



Advent and Christmas Services

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

Sunday, December 24 · 11:00am · Advent Worship Services

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

If you would like to join us for the Community Meal following the cantata, please sign up outside the church office or on the website, or call the church.

Serving This Morning

Pastor.....Adam Love
 Choir DirectorKristen Marian
 PianistGlenda Gray
 Organist Ray Johnson
 Lay Lector Jill Davenport
 Ushers..... Peggy Helton and John Tolleson
 Kids' Moments.....Adam Love
 Tech Booth..... Jessica Slaughter
 Elementary Sunday School.....Michele McRoy
 Sunday School Nursery..... Piper Benton and Rose Bayer
 Worship Hour Nursery.....Piper Benton and Carolyn Slaughter
 Kids' Church..... Kimberly Wellman and Edna Longwell
 Receiving TreasurersSteve Brumit and Bo Tatum

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

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Sunday, December 17, 2023 · 11:00am
Gaudete Sunday

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship	Jill Davenport
Call to Worship	
Prelude	“Rejoice in the Lord Always” (round)
* Responsive Psalter Reading	Psalm 85:8-13
* Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70
* Hymn	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” UMH 229
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon	
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen	
Offertory Anthem	“Canticle of the Turning” Chancel Choir
* Doxology	“Advent Doxology”
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
Kids’ Moments	
Song for Illumination	“Come, Emmanuel”
* Gospel Reading	Luke 1:26-55
Sermon	Adam Love
Special Music	“What Child Is This?” Sophia Burks
Intercessory Prayers and Lord’s Prayer	Adam Love
Reception of New Members	
* Hymn	“Joy to the World” UMH 246
* Benediction	
* Postlude	“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Glenda Gray, piano Ray Johnson, organ

Sept 10 Creation/Fall Shame	Oct 29 Kingdom Divided Blinders
Sept 17 Isaac Born to Sarah Laughter	Nov 5 All Saints' Day Fire
Sept 24 Jacob Wrestles God Struggle	Nov 12 Choosing to Love Choose
Oct 1 Embracing God's Call Called	Nov 19 Isaiah's Vineyard Song Love
Oct 8 Ten Commandments Listen	Nov 26 Christ the King King
Oct 15 Ruth Redeemer	Dec 3 Hanging of the Greens Apocalypse
Oct 22 Shepherd King Shepherd	Dec 10 Home is Coming Time

From the Finance Committee

We are continuing to experience a deficit in our 2023 financial results. As of December 1, expenses have exceeded our income by approximately \$26,500. Please plan to give a little extra during this month as you are able to help reduce this deficit. Keep in mind that the last day to make donations for 2023 will be Sunday, December 24. All donations received after that day will be posted in 2024. We are also experiencing a lower-than-normal participation rate in our stewardship campaign. A total of 46 households have turned in their 2024 pledge cards so far compared to an average of 72 pledges in recent years. If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2024 but you plan to do so, please mail it to the church or place it in the offering plate sometime this month.

Thank you for your support and Merry Christmas!

Mafair UMC Finance Committee

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
 10:00am AMFS Glasses Distr · TPC
 1:30pm UMW Circle · 104
 2:00pm AA · TPC
 6:00pm CLC · 107
 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
 6:30pm 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
 6:00pm Sanctuary Open
 7:00pm Longest Night Service · Sanctuary

Friday

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

Saturday

2:00pm AA · TPC
 7:00pm NA · TPC

Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed Monday, December 25, through Tuesday, January 2, for the Christmas and New Years' holidays.

Prayer Concerns

We extend our Christian sympathy to Paul McRoy on the death of his father, Bruce. Please keep Paul, Michele, and their extended family in your prayers.

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