

MANBECK'S ZION EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Worshiping the Lord in Spirit and Truth

December 28, 2025

Announcements/Prelude

***Call to Worship:** Psalm 98

***Opening Carol:**

#607 "Joy to the World"

***Opening Prayer**

***Greet One Another**

Lighting of the Christ Candle – "Light of Life"

Carol:

#265 "The First Noel (vs. 1- 2, 5- 6)

"God Moments" (Praise and Testimony)

Special Music: Eve Kurtz

Offering of Tithes & Gifts to the Lord/Ushers: Betsy & Willis

Offertory

* #815 "Doxology"

***Carol:** "A Christmas Hymn" (tune of #11)

Reading: "Twas the Night Before Jesus Came"

**** Time of Prayer**

Children dismissed for Jr. Church & Nursery: Chris Nickel

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

MESSAGE: "What Christmas Means....."

Closing Carol:

#267 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

***Benediction**

***Recessional Hymn:**

#258 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" (ref.)

Leave to Serve

***Please Stand**

**** Please Kneel if able**

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Welcome guests!

We're so glad you're with us. Please fill out an info card so we can serve you better and stay connected. You're welcome to join us for light refreshments downstairs after the service.

We love kids – Activity packs are available for them to use during the service; PreK & elementary ages can go to Jr. Church during the 2nd half of our service and our nursery is available downstairs at any time if you need space (or changing table) for little ones.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY:

✚ Special Offering: Christmas Missionary Offering

NEXT SUNDAY:

✚ Communion Sunday

✚ Sunday School resumes

10:45 P.M.

LOOKING AHEAD:

✚ Jan. 7 – Prayer Gathering and "The Chosen" 6:00/7:00 P.M.

✚ Jan. 11 – Benevolent Offering

✚ Jan. 18 – Annual Congregational Meeting 10:40 A.M.

✚ Jan. 20 – Official Board Meeting (Reorganize) 7:00 P.M.

✚ Jan. 22 – Ladies Luncheon (to be decided later) 11:00 A.M.

✚ Jan. 23 – Fourth Friday Praise Night 7:00 P.M.

✚ Jan. 25 – Special Offering

Statistics: December 21, 2025

Attendance: 56

Christmas Eve Service - 72

Offering - \$2,001.00

Building Fund Offering - \$178.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ **Isaiah 61: heal the broken hearted and set the captives free**
- ❖ Laura (Sharon & Bob Lemke)
- ❖ Willis (Shawn Reed home from prison/lives with Dad/pray for situation)
- ❖ Carol (families who lost loved ones over Christmas & other holidays)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Uncle Jim Guesto/has stroke/losing ability to communicate/calling in hospice)
- ❖ Marion (the people of Ukraine)
- ❖ Update on Lindsay/another round of treatment/blood test shows chemo is working)
- ❖ Larue (Kerry's CT scan did not show significant healing of his neck/he has a mass in his saliva gland)
- ❖ Sharon L. (sister in law is in a comma)
- ❖ May (mom in prison and has kidney disease)
- ❖ Harold (brother Danny/tumor in prostate)
- ❖ Those battling cancer: Mark Wolfe; Brenda; Janeen; Roy; Linda; Everlee Fessler; Deneen Sonon; Bob Kramer; Ellie; Mike; Tony; Stacey; Jim; Ed; Bob W.'s brother; Wade; Lindsay; Pete Pizzuto
- ❖ Military: Keith Gillespie; Lois's grandson; Betsy's 1 grandson
- ❖ Nursing home: Nancy Wildsmith Sue Stump Bob Trout
- ❖ Assisted living: Sue Reiter

PRAISE

- ❖ Willis (Josh and Misty Krammes are expecting a baby)
- ❖ Brenda (She & Arti shared the love of winter)
- ❖ Wayne (Joe on WNEP to make Dec. 21 a national holiday)
- ❖ Judy (Christmas music is so meaningful)
- ❖ Betsy (remembering old songs "Invisible Hand", couldn't remember all the words and had to call all her sisters/sang it for 3 days)
- ❖ Larue (Mother is looking forward to Christmas Eve/she is holding her own)
- ❖ Ardella (Stoltzfus family brought cookies and sang songs a cappella)
- ❖ Wayne (Schools Christmas concert/started with Hallelujah Chorus and ended with Silent Night)

MISSIONS

- ❖ Joe Toy (Street ministry in North Carolina)
- ❖ Jamie and Anita Farr (Wycliffe in Florida)
- ❖ Robert and Bettina Schaeffer (L.I.F.E. Ministries in NY)
- ❖ Wagner's & Stoltzfus's (Rift Valley Academy in Africa)