

MANBECK'S ZION EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Worshiping the Lord in Spirit and Truth

January 4, 2026

Announcements/Prelude

*Call to Worship: Psalm 80, 85

*Opening Carol: #290 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

*Opening Prayer

*Greet One Another

Lighting of the Christ Candle – Matthew 2:1-12

Carol: #288 "We Three Kings"

"God Moments" (Praise and Testimony)

Special Music: Chris Nickel

Offering of Tithes & Gifts to the Lord/Ushers: Laura & Faith

Offertory

* #815 "Doxology"

Remembering the Persecuted Church – Ernie Reiter

** Time of Prayer

Children dismissed for Jr. Church & Nursery: Kelly Brown

MESSAGE: "Seeking True Enlightenment" Acts 17:16-18

COMMUNION SERVICE

Closing Carol: #294 "One 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:

- ☞ Communion Sunday
- ☞ Sunday School for all ages 10:45 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:

- ☞ Prayer Gathering and "The Chosen" 6:00/7:00 P.M.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- ☞ Benevolent Offering
- ☞ Sunday School for all ages 10:45 P.M.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- ☞ 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 28, 2025

Attendance: 29

Church Offering - \$968.00

Christmas Missionary Offering - \$105.00



PRAYER REQUESTS

- ❖ **Isaiah 61: heal the broken hearted and set the captives free**
- ❖ Mae (people in prison/ mom got attacked/ mental health)
- ❖ Roy start chemo treatments on Friday
- ❖ Carol (Jim Martin Sr./ leg removed and dialysis/ in hospital)
- ❖ Lois (neighbor Mark, out of prison for the holiday/ will go back)
- ❖ Deb L. (Lindsay/ last treatment then radiation)
- ❖ Kelly (family in New Ringgold lost everything in a fire)
- ❖ Kathy (Larue and family)
- ❖ Katie (Eve and her future plans)
- ❖ Deb R. (Mary went 3 weeks w/o seizures but had 2 last night)
- ❖ Kelly (Willow is not feeling well)
- ❖ Sharon & Bob Lemke
- ❖ Willis (Shawn Reed home from prison/ lives with Dad/ pray for situation)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (Uncle Jim Guesto/ in hospice)
- ❖ Marion (the people of Ukraine)
- ❖ 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

- ❖ Mae (saw her sister on Christmas Eve had been many months since she saw her/ also, her cousin made it today)
- ❖ Harold (people who braved the ice to get to church)
- ❖ Deb R. (for the facility downstairs/ family gathering)
- ❖ Pastor Kyle (thanks for Christmas gift and thanks to Harold cleaning the parking lot)

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)