



## Love Offering for Kristen

As we shared with you a few weeks ago, Kristen Marian will be stepping back from her role as Music Director in January, and while we are sad to see her transition, we are so grateful that she will continue to be a cherished member of our Mafair family! To honor Kristen and show our appreciation for her incredible contributions over the past six years, we invite you to participate in a heartfelt love offering. Your gifts can be left in the church office.

Please remember that love offerings should be in the form of cash or checks made out directly to Kristen, not the church. This way, your kindness remains a personal gift and won't be reported as taxable income.

Let's come together as a community to celebrate Kristen's impact on our lives and show her how much she means to us. Thank you for your love and support during this transition—together, we can make this a memorable farewell while continuing to nurture the wonderful relationships that make Mafair so special!

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Sunday, December 21, 2025 · 11:00am  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship		Laura Ann Johnson
* Hymn		"The First Noel" UMH 245
Advent Candle Lighting		
Response		"Advent Song" TFWS 2090
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon		
Passing the Peace and Threefold Amen		
Mission Moment		Rachel Lawson
Offertory Anthem	"Christmas Is Coming"	Chancel Choir
* Doxology		"Advent Doxology"
* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication		
Kids' Moments		Destiny Stover
Song for Illumination		"Come, Emmanuel"
* Scripture Reading		Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon	"God's Sacrificial Love"	Tim Robinson
Contemplative Moment	"Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine"	Glenda Gray
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
* Affirmation of Faith		The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
* Hymn		"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" UMH 240
* Benediction		
* Postlude	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	Glenda Gray, piano

## Welcome to Worship!

**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.

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

## Upcoming Special Services

**Sunday, December 21** · 7:00pm · **Longest Night Service**

**Wednesday, December 24** · 8:00pm · **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Before the service, we will have a time of Finger Foods and Fellowship starting at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite finger foods to share.

*Nursery care will be provided for each service.*

## Christmas Offering

This year's Christmas offering will support the purchase, preparation, and monthly distribution of bag lunches for our friends at Shades of Grace throughout 2026.

## Deadline for 2025 Donations

Sunday, December 28, is the deadline for 2025 contributions. Any contributions received after noon that Sunday will be put toward 2026. The church office will be closed starting on Christmas Eve, reopening on Monday, January 5.

## This Week at Mafair

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

### Sunday

8:30am Staff Meeting · 104

9:30am AA · TPC

9:45am Sunday School

10:30am Chancel Choir warmup · 105

11:00am Worship · Sanctuary

2:00pm AA · TPC

4:00pm Al-Anon · TPC

7:00pm Longest Night Svc · Sanctuary

7:00pm AA · TPC

### Monday

2:00pm AA · TPC

6:00pm Recovery Resources · TPC

### Tuesday

8:00am Morning Hope Breakfast · 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

8:00pm Christmas Eve Service ·  
Sanctuary

### Thursday

Office Closed

Private Event · FH

12:00pm NA · TPC

2:00pm AA · TPC

5:30pm AA · TPC

### Friday

Office Closed

2:00pm AA · TPC

8:30pm DAA · TPC

### Saturday

2:00pm AA · TPC

3:30pm Cantata Rehearsal · Sanctuary

7:00pm NA · TPC

## Prayer Concerns

Linda DeBord; Doris Cox; Warren Larson; Ann Keith; Nellie Stover; Amy Reedy; Dannie Flanary; Joyce Weldon; Jacques Weldon (Joyce Weldon's nephew); Philip Weldon (Joyce Weldon's brother); Kristy Bright (Jackie Tranbarger's daughter); Phyllis Charles; Susan Flanary; Amanda Flanary; Randy Smith; Pauline Smith; Roni Acuff; Mike Hartwyk (Bobbie Carico's nephew); Jackie Beatty and Shonn Carter (Deric Beatty's sister and niece); Billy Reeves (Jackson Coleman's grandfather).

To add a name to the prayer concerns list, please fill out a green sheet in the pew racks or contact Ray in the church office.

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 any questions about our Stephen Ministry, talk with Pastor Tim or our Stephen Leader, Ray Johnson. Consider whether you know of someone who needs their care, and offer to connect them to this ministry.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**