

Church Finances	August	January-August	January-August Budget	Difference
Ordinary Giving	\$7,441	\$88,986	\$83,333	\$5,653
Savings Withdrawal	\$15,000	\$85,000	\$40,000	\$45,000
Expenses	<\$24,698>	<\$197,680>	<\$217,193>	-----
Surplus/Deficit	<\$2,257>	<\$23,694>	<\$93,860>	-----
Last Sunday's Attendance				46
Last Sunday's Offering				\$1,611
Difference to Weekly Budgeted Offering				<\$793>
Offering YTD				\$103,736
Difference to Offering YTD				\$2,768

◆ 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.

◆ Please contact the office for Harold & Lois Davis's new address

◆ Please contact the office for Elizabeth Arthur's new address

◆ [Kids' Own Worship](#) - After the Children's Message during service children are welcome to join Mrs. Bacquet for a children's version of "Scottish Highland games".

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Elders

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



Sunday, October 27, 2024

**A Holy Nation and a
Royal Priesthood**

1 Peter 2:9-25

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 27th, 2024

Announcements & the Passing of the Peace

Call To Worship: (Ps. 150:1-6 KJG)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

***Processional:** “*Highland Cathedral*”

Jesse Tucker, Piper

Acolyte:

Elizabeth Bacquet, Eleanor Bacquet & Silas Sellards

***Hymn of Praise:**

#562 Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of Assembly: (edited, from the Book of Common Order)

Rev. Lawrence Yerger

Call to Confession: (Ps. 32:1-4 KJG)

Rev. Lawrence Yerger

A Confession of Our Sins: (edited, from the Book of Common Order)

(Unison)

O Eternal God and most merciful Father, we confess and acknowledge here, before thy divine majesty, that we are miserable sinners, conceived and born in sin and iniquity, so that in us there is no goodness. For the flesh evermore rebels against the Spirit, whereby we continually transgress thy holy precepts and commandments, and so purchase to our selves, through thy just judgment, death and damnation. Notwithstanding, O heavenly Father, for as much as we are displeased with our selves for the sins that we have committed against thee, and do genuinely repent us of the same, we most humbly beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, to show thy mercy upon us, to forgive us all our sins, and to increase thy Holy Spirit in us. That we acknowledge from the bottom of our hearts our own unrighteousness, may from henceforth not only mortify our sinful lusts and affections, but also bring forth such fruits as may be agreeable to thy most blessed will; not for the worthiness thereof, but for the merits of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior, whom thou hast already given an oblation and offering for our sins, and for whose sake we are certainly persuaded that thou will deny us nothing that we shall ask in his name, according to thy will. For thy Spirit doth assure our consciences that thou are our merciful Father, and so lovest us thy children through him, that nothing is able to remove they heavenly grace and favor from us. To thee, therefore, O father, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. **AMEN**

Silent Prayers and Confessions

Assurance of Pardon: (Ps. 32:5-11 KJG)

Rev. Joseph Yerger

The Gloria Patri:

#813 Glory Be to the Father

Offertory/Anthem:

A Musical Medley

Jesse Tucker, Piper

***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”
(with the congregation joining in during verse 3)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

Lords Day 43

Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. I must not give false testimony against anyone, twist no one’s words, not gossip or slander, nor condemn or join in condemning anyone rashly and unheard.¹ Rather, I must avoid all lying and deceit as the devil’s own works, under penalty of God’s heavy wrath.² In court and everywhere else, I must love the truth,³ speak and confess it honestly, and do what I can to defend and promote my neighbour’s honour and reputation.⁴

¹ Ps 15; Prov 19:5, 9; 21:28; Mt 7:1; Lk 6:37; Rom 1:28-32.

² Lev 19:11, 12; Prov 12:22; 13:5; Jn 8:44; Rev 21:8.

³ 1 Cor 13:6; Eph 4:25.

⁴ 1 Pet 3:8, 9; 4:8.



This Week at Mansfield 1st EPC

Office Hours: 8 am-12 pm Monday-Friday

Sunday, October 27th	10 am	Worship Service
	11:20 am	Scottish Tea in Kirk Hall w/Performance from the Brady-Campbell Irish Dancers
Monday, October 28th	1 pm	Quilters
Thursday, October 31st	9:30 am	Prayer Meeting
Saturday, November 2nd	10 am	Women's Bible Study
Sunday, November 3rd	9 am	Sunday School
	10 am	Family Worship Service
	11:20 am	Coffee Hour
	12 pm	Spirit Seekers & Kids O' the Kirk

Women's Saturday Bible Study - At 10a, in Westminster. Sign up in the Narthex and we will print your copy of Jen Wilkin's Matthew. It's never too late to join! Next meets on November 2nd.

Bring your thimble & come quilt with us. We meet the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 1 pm. The Quilting room is just down the hall from the Church office.

Greeters Needed! - Would you like to serve as a greeter before Sunday Worship? Consider doing the same week each month. If interested please sign up in the Narthex. If you have questions see Tucker Bacquet.

Volunteering at Salvation Army - On November 7th we will meet at the warehouse at 47 S Main S. to sort food and pack grocery boxes. We do this every first Thursday of each month at 11am, and then enjoy a time for lunch and fellowship. Please come join us! Everyone of any physical ability can help!

Session recently decided to update our pew Bibles from NRSV to ESV. Thank you to the anonymous donor for providing us with new Bibles.

Congregational Meeting - after worship on November 10th. To vote on dismissal from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Bell Choir will next meet for practice on November 3rd after worship

Children's Message:

Rev. Lawrence Yerger

Prayers for God's People - Lord's Prayer : (Matthew 6:9-13) (Unison)
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**

Song of Response: Spirit of God (tune: The Skye Boat Song)

The Word of the LORD

Scripture Readings: 1 Peter 2:9-25

Sermon: A Holy Nation and a Royal Priesthood

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 13** (Unison)

Those who are effectually called and regenerated have a new heart and a new spirit created in them. They are additionally sanctified, actually and personally, by the power of Christ's death and resurrection and by his word and Spirit dwelling in them. The power of sin ruling over the whole body is destroyed, and the desires of the old self are more and more weakened and killed. At the same time the ability to practice true holiness, without which no one will see the Lord, is brought to life and strengthened by all the saving graces.

This sanctification works in the whole person, but not completely or perfectly in this life. The old sinful nature retains some of its control in body, mind, and spirit. And so a continual and irreconcilable war goes on in every believer. The old nature tries to get its way in opposition to the Spirit, and the Spirit fights to assert its authority over the flesh.

Although the old nature temporarily wins battles in this warfare, the continual strengthening of the sanctifying Spirit of Christ enables the regenerate nature in each believer to overcome. And so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

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" Jesse Tucker, Piper



Tartan Banners

(from the front of the sanctuary to the back)



Join us in Kirk

Hall after worship for our

Scottish High Tea.

**Including various shortbreads,
scones, Haggis & much more!**

**Featuring performances from the
Brady-Campbell Irish Dancers after
worship.**

West Side Windows

Royal Stewart
Lamont
Hay & Laith
Sutherland
Donald

East Side Windows

Hunter
Gordon Dress Modern
McNeil
MacLeod of Lewis
Anderson Weathered

Communion Table

Black Watch (Government tartan)

Clan Mottos

Anderson	STAND SURE	Stand Sure
Black Watch	NEMO ME IMPUNE I ACCESSIT	No One Attacked Me With Impunity
Campbell	NE OBLIVISCARIS	Don't Forget
Clergy	NEC TAMEN CONSUMBATUR	Nor Is It Consumed
Donald	PER MARE PER TERRAS	By Sea, By Land
Grant	CRAIG ELACHIE	Stand Fast
Hay	SERVA JUGUM	Keep The Yoke
House of Gordon	BYDAND	Steadfast
Hunter	CURSUM PERFICIO	I Will Complete The Course
Lamont	NE PARCAS NEC SPERNAS	Don't Scarce, Nor Snap
Macbeth	CONJUNCTA VIRTUTI FORTUNA	The Combined Virtue of Fortune
MacLeod of Lewis	I BIRN QUHIL I SE	I Burn While I Shall Burn
McAlister	FORTIER	Stronger
McNeil	BUAIDH NO BAS	Victory or Death
Stewart	VIRECIT VULNERE VIRTUS	Courage Grows Strong At A Wound
Sutherland	SANS PEUR	Without Fear
Wallace	PRO LIBERTATE	For Freedom



Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

Baptism of Emma Harper Camboni

Praise to God with thanksgiving that lesion on prostate is benign –John Constance

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

Eyes that can see, Ears that can hear, and a Voice that can proclaim all the wonders of God

Our American Freedoms

Our Freedom to worship the LORD

Prayers of Petition

Healing for Cindy Hessin

Healing for Martha Ball

Healing for Tim Cantrell

Healing for Lisa's father

Healing for 11 year old "Frankie", lymphoma

Healing for Patsy

Healing for Carmen's mother

Healing for Chester Geiser, skin & bladder cancer surgery

Healing for Jimmy Black

Healing for David Steveline, prostate cancer

Healing for Rich, infection in feet

Healing for Lucy, recent cancer diagnosis

Peace & Comfort for Meg Wyatt O'Rourke

Family and friend of Bruce Wilging, in mourning

The McKeon family, in mourning

Holly, in mourning for the passing of her mother

Harold & Lois Davis, transition to new living situation

Jane Smith, transition to new living situation

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

The Cramer Family, death of mother and father burned severely, teenage daughter

Theresa's daughter in law, getting married March 8 & her health

Internet predator issues

Christine Bell, as she seeks an 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

The peace, unity, and purity of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

The safety, security and well being of President Biden and his family

The safety, security and well being of Vice President Harris and her family

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

Bernice Holeman

Elizabeth Arthur

Erna & Frank Becker

Jim Standridge

Ted Hansen

Frank Daniell

Robert Neal and his family

Andrew Collier and his family

John & Dorthy Powell

The Thomassen Family

Help, health, and recovery for the victims of Hurricane Helene

Help, health, and recovery for the victims of Hurricane Milton

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:

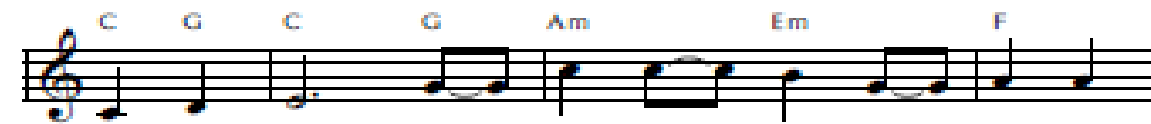
The role of the Piper within the Scottish Clan culture is something very special. The bagpipes were not intended to be just a "bawdy instrument" played for frivolous purposes, but the pipes were used to clearly convey specific information to those who heard them. They would announce the presence and 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.

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God 730



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, pa - tient and
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun - dreds of



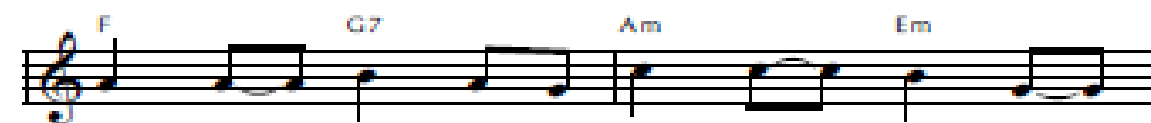
brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and
 made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for Je - sus'
 thou - sands still; the world is bright with the joy - ous



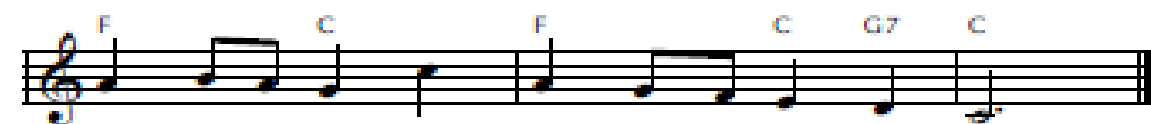
died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a
 sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a
 saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can meet them in



doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep - herd - ess
 sol - dier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a
 school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in



on the green: they were all of them saints of
 fierce wild beast: and there's not an - y rea - son,
 shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just



God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Despite the quaintness of some of the language in this text, it has an important message to communicate about the down-to-earth ordinariness of the holy people of God at all times and places. The tune name honors the island in Vermont's Lake Champlain where the composer lived.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Scottish Traditional melody

Skye Boat Song



Refrain:

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
 gentle as is the dove:
 teach us the truth and help us believe,
 show us the Saviour's love!*

You spoke to us - long, long ago -
 gave us the written word;
 we read it still, needing its truth,
 through it God's voice is heard.

Refrain

Without your help we fail our Lord,
 we cannot live his way;
 we need your power, we need your strength,
 following Christ each day.

Refrain



"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 Sunday, November 17th.

See Jenn Bacquet for more details and questions!



Visitors Are Welcome!

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

- We also have classes available for children age 3-Kindergarten (Begin with Jesus), Kindergarten - 2nd grade (Show me Jesus), for grades 3rd-6th (Closer to Jesus). Each class begins at 9 am on Sunday morning.



Prime Time - Meets every other Wednesday. This study is for any adults, beginning at 4pm. **Next Meets**

October 30th

Women's Saturday Bible Study - Meets in Westminster

at 10 am. Bring a 3 ring binder and ESV Bible. Sign up in the Narthex so we can print your copy of Jen Wilkin's Matthew. **Next meets November 2nd**

Spirit Seekers - Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday at noon for lunch with the bible study afterwards. This study is for those in their 20's-50's and is divided into 'Parents' & Youth. **November 3rd**

Kids O' the Kirk - The youth companion group to Spirit Seekers. **We will be starting "Catechism Club" curriculum in September!** We will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday after worship, in Westminster. Lunch will be provided. **Next Meets November 3rd**