

Church Finances	November	January - November	January- November Budget	Difference
Ordinary Giving	\$9,180	\$113,258	\$114,583	<\$1,325>
Savings Withdrawal	\$5,000	\$131,000	\$55,000	\$76,000
Expenses	\$23,185	\$275,498	\$289,982	<\$14,484>
Surplus/Deficit	<\$9,005>	<\$31,240>	-----	-----
Last Sunday's Attendance			45	
Last Sunday's Offering			\$1,796	
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering			<\$608>	
Offering YTD			\$124,940	
Difference to Offering YTD			<\$68>	

[Listening devices are available upon request](#)

We Want To Pray For You! - If you have an immediate prayer need and would like us to pray for you, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate.

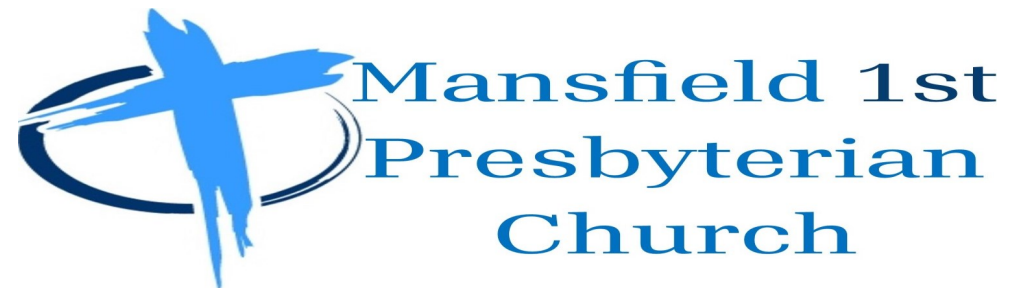
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Elders

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Sunday, January 5th, 2025
Jesus, the “Anti-Politician”

John 7:1-24

Rev. Joseph Yerger, Pastor

A Sanctuary of Worship

A School of Religious Education

A Church Home with Open Doors



Welcome to Mansfield 1st Presbyterian!



Order of Worship: *January 5th, 2025*

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Call To Worship: (Psalms 111:1-3) Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:** #225 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***Prayer of Adoration:** Ben Troyer

Call to Confession: (Malachi 4:1) Ben Troyer

Corporate Prayer of Confession: (All)

Good and Gracious God, we praise You with our whole heart. We praise You with our whole being because You have transformed us by renewing our heart and mind. We were covenant breakers, but You are the faithful covenant keeper. You take delight in all of Your works; take joy in us, we pray. You have shown us Your power and You have given us an inheritance, although we do not deserve it. Your commandments are reasonable and just, but we cannot constrain our sinfulness. We sin in our thoughts, in our words, and by our deeds because apart from the mercy of Your Spirit, we remain dead in our trespasses. Revive us again, O LORD, and breath new life into us, body and soul. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions: Ben Troyer

Assurance of Pardon: (Psalms 111:9-10) Pastor Joseph Yerger

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

Offertory: Bernice Holman

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

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:** Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message: *Children may return to their seats*

**Please stand as you are able*

Reflecting His Image

A Devotional by R.C. Sproul

What can be said of Christ's being the, "express image of His person"? Are not we all created in the image of God and does not this reference merely speak of Jesus as the perfect man, the one in whom the image of God has not been besmirched or corrupted? I think the text means more than that.

Philip Hughes says this: "The Greek word translated 'the very stamp bearer' means an engraved character or the impress made by a die or a seal, as for example, on a coin; and the Greek word translated 'nature' denotes the very essence of God. The principal idea intended is that of exact correspondence. This correspondence involves not only an identity of the essence of the Son with that of the Father but more particularly a true and trustworthy revelation or representation of the Father by the Son."

We remember the request made to Jesus by Philip when he said, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us" (John 14:8). We need to meditate upon the response of Jesus in John 14:9–11. He who would taste the fullness of the sweetness of Christ and perceive the total measure of His excellence must be willing to make the pursuit of the knowledge of Him the main and chief business of life. Such pursuits must not be hindered by sentimentality or reason.

Coram Deo

Pray this prayer: "Dear God, reveal to me the depth and riches of the nature of Your Son, Jesus."

Sermon Notes

Prayers for God’s People and the Lord’s Prayer (All)

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**

Hymn of Preparation: #234 Now Unto Him

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: John 7:1-24

Sermon: Jesus, the “Anti-Politician”

Celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Please hold the elements until everyone has been served:

***Affirmation of Faith:** (The Nicene Creed) **(All)**

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**

***Sending Song:** #319 Near the Cross

Benediction: Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on page 839 in the pew Bible.*

This Week at Mansfield 1st

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

Sunday, January 5th	9 am	Sunday School*
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour & Taking down of the Christmas Décor
	12 pm	Spirit Seekers/Kids O' the Kirk
Monday, January 6th	10 am	Bob Barnett's Funeral
Wednesday, January 7th	12 pm	Staff Meeting
	4 pm	Prime Time Bible Study
Saturday, January 11th	10 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, January 12th	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Worship Service
	11:30 pm	Coffee Hour

The funeral of Bob Barnett will be held at Mansfield 1st Presbyterian on January 6th, with Pastor Joseph officiating. Calling Hours will be from 10am-11:30am with service following.

Rummage Sale—We will not be accepting any donations until the end of January

Prime Time Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 8th at 4pm in Westminster.

Spirit Seekers Adult Bible Study & it's companion study Kids O' the Kirk will meet on January 5th at 12p in Westminster. Lunch will be provided.

Quilting will resume on January 13 & 27th, from 1pm-3pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

For all those that God has put in our lives to help us, love us & pray for us

Our American Freedoms

Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Martha Ball

Healing for Blane Young, 15y.o, stage 4 cancer

Healing for Nancy Dingess

Healing for Bob Doherty

Healing for Cindy Hessin

Healing for Lisa's father

Healing for 11 year old "Frankie"

Healing for Patsy

Healing for Carmen's mother

Healing for David Steveline, prostate cancer

Healing for Rich, infection in feet

Healing for Lucy, recent cancer diagnosis

Healing for Theresa Plutko's son

Healing for Jeremy Cark, recent cancer diagnosis

Family and friends of Bob Barnett, in mourning

Family and friends of James Black, in mourning

Family and friends of Andrew Bolen, in mourning

The McKeon family, in mourning

Family & friends of Nancy Howard, in mourning (Carries aunt)

Theresa Plutko, health & housing issues

Healing for Irina, her son's work situation and comfort and healing for her mother

Internet predator issues

Theresa Plutko's daughter in law who is getting married on March 8

Christine Bell, as she seeks a new church appointment in the Global Methodist Church

The peace and harmony of our congregation as we navigate challenging decisions

Our Preschool & Staff

Eurobrass

EduNations and its students

Richland Pregnancy Services

Safe Harbor / 8 Days of Hope

Bernice Holeman

Elizabeth Arthur

Jim Standridge

Frank Daniell

Robert Neal and his family

Andrew Collier and his family

Jon & Dorthy Powell

The Thomassen Family

The safety, security and well being of President Elect Trump and his family

Peaceful & Hopeful Transition of Government