

| Church Finances | November | January - November | January- November Budget | Difference |
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| 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> | ----- | ----- |

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| Last Sunday's Attendance | 53 |
| Last Sunday's Offering | \$2,055 |
| Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering | <\$349> |
| Offering YTD | \$122,501 |
| Difference to Offering YTD | \$2,301 |

[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

Tucker Bacquet, Randy Richard, Judy Swartzmiller, Ben Troyer, Dana Woodring



Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

The Birth of John

Luke 1:57-80

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: *December 22nd, 2024*

Please take a moment to fill out pew pads

Call To Worship: (Micah 5:2-5)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Hymn of Praise:**

#244 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Acolytes:

Eleanor Bacquet & Caleb Troyer

***Prayer of Adoration:**

Judy Swartzmiller

Call to Confession: (Micah 7:7-8)

Judy Swartzmiller

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

(All)

O LORD, the unchanging God Who is the same in the Past, Present, and Future, You are the divine Promise keeper. You have decreed what You shall do and You have brought it to pass. Forgive us when we fail to continue trusting in Your promises and relying upon Your faithfulness. Let Your Word be a light to our path and a source of Hope for the future as we look ahead to the consummation of Your eternal purpose and plans. Give us the courage to believe, even against all of the world's protesting and willful denials. Strengthen our hearts. Preserve us by grace through faith in the love and light of Your blessed countenance, all the days of our life and into Your heavenly Kingdom. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers & Confessions:

Judy Swartzmiller

Assurance of Pardon: (Micah 7:9)

Pastor Joseph Yerger

***Song of Response:**

#813 Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)

Advent Reading:

Bacquet Family

Offertory:

Bernice Holman

***Song of Response:**

#815 Doxology

**Please stand as you are able*

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Lords Day 51

Q. What is the fifth petition?

A. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

That is: For the sake of Christ's blood, do not impute to us, wretched sinners, any of our transgressions, nor the evil which still clings to us,1 as we also find this evidence of your grace in us that we are fully determined wholeheartedly to forgive our neighbour.2

1 Ps 51:1-7; 143:2; Rom 8:1; 1 Jn 2:1, 2.

2 Mt 6:14, 15; 18:21-35.

Sermon Notes

***Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

Pastor Joseph Yerger

Children's Message:

Children may be released to Kids Own Worship

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:

#255 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

The Word of God**

The Scripture Reading: Luke 1:57-80

Sermon: The Birth of John

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

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

***Sending Song:**

#256 Love Has Come!

Benediction:

Pastor Joseph Yerger

**Please stand as you are able*

*** Found on page 803 in the pew Bible.*

This Week at Mansfield 1st

Office hours are M-F 8am-noon

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| Sunday, December 22nd | 9 am | Sunday School |
| | 10 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 am | “Carols Around the Table” in Kirk Hall |
| Tuesday, December 24th | 6 pm | Candlelight Worship Service |
| Wednesday, December 25th | | Merry Christmas |
| Sunday, December 29th | | **No Sunday School** |
| | 10 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:30 pm | Coffee Hour |

[Interested in becoming a church member? Please talk to Pastor Joseph](#)

[Sermon Notes are available in the Narthex](#)

The funeral of Bob Barnett will be held on January 6th. 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, December 8th at 4pm in Westminster.

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

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 Jimmy Black

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

Healing for Dana Constance

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 Andrew Bolen, in mourning

Sally & Bill Wyatt and family as their mourn the passing of Meg Wyatt O'Rourke

The McKeon family, in mourning

Sonya Francis and family as they mourn her 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 Plukto'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