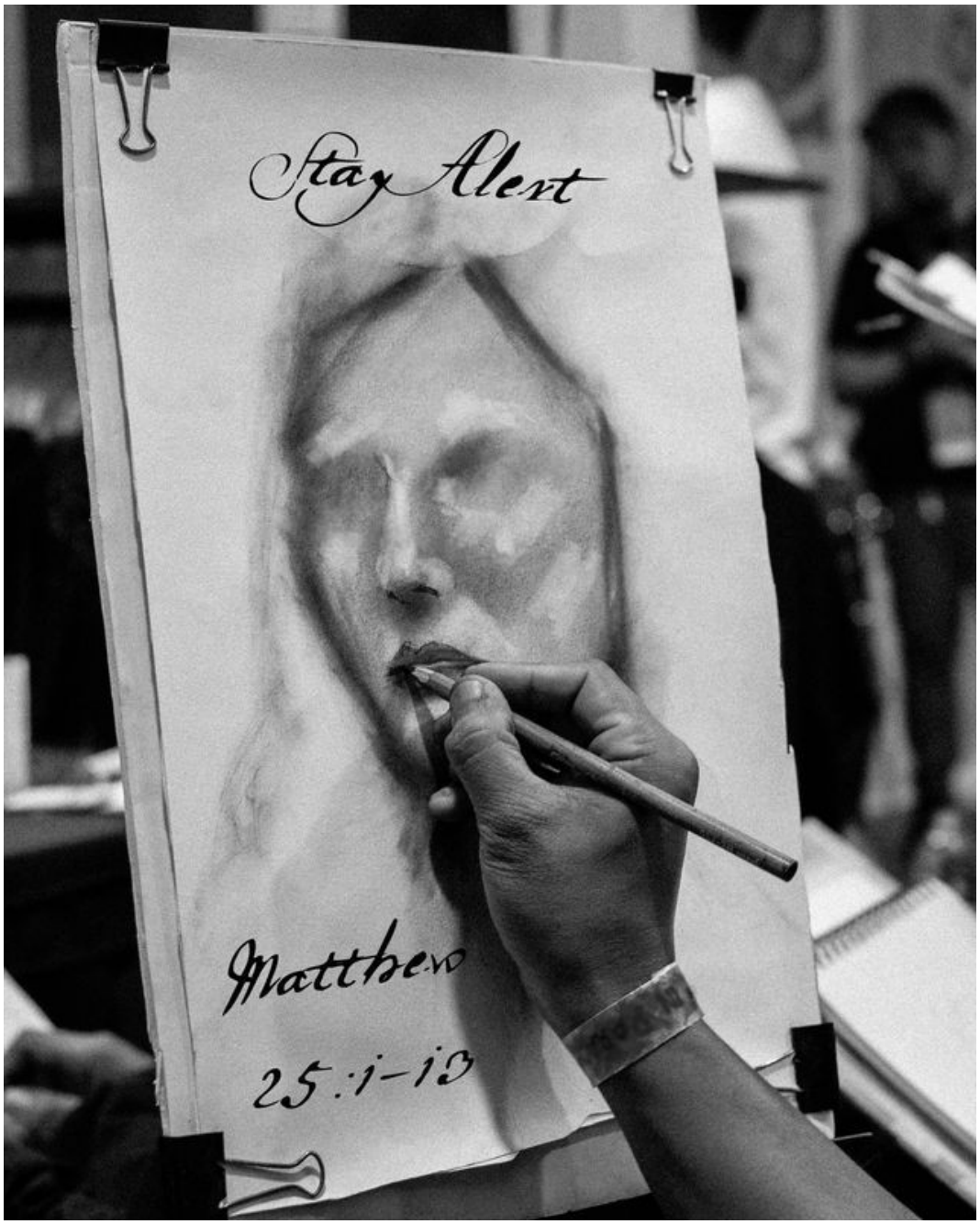
ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



November 8th, 2026

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8th, 2026

at 10:30 am

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE "My Lord, What a Morning"

(arr. By Joel Raney)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God is at work all around us, even in ways we may not always notice.

All: Keep our hearts awake, O God, and our lives ready to respond to your call.

One: In the busyness of life, we can lose sight of the ways you are moving among us.

All: Keep our hearts awake, O God, and our lives ready to respond to your call.

One: Christ calls us to live with expectation, watching for your light and ready to follow where it leads.

All: Keep our hearts awake, O God, and our lives ready to respond to your call.

One: As we worship, renew our faith and open our eyes to the work you are doing in the world.

All: Keep our hearts awake, O God, and our lives ready to respond to your call. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *"I Love Thy kingdom, Lord"* UMH 540

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "A Modern Affirmation"

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSVUE)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON **"Stay Alert"**

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

You can give using your smartphone!

Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's.

Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Trey at

713-409-4618 or trey@stshtx.org

Our Communion offering for November will benefit **Kairos Outside**

ANTHEM	"He Never Failed me Yet" (by Robert Ray)	The Spirit Singers
*DOXOLOGY	*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*	UMH 95
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
*CLOSING HYMN	*"Near to the Heart of God"*	UMH 472
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (arr. By Hal H. Hopson)	

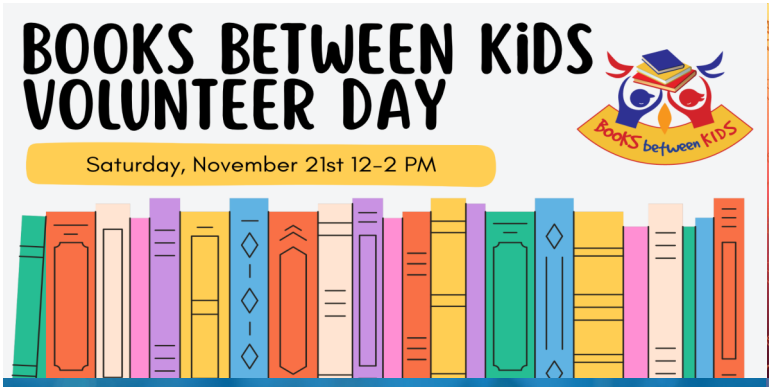
***Please stand as you are able.**
UMH=United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith we Sing

Senior Pastor: Trey Comstock
Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher
Song Leader: Mary Gossett
Liturgist: Katherine Danheim
Accompanist: Dr. Andreea Muț

Scan this code or tap here to sign into worship or make a prayer request.

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Kairos Outside

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

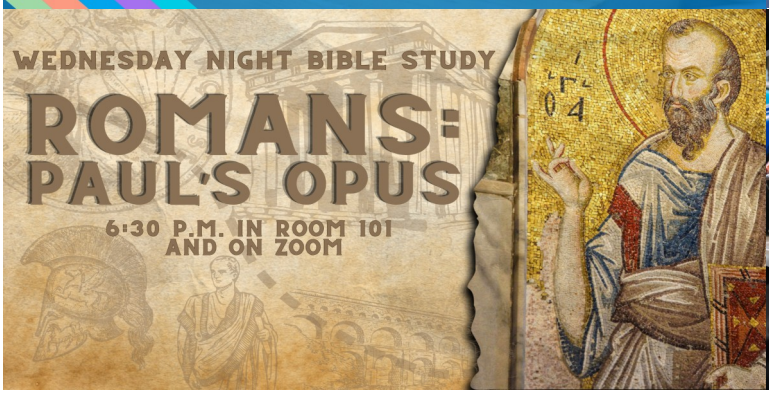














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