

Symbolism of Worship Elements

The Acolyte:

The worship service begins with the two candles on the table unlit. Often a youth will serve in this role, carrying a flame into the sanctuary and lighting the candles. The flame that they carry serves to remind us the Jesus is the “Light of the World” who entered into time and space to drive away the darkness of fear, ignorance, and godlessness. The candles on the Table burn throughout the service illuminating the Bible upon the Table, as the Spirit of Christ illuminates God's Word within us.

The Bible-bearer:

Carrying a Bible into the Sanctuary and placing it open on the Table reminds us of the centrality of God's Word in our lives beyond the church walls and to our time of worship. Godly worship, in the Reformed tradition, places the highest importance upon prayer (corporate, public, and private) and the reading and preaching of God's Word (in home and in Lord's Day worship), considering these to be among the “ordinary means of grace” whereby God speaks to us directly, telling us of what Jesus has already done on our behalf, and the Holy Spirit works within us: convicting us of our sin, transforming our hearts and minds, and progressively sanctifying us until we are glorified with Christ on the day of resurrection.

The Reader/Liturgist:

The Reader or Liturgist serves as the worship assistant to the officiating clergyman. They may be ordained clergy themselves or they may be other lay-leaders within the congregation. Their role in worship is to read Scripture, and to lead the congregation in prayer. Having additional people leading worship (particularly laity) reminds us that we are gathered here to worship the LORD as equals: as repentant sinners, redeemed by the Grace of God, alone; and that it is our Christian mission to each share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all of us to serve before the LORD, in our prayer and worship, as a part of the priesthood of all believers.

The Pastor:

The *robe* worn by the Pastor serves two distinct functions. The first is as a sign of academic achievement, signifying his credentials, knowledge, and suitability to serve in the Pastoral role. The second is as a sign of the office, his authority and responsibility as a Minister of the Gospel. The robe reminds both the minister and the congregation that the authority with which he speaks is the authority of the Office: it is the authority of Christ, when he preaches the Gospel; and that the dress distinguishes and separates him from the people, for that time, he is ultimately like every other member of the congregation.

The *stole* is principally a symbol which signifies the “yoke of Christ” and the minister's particular duty and service to God for preaching the Word.

Preaching bands, were originally adapted and adopted from the common neck wear of the early 17th century, came to be used solely by academics, those in the field of law, and the clergy. When worn by a minister as a part of worship, the two rectangular cloth bands symbolize the two tablets of the ten commandments given by the LORD to Moses.

Pipers:

The role of the Piper within the Scottish Clan culture is something very special. The bagpipes were not intended to be just a “bawdy instrument” played for frivolous purposes, but the pipes were used to clearly convey specific information to those who heard them. They would announce the presence and entrance of a Clan Lord (or Laird), the completion of a wedding rite, particular military orders in battle, or to call the people to gather and meet (including to gather for church on a Lord's Day morn) by the unique tune being played.

The use of the pipes at the beginning of our service of worship reminds us that we have been called by the LORD to gather together for His purposes and this Processional, with its many symbols, reminds us that as we have entered into the LORD's House, He also condescends to enter into our midst and join us.



Sunday, October 30, 2022

**“Neither rain, nor snow,
nor sleet, nor hail...”**

Matthew 7:24-27,
Matthew 8:23-27

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Larry Yerger

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship

A School of Religious Education

A Church Home with Open Doors



“Kirkin’ O’ the Tartan”:

And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them. (1 Kings 1:40 KJV)

Order of Worship: October 30th, 2022



Announcements & the Passing of the Peace

Call To Worship: (Ps. 19:1-6 KJV)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

***Processional:** *Green Hills of Tyrol*

College of Wooster Pipe and Drums

***Hymn of Praise:**

#56 To God Be the Glory

Prayer of Assembly:

Rev. Larry Yerger

Call to Confession: (Ps. 19:7-12 KJV)

Rev. Larry Yerger

A Confession of Our Sins: (unison) *(from the Scot's Confession of 1560, chapter 1)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance yet distinct in three persons, The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by His inscrutable providence for such an end as His eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have been appointed, and to the manifestation of His own glory. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers and Confessions

Assurance of Pardon: (Ps. 19:13-14 KJV)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

The Gloria Patri:

#813 Glory Be to the Father

Offertory/Anthem: *Highland Cathedral*

College of Wooster Pipe and Drums

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Rev. Larry Yerger

The “Wee Bairns” of the Kirk Sing:

“I Sing A Song of the Saints of God”
(congregation join during verse 3)

Children's Message:

Rev. Joseph Yerger

The “Wee Bairns” are released for “Kids Own Highland Games”

Prayers for God’s People:

Rev. Joseph Yerger

Lord’s Prayer: (unison) *(Matthew 6:9-13 KJV)*

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**

***Psalm of Response:**

Psalm 23 #694 [*The Lord is My Shepherd*]

The Word of the LORD

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27, Matthew 8:23-27

Sermon: “Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail...”

Rev. Larry Yerger, Senior Chaplain at DeSoto Correctional Institution in Arcadia, FL

***Affirmation of Faith: (unison)**

(from the Scot's Confession, chapter 12)

This our faith and its assurance do not proceed from flesh and blood, that is to say, from natural powers within us, but are the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; whom we confess to be God, equal with the Father and with his Son, who sanctifies us, and brings us into all truth by his own working, without whom we should remain forever enemies to God and ignorant of his Son, Christ Jesus. For by nature we are so dead, so blind, and so perverse, that neither can we feel when we are pricked, see the light when it shines, nor assent to the will of God when it is revealed, unless the Spirit of the Lord Jesus quicken that which is dead, remove the darkness from our minds, and bow our stubborn hearts to the obedience of his blessed will. And so, as we confess that God the Father created us when we were not, as his Son our Lord Jesus redeemed us when we were enemies to him, so also do we confess that the Holy Spirit sanctifies and regenerates us, without respect to any merit proceeding from us, be it before or after our regeneration. To put this even more plainly; as we willingly disclaim any honor and glory from our own creation and redemption, so do we willingly also for our regeneration and sanctification; for by ourselves we are not capable of thinking one good thought, but he who has begun the work in us alone continues us in it, to the praise and glory of his undeserved grace.

***Psalm of Response:**

Psalm 100 #101 (v1-4) [*The Aulde One Hundreth*]

The Blessing of the Tartans: (unison prayer)

(The congregation is now invited to bring pieces of tartan cloth or other family tokens down to the front and lay them on the communion table. As you place your token, please declare in a loud voice the name of your family or Clan, and then return to your seat).

Let us pray, Almighty God, You have promised that in all places where You record Your Name, You will meet Your servants and bless them; fulfill now Your promise and make us joyful in praying, so that our worship, being offered in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, may be acceptable to You, and profitable to ourselves. Bless us, we pray, and these tartans and other tokens of our families, that they may be unto us and unto all a token of the faith of our ancestors, of our faith, and the sign of our service to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#3 Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty

***Benediction:**

Rev. Joseph Yerger

***Recessional:**

Amazing Grace

Announcements!

This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday

Sunday, October 30th	9:30 am	College of Wooster Pipe and Drum
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Scottish Tea
	4 pm	Rev. Joseph Yerger's Installation Service
Tuesday, November 1st	2:30 pm	Outreach meeting
Thursday, November 3rd	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Friday, November 4th	6 pm	Spirit Seekers Bible Study
Sunday, November 6th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Listening devices are available upon request

Sermon Notes - Available in the Narthex

Church Directory - The church directory is available by request from the church office. It is available in digital or printed format.

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](#) - **After the Children's Message during service children are welcome to join Mrs. Bacquet for "Scottish Highland games" such as caber tossing, sheaf throwing and archery,**

Thank you to **Leslie Lancy & Bill Wyatt** for assisting with the Offering this month.

Rummage Sale has been rescheduled to November 11th & 12th. Set up will be on Monday the 7th.

Sunday School

- Pastor Joseph is teaching adult Sunday School at 9:00 am in the Parlor. We are studying the Gospel of Mark. Coffee is provided.

- We have a class for children aged 3-8, one for children age 8 and older, and one for grades 7-12. All classes begin at 9 am on Sunday mornings. **Visitors Are Welcome!**

Joy in the Morning - Will next be meeting on Tuesday, November 6th at 9:30 am. Held in Westminster.

Prime Time - Will resume again in January, more details to follow. This is a study for adults at 4pm with a dinner following.

Spirit Seekers - A Bible Study and Fellowship group for people in their 20's-40's. We meet every other Friday at 6pm, and meet next on **November 4th**. We are currently studying "The Attributes of God" with Ligonier Teaching Fellow Dr. Steven Lawson.

Westminster Large Catechism

Q96. What particular use is there of the moral law to unregenerate men?

A. The moral law is of use to unregenerate men, to awaken their consciences to flee from wrath to come, and to drive them to Christ; or, upon their continuance in the estate and way of sin, to leave them inexcusable, and under the curse thereof.

Q97. What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?

A. Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned; yet, besides the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use, to show them how much they are bound to Christ for His fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead, and for their good; and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness, and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.

For those who would like to send a card to Edda Braun at the rehab clinic in Germany, here's her address. (Remember you'll need an international stamp.)

Edda Braun
Klinik Sonnenbuehl
Hammerbuehlstr. 4
78073 Bad Duerrheim
GERMANY

Prayer & Praise Requests

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 Dan Davis

Healing for Dana Woodring

Healing for Bob & Diann Barnett

Healing for Beverly Urschel

Healing for Shirley DeWitt (hospice)

Healing for Joseph James

Healing and comfort for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke

Healing for Martha Montague

Healing for Nik Stevens

Healing for Edda Braun

Maxine Smith (cards & visits welcome)

Margaret Hammett (cards & visits welcome)

Wanda Cantrell (upcoming surgery)

Lois Fischer

Don Harding

Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens

Sid & Nancy Hall

Doug Mabee

Hazel Bigner & family

Diana Hammer's Sister

Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph

Ashley Scott & the Preschool

Connie Cates, Lifewise Lucas Director

Everyone affected by Hurricane Ian

Russian Protesters

The Salvation of the Lost

For Our City, Our Nation & Civic

Leaders (for wisdom, grace, peace)

Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield City

Councilman, 3rd Ward

First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)

Nursing and Hospital staff

All Christians being persecuted around the globe

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	60
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,789
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$676>
Offering YTD	\$95,521
Difference to Offering YTD	<\$10,346>

Today is the last day to turn in your pledge cards.

Moment for Mission

Operation Christmas Child

When Children receive a shoebox they are given the opportunity to attend "The Greatest Journey" a 12-lesson discipleship course

Boys and girls who attend "The Greatest Journey" grow in Christ and share what they learn with their friends and family. The students invite others to their graduation where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

Packed boxes must be returned by Monday, November 14th

Contact Us at Mansfield 1st (EPC)

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

Elders

Jayce Walters, Sally Wyatt, Ben Troyer

Diana Hammer, Dana Constance

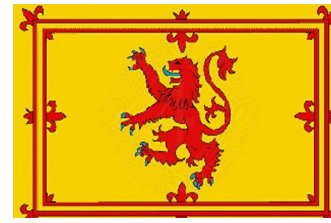
Deacons

Dee Engle, Leslie Lancy

Nancy Dingiss, Pat McGinty

Leslie Lancy

Sermon Notes



Tartan Banners



(from the front of the sanctuary to the back)

West Side Windows

Scottish National Tartan
MacDonald
MacLeod of Lewis
Campbell
Gordon Modern

East Side Windows

Royal Stewart
Hunter
Lamont Modern
Anderson Weathered
McAlister Modern

Pulpit

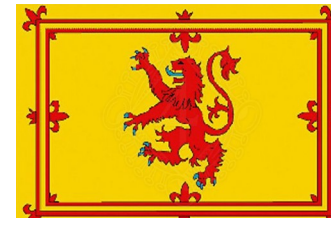
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