



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, November 24, 2024  
Christ the King Sunday

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Once Again My Heart Rejoices" by Paul Kickstat  
Alison Dumond, Trombone

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Leslie Hiltunen

Leader: Let us come before the Lord with gratitude for who He is and all He has done.

**Congregation: We can do no good thing apart from Him. He is the One who enables us to respond to His love for us.**

Leader: Humility is pleasing to God. May we reflect upon what He has saved us from and recognize where we are still being transformed to look like Jesus.

**Congregation: May we come to God with joy and gratitude because He is able to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**MISSION MOMENT** Day of Service Video

## 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** "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson  
Chancel Choir

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY HYMN** "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

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

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** Luke 18:9 - 14  
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "The Thanksgiving Trap" Rev. Dr. Carl Price

## 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** "Now Thank We All Our God" UMH #102

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Thaxted" arr. Charles Callahan

\*Please stand if able

## *Celebration of New Life*

The white carnation on the altar is in celebration of the recent birth of Fulton David Lather, son of Henry and Pamela Lather and grandson of Brantley and Michelle Lather

**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 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

### Mon Nov 25, 2024

10 am Caring Cards  
5 pm Kiwanis  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

### Tue Nov 26, 2024

10 am Worship/Tech Meeting  
11 am Staff Meeting  
12 pm S3 Group  
12:30 pm Worship Team Meeting  
2 pm Bible Study with Pastor Bethany

### Thur Nov 28, 2024

**Church Building Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Fri Nov 29, 2024

**Church Building Closed**

### Sun Dec 1, 2024

10 am Advent Worship Service  
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

## Save the Date

### Sat Dec 7, 2024

Roll Bake! Orders due Dec 1st!

### Sat Dec 14, 2024

10:30 am Listening Session with Bishop Bard - Sanctuary

### Fri Dec 20, 2024

7 pm Longest Night Service - Chapel

## 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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## “The Thanksgiving Trap”

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