



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, October 27, 2024  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Prelude" arr. Todd Kendall

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Christ for the World We Sing" UMH #568

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Diane Lake

Leader: It is faith in Christ that makes us children of God.

**Congregation: Through baptism we clothe ourselves anew, with Christ. In Christ we are a new creation.**

Leader: In Christ Jesus we are one and will all receive what has been promised.

**Congregation: With joy we will receive our inheritance in Christ, knowing that He Himself is better than anything else we could hope for.**

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Following the Children's Blessing, all children are invited to join us for Sunday School in P4. \*If your child is joining us for the first time, please accompany them to the classroom.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "O Nata Lux" by Michael John Trotta  
Chancel Choir

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

## OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Amazing Grace" by arr. Thomas Quigley  
Tyler Morse, baritone

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** Galatians 3:26 - 29

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Stewardship Campaign: Helping People to Know Jesus Christ"  
Rev. Jeremy Africa

## 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.**

**\*HYMN** "Pass It On" UMH #572

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Aberystwyth tune)"  
arr. P. Benjamin

\*Please stand if able



*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mark Lauer, Sue Lauer's husband, who passed away on 10/17/24*

*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Lynn Purcell, Welton House's sister, who passed away on 10/20/24*

**Welcome!** May your time in worship this morning be meaningful. It is our hope and prayer that you find the presence of God and a spirit of friendship and caring. Please join us for refreshments following worship in the Parlor. If you are visiting for the first time, we would like to share a gift with you.

The Nursery is open during worship for children from birth through the age of 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

Sunday worship services at First UMC are live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and available afterward for watch-on-demand. They are also broadcast throughout the week on Midland Cable Television (MCTV, channel 188) and on 97.7 and 107.7 fm on Sundays at 11 am

## First Glance

### Sun Oct 27, 2024

- 9 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 am Forum Class
- 10:15 am Youth Group
- 11 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
- 5 pm Trunk or Treat
- 6 pm Fall Charge Conference

### Mon Oct 28, 2024

- 5 pm Kiwanis

### Tue Oct 29, 2024

- 10 am Worship/Tech Meeting
- 11 am Staff Meeting
- 12 pm S3 Group
- 2 pm Bible Study with Pastor Bethany
- 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### Wed Oct 30, 2024

- 9:30 am Bible Study with Pastor Jeremy
- 1 pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal
- 4:45 pm EXPLORE! Music Class
- 7:30 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

### Thur Oct 31, 2024

- 7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri Nov 1, 2024

- 11 am Men's Small Group
- 7 pm AA Meeting

### Sun Nov 3, 2024

- 10 am Great Day of Music Service
- 11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

## Save the Date

### Sun Nov 10, 2024

- Day of Service
- 9 am Church Service
- 10 am - 1 pm Rice Packing



**Day of Service 11/10**

Scan here to sign up for

Rice Packing:



For more announcements and information, please see our weekly eBlast. If you do not receive it, call the office or email: [reception@fumcmid.org](mailto:reception@fumcmid.org)



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**TONIGHT! - Annual Church Conference - October 27, 2024**

The Annual Church Conference of Midland First UMC will be on October 27, 2024, at 6 p.m. This will occur at St. Charles UMC (301 W Belle Ave, St. Charles, 48655) in conjunction with the Church Conferences of other UMCs in our district zone. The Rev. John Kasper, District Superintendent of the Central Bay District, will preside over these church conferences.

Church Conferences are yearly gatherings that enable churches to look at their life together over the past year while conducting business necessary for the year ahead. This work includes voting on the nominations of leaders, continuing laity as Lay Servants, Speakers, or Ministers, conducting the annual evaluation of appointed clergy and setting their compensation, and more.

All congregation members are invited to participate in a Church Conference. However, following [The Book of Discipline](#), only the gathered professing members of a local church are allowed to vote on matters requiring a vote. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Pastor Jeremy, Julie Pangborn (SLC Chair), or Bill Pritchett (SLC Vice Chair).



United Methodist Committee on Relief  
Many know of Hurricane Helene's devastation on September 26. Through the end of October, we will gather an offering at First UMC to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) effort in response to Hurricane Helene. If you wish to give a special gift toward this offering, please write "Hurricane Relief" in the memo of your check or on the offering envelope if giving cash. Gifts may be placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings or sent or dropped off at the church office during the week (Mon. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Let us offer these gifts with our prayers for those in the wake of these storms.

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