

What Does That Mean?

As we covered with the kids on Christmas Eve, all the beautiful things that make up our sanctuary have a function—they point to Jesus. Their beauty is great, but they have a larger purpose. Occasionally, when there’s room in the bulletin, I want to share with you what some of those symbols mean.

Today we look at **robes**. Why do leaders in the service wear them? The short answer is they cover you up and make you blend in with all the other symbols that point to Jesus. The choir becomes one voice singing to Jesus. The acolytes become bringers-of-the-light. The pastor becomes a voice of the gospel. The white robe or alb I sometimes wear has connection all the way back to the New Testament world where the baptized wash their robes in the blood of the lamb and are told to keep them bright for the day of His return. Black robes symbolize education and hiding the preacher so that only the gospel can be seen. The stole I wear represents ordination. It’s a yoke that ties me to Jesus and a towel that enables me to wash the feet of God’s people. I hope you find this helpful.

– Adam

Serving This Morning

Pastor	Adam Love
Lector	Matt Slaughter
Choir Director	Kristen Marian
Pianist	Glenda Gray
Organist	Ray Johnson
Kids’ Moments	Adam Love
Usher	Jess Slaughter
Tech Booth	Lisa Allen and John Gardner
Sunday School Nursery	Piper Benton and Bobbi Love
Worship Hour Nursery	Piper Benton and Bobbie Carico
Kids’ Church	Susan Jenkins and Amanda Flanary
Receiving Treasurers	Ray Johnson and Emma Slaughter

*Interested in serving in one of these ministries?
Sign up on the bulletin board outside the office.*

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Sunday, December 29, 2024 · 11:00am
In My Father’s House

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship	Matt Slaughter
Prelude	Glenda Gray, piano
* Responsive Reading	from Psalm 148
* Gloria Patri	“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70
* Hymn	“Love Has Come”
Prayer of Confession	
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen	
Offertory Anthem	“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child” Chancel Choir
* Doxology	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication	
Kids’ Moments	Adam Love
Song for Illumination	“Come, Emmanuel”
* Gospel Reading	Luke 2:41-52
Sermon	Adam Love
Special Music	Glenda Gray, piano
Intercessory Prayers	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881
* Hymn	“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH 251
* Benediction	
* Postlude	Glenda Gray, piano

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.

If you'd like to learn more about Mafair, please fill out one of the green sheets in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during the offertory anthem.

Need a cough drop or a bottle of water (or anything else!) during worship? Please ask an usher.

Hearing assisted devices are available in the narthex. Ask an usher for help.

Deadline for 2024 Contributions

This morning is the deadline for 2024 contributions. All contributions received after noon today will be put toward 2025 contributions.

The church office will be closed this week and will re-open on Monday, January 6.

Sign Up to Be a Worship Volunteer

There are signup sheets on the bulletin board across from the office. Sign up to be a greeter, an usher, lay lector, counter, or help in the tech booth. Training will be provided.

Are you, or is someone you know, going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be exactly what's needed to help bring Christ's healing. If you have questions about Stephen Ministry at Mafair, talk with Pastor Adam or our Stephen Leader, Ray Johnson. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry.



This Week at Mafair

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

Sunday

9:00am Staff Meeting · Sanctuary
9:45am Sunday School
10:30am Choir Warmup · 105
11:00am Worship · Sanctuary
2:00pm AA · TPC
5:00pm AA · TPC
7:00pm AA · TPC

Monday

Office Closed
2:00pm AA · TPC

Tuesday

Office Closed
8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · TPC
12:00pm AA · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
7:00pm NA · TPC

Wednesday

Office Closed
12:00pm AA · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
6:30pm Women's AA · TPC

Thursday

Office Closed
12:00pm NA · TPC
2:00pm AA · TPC
5:30pm Pickleball · TPC

Friday

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

Saturday

12:00pm Private Event · FH
2:00pm AA · TPC
7:00pm NA · TPC

Prayer Concerns

Chris Probst; Linda DeBord; Ruby Dishner; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Lari Beasley (Lorla Boswell's daughter); Ann Keith; Elijah Bowen; Nellie Stover; Gail Powell's daughter Carla Spivey; Kathie Sisler (Anna Raimondi's stepmom); Tonya Tester; Cheryl Humphries (Joyce Weldon's friend); Amy Reedy; Ronald Manning (patient of Dot Stover); Dannie Flanary (Amanda Flanary's father-in-law); LeAnn Hughes (Oneda Coates' daughter); Dennis Gardner (John Gardner's father); Bill Richardson (husband of Jane Armstrong's caregiver); Courtney Davenport (Mitch & Jill's daughter-in-law); Sandy Taylor; Gene Williamson.