



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 17, 2024  
26th Sunday after Pentecost; Loyalty Sunday

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Let Us, With A Gladsome Mind" by J. Antes

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" UMH #584

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship the King of Kings by remembering all His decrees.

**Congregation: With God's help, may we commit ourselves wholeheartedly to God and walking in His ways.**

Leader: Talk about what God wants at home and on the road; before you go to sleep and when you wake up in the morning.

**Congregation: Give us eyes to see You for Who You are, God; and help us to love You more with each passing day.**

### 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** "Be Thou My Vision" by David Burndrett  
John & Geri Anderson  
Tenor Sax and Flute

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** Deuteronomy 11:18 - 21

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

## PRESENTATION OF ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

### 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** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"  
arr. Marianne Kim

\*Please stand if able



*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Kenneth Johnson, Marcia Payne's father, who passed away on 10/31/2024*

**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 Nov 17, 2024

#### Loyalty Sunday

- 9 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10 am Loyalty Brunch - Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am Adult Forum Class
- 10:15 am Youth Group
- 11 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
- 4 pm Accounting Meeting

### Mon Nov 18, 2024

9 am Card Club

### Tue Nov 19, 2024

- 7:30 am Endowment Team Meeting
- 10 am Worship/Tech Meeting
- 12 pm S3 Group
- 2 pm Bible Study with Pastor Bethany
- 7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7 pm SLC Meeting
- 7 pm Boy Scouts

### Wed Nov 20, 2024

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

### Thur Nov 21, 2024

7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri Nov 22, 2024

- 11 am Men's Small Group
- 6 pm UWF Holiday Fest Vendors
- 7 pm AA Meeting

### Sat Nov 23, 2024

9 am UWF Holiday Fest

### Sun Nov 24, 2024

- 9 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 am Adult Forum Class
- 10:15 am Youth Group
- 11 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

## Church Building Closures

The building will be closed on Nov 28-29 for Thanksgiving.

## Advent Worship Services

We will have combined worship services at 10 am during the Advent season. This applies to December 1, 8,

15 and 22.

Christmas Eve services are at 4pm, 7pm and 11pm.

December 29 will also be a combined service at 10am.



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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Loose coins in the offering plates will go to our 'Let's Change Hunger' offering, supporting Midland First UMC's Sunday Friendship Lunch for our neighbors in need.



**Sharing Trees are up at church!** Look for them in the **PARLOR** and the **OFFICE** area. Please consider selecting a tag (or several) to help make Christmas a little brighter for needy individuals and families in our community. Please note the following specifics:

- The expectation is that each gift value is **AT LEAST \$30**.
  - Purchased gifts should be wrapped using a **GIFT BAG**.
  - Please remove the yarn from the tag (it can snag on things) and securely tape the gift tag to the gift bag. Do not tie the tag and leave it dangling where it can catch and tear off.
  - Purchased gift cards should be given directly to Melanie in the church office.
- All gifts must be dropped off NO LATER than Monday, DEC 2**  
**Questions? Contact Michelle Lather at [lathermb@chartermi.net](mailto:lathermb@chartermi.net) or 989-600-1725.**

**Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas season!**

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