Song of Response:**

**#292 “Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”**

#### Prayers of God’s People (Hebrews 4:14-16)

14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

#### Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father who is in heaven, holy is Your Name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen!

***Please come forward if you would like to receive prayer.***

**\*Closing Hymn:**

**#260 “Worthy, You Are Worthy”**

**Benediction**

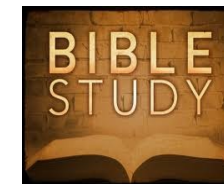
**Postlude**

\*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.**

\*\*\*Last week your contributions totaled \$2,085. This includes online deposits posted 12/16-12/22. Thank you for your tithes and offerings.\*\*\*