

CHURCH FINANCE'S	
Last Sunday's Attendance	51
Last Sunday's Offering	\$1,159
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering	<\$-1,245
Offering YTD	\$102,811
Difference to Offering YTD	<\$-561

Listening devices are available upon request

Sermon Notes - Available in the Narthex

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.

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Mansfield 1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 29, 2023
The Whole Kirk of God
Genesis 1:26-31, 12:1-4, 17:1-8, 15-21
Romans 9:1-16



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 29th, 2023



Announcements & the Passing of the Peace

Responsive Call To Worship: (Ps. 24:7-10)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Leader: *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)*

***Processional:** “*Scotland the Brave*” Timothy Wiley of the Celtic Eagle Pipe Band

***Hymn of Praise:** #3 Holy, Holy Holy! Lord God Almighty

Prayer of Assembly: Rev. Joseph Yerger

Call to Confession: (1 John 1:5-2:1)) Rev. Joseph 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: (1 John 2:1-2) Rev. Joseph Yerger

The Gloria Patri: #813 Glory Be to the Father

Offertory/Anthem: “*Highland Cathedral*” Timothy Wiley of the Celtic Eagle Pipe Band

***Song of Response:** #815 Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Rev. Joseph 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

Prayers for God’s People - Lord’s Prayer : (unison) (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**

Sunday School

Visitors Are Welcome!

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

- We have classes 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 mornings.

Joy in the Morning - Meets every other Tuesday, at 9:30 am in Westminster. Next Meets Oct.31

Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for all adults, beginning at 4pm with a dinner following. Next Meets on Nov. 8

Spirit Seekers - This Study for those in their 20’s-40’s is divided into ‘Parents’ & Youth. Ordinarily meets every other Sunday at 4pm with dinner following.

Kids O’ the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers.



“So God created man in his own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” - Genesis 1:27.

Every person is made in the image of God. No life is beyond His reach. Men and women behind bars, victims of crime, families torn apart by incarceration - all are loved by God and worthy of our attention. There is always hope! You have the amazing opportunity to share the love of Christ with a child of an incarcerated parent this Christmas. Consider purchasing a gift for a child on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Visit our Angel Tree in the narthex for the name of a child affected by incarceration and see how you can bless this child this Christmas. Gifts to be returned by November 26th. See Jenn Bacquet for more details and questions!



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday

Sunday, October 29th	10 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Scottish Tea in Kirk Hall w/Performance from the Brady-Campbell Irish Dancers
Tuesday, October 31st	9:30 am	Joy in the Morning
Thursday, November 2nd	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Sunday, November 5th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Coffee Hour

Once again our rummage sale was very successful. The WIM would like to thank everyone who helped in this endeavor. We are now ready to begin filling our shelves with your donations for the Spring sale.



Sign up to ring Bells for the Salvation Army this Christmas Season!

We will be at Hobby Lobby on Dec. 9th & 16th from 10a-6p. Please sign in the Narthex

Come help us decorate our church for the Christmas Season on Nov 19th following Worship.

More Upcoming Events!

- **Christmas Decorating**
November 19th
- **Thanksgiving**
November 23rd
- **Ye Young Gift Shop**
December 2nd
- **Carols Around the Table**
December 3rd
- **Preschool Christmas Program**
December 20th
- **Christmas Eve Worship**
December 24th

***Psalm of Response:**

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

The Word of the LORD

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 1:26-31, 12:1-4, 17:1-8, 15-21**

Romans 9:1-16

Sermon: The Whole Kirk of God

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 25 (unison)**

The catholic or universal church is invisible and consists of all the elect who have been, are, or ever will be gathered into one under Christ, the head. The church is his body and spouse, the fullness of God, who fills all in all.

The visible church is also catholic or universal under the gospel, i.e., it is not confined to one nation as previously under the Mosaic Law. It consists of everyone in the world who professes the true religion together with their children. The visible church is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ and the house and family of God, outside of which people cannot ordinarily be saved.

In order to gather and perfect the saints in this life until the end of the world Christ has given the ministry, Scriptures, and ordinances of God to this universal visible church, and by his own presence and Spirit he enables the church to function in this way according to his promise.

This universal church has been sometimes more and sometimes less visible. Particular churches, which are members of it, are also more or less pure, depending on how the gospel is accepted and taught, how the ordinances of God are administered, and how public worship is performed.

The purest churches under heaven are subject both to impurity and error. Some churches have so degenerated that they are not churches of Christ, but synagogues of Satan. Nevertheless, there will always be a church on earth to worship God according to his will.

There is no other head of the church than the Lord Jesus Christ.

***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:**

#151 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

***Benediction:**

Rev. Joseph Yerger

***Recessional:**

"Amazing Grace"

Timothy Wiley of the Celtic Eagle Pipe Band

[illegible]

Scottish National Tartan

Sutherland

MacDonald

Gordon Modern

Royal Stewart

Hunter

Lamont Modern

McNeil

Anderson Weathered

Gordon Dress Modern

Black Watch (Government
tartan)





Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

The LORD is Sovereign over ALL THINGS

Our American Freedoms
Our Freedom to worship the LORD

YMCA Stronger Through Prayer:

10/13

Healing for Anonymous

Healing for Cardiair

Israel

World Peace

Anonymous—Son,
kidney surgery to donate
to his son

Anonymous—truth and
salvation through a
personal relationship
with the Lord Jesus
Christ

10//20

The Hursh Family

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Martha Ball
Healing for Dan Davis
Healing for Betty Albers
Healing for Beverly Urschel
Healing for Joseph James
Healing for Meg Wyatt O’Rourk
Healing for Martha Montague
Healing for Nik Stevens
Healing for Edda Braun
Healing for Brett Slater
Healing for classmate of Sonya’s
Healing for Jan Gibbs
Healing for David Doerr
Erna & Frank Becker
Maxine Smith
Don Harding
Sally and Bill Wyatt

Ms. Vivian Stevens
Sid & Nancy Hall
Stefen Francis
Patsey Himes
Charlene Reed
Hazel Bigner & family
Jon & Dorothy Powell, Home
Hospice
Tim Park & Family
Maureen Doherty
Mark Doherty
Brett & Rachel Lloyd
Cindy Hessin, at Primrose
Retirement Community, cards &
visits welcome
Eurobrass
EduNations and its students
Families & children of the Sudan
Our Congregation

Pastor Joseph & Jodie
Shawn Wade & Our Preschool
For Our City, Our Nation & Civic
Leaders (for wisdom, grace,
peace)
Reverend El Akuchie, Mansfield
City Councilman, 3rd Ward
Mayor Theaker
First Responders (Police, Fire,
EMS)
All Christians being persecuted
around the globe
For Revival in our city, state &
county
Palestinian Christians
For everyone else not listed, but
also in need of prayer

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 are 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.



God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives

As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church.

"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love," Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."



Pick up shoe boxes in the Narthex Oct. 15 - Nov. 12. Fill your box with toys and other great items to delight the heart of a child. Return filled shoe boxes and \$10 per box for shipping, by November 19.

Don't Forget!

Join us downstairs after worship today for the performance of the award winning Brady-Campbell Irish Dancers!



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