

Sept 10 Creation/Fall.....	<b>Shame</b>	Oct 22 Shepherd King .....	<b>Shepherd</b>
Sept 17 Isaac Born to Sarah .....	<b>Laughter</b>	Oct 29 Kingdom Divided.....	<b>Blinders</b>
Sept 24 Jacob Wrestles God.....	<b>Struggle</b>	Nov 5 All Saints' Day.....	<b>Fire</b>
Oct 1 Embracing God's Call .....	<b>Called</b>	Nov 12 Choosing to Love .....	<b>Choose</b>
Oct 8 Ten Commandments .....	<b>Listen</b>	Nov 19 Isaiah's Vineyard Song .....	<b>Love</b>
Oct 15 Ruth .....	<b>Redeemer</b>	Nov 26 Christ the King .....	<b>King</b>

## End of Year Donations

Because of the switch to a new financial system, the last day to make donations for 2023 will be Sunday, December 24. All donations received after that day will be posted in 2024.

## 2024 Pledge Cards

If you haven't turned in your 2024 pledge card, additional cards are available on the ushers' table in the narthex and on the church website.

### Serving This Morning

Pastor.....	Adam Love
Choir Director .....	Kristen Marian
Pianist .....	Glenda Gray
Organist .....	Ray Johnson
Lay Lector .....	Kristen Marian
Ushers.....	John Thompson and John Tolleson
Kids' Moments.....	Adam Love
Tech Booth.....	Jessica Slaughter
Elementary Sunday School.....	Michele McRoy
Sunday School Nursery.....	Piper Benton and Bobbi Love
Worship Hour Nursery.....	Piper Benton and Amanda Flanary
No Kids' Church - Hanging of the Greens	
Receiving Treasurers .....	Michele McRoy and Ray Johnson

**Interested in serving in one of these ministries? See Ray or Pastor Adam**

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**Sunday, December 3, 2023 · 11:00am**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship	Kristen Marian
Responsive Liturgy	
Hymn	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211, vs. 1-4
The Colors of Advent	
Hymn	"People, Look East" UMH 202, vv 1 and 4
Scripture Reading: <i>God Will Send a Righteous King</i>	Jeremiah 23:5-6
The Cedar Branch	
Hymn	"Prepare the Way of the Lord" UMH 207
Scripture Reading: <i>The Prophet Declares a Child Will Be Born</i>	Isaiah 9:2,6-8
The Advent Wreath	
Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196
Scripture Reading: <i>The Fourth Servant Song</i>	Isaiah 53:1-6
The Holly and the Ivy	
Hymn	"Who Is He in Yonder Stall" UMH 190 vs. 1 and 5
Gospel Reading: <i>The Mystery of the Incarnation</i>	John 1:1-5, 9-14
Chrismons	
Hymn	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206 vs. 1 and 3
Blessing of the Chrismon Trees and the Advent Wreath	
Kids' Moments	Adam Love
Lighting of the First Advent Candle	
Hymn	"Come, Emmanuel"
Offertory Anthem	"Christmas is Coming" Chancel Choir
Doxology	"Advent Doxology"
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Adam Love  
 Intercessory Prayers and Lord's Prayer  
 Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211, vs. 5-7  
 Benediction  
 Postlude Glenda Gray, piano

## Advent Scripture Readers Wanted

For the next three weeks, the scripture reading for the day will be sitting on the table to the right as you enter the sanctuary. Anyone who feels led can pick it up and be the reader for that Sunday. We're not asking you to be the Lay Lector for the entire service, just read the scripture passage right before the sermon. I look forward to seeing who will take us up on this invitation. - Adam

## Young At Heart Christmas Luncheon

Sign up outside the office for an afternoon of festive food, jolly music, and a white elephant gift exchange in the Fellowship Hall at noon on Thursday, December 14.

## "A Super Christmas"

Find out how superheroes respond to the birth of Christ when Mafair's kids present their Christmas pageant in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00pm on Friday, December 15, with a reception to follow.

## Welcome to Mafair!

**Parents with children**, we have a nursery downstairs (infants to age 3 in Room B03) and some creative items are located at the entrance to the sanctuary for those kids who remain in the worship service.

**During Kids' Moments**, all children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a special message. After Kids' Moments on Sundays when Kids' Church is offered, kids ages 3-7 years may go with our leaders to Kids' Church (Lower Elementary classroom B07 downstairs) for Bible lessons. Parents may pick up their children at the end of the service.

## This Week at Mafair

**B**— Basement    **1**— First Floor    **2**— Second Floor    **FH** Fellowship Hall    **TPC** The Prospect Center

### Sunday

9:00am Staff Devotions · Sanctuary  
 9:45am Sunday School  
 10:40am Chancel Choir warmup · B05  
 11:00am Worship · Sanctuary  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm AA · TPC

### Monday

8:00am Men's Breakfast · Perkins  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 6:00pm Cub Scouts · FH/2nd Floor

### Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC  
 1:00pm Worship Planning · 105  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm NA · TPC

### Wednesday

2:00pm AA · TPC  
 6:00pm Kids' Christmas Play Rehearsal · FH  
 6:30pm Women's AA · TPC  
 7:30pm Chancel Choir · Sanctuary

### Thursday

12:00pm NA · TPC  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 2:00pm Women's Bible Study · 201

### Friday

Office Closed  
 2:00pm AA · TPC  
 8:30pm DAA · TPC

### Saturday

2:00pm AA · TPC  
 7:00pm NA · TPC

## Advent and Christmas Services

Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 and 24 · 11:00am · Advent Worship Services

Thursday, December 21 · 7:00pm · Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 24 · 8:00pm · Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 31 · 11:00am · Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service

Friday, January 5 · 6:00pm · Twelfth Night Cantata and Community Meal

## Prayer Concerns

Chris Probst; Linda DeBord; Ruby Dishner; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Lari Beasley (Lorla Boswell's daughter); Gloria Carlisle; Greg Downs (Jim & Trish Downs' son) and family; Winston Rawlston; Sage Turner (Ken & Doris Alfrey's grandson); Nat Ellis (Susie Weatherall's stepfather); and Susie Weatherall's neighbor Roger; Ann Keith.