



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 29, 2024
1st Sunday after Christmas Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What a gift it is that God loves us and chooses us.

Congregation: Let us worship Him by being compassionate, kind, humble, and patient.

Leader: We are called to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Remember, you who have been redeemed, the Lord's great mercy.

All: What a gift it is to give our thanks and praise to God Most High and be the Body of Christ on earth!

*OPENING HYMN

"He is Born"

UMH #228

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

"Carol of the Birds" by John Jacob Niles
Alison Dumond, Mezzo-Soprano

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Once in Royal David's City (Irby tune)"

arr. David M. Cherwien
Gabrielle Cook-McIlvenna, organ

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD Colossians 3:12 -17
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Christmas Beyond the 25th"
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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH #431

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Drummer Boy/Pat-a-pan" arr. Diane Bish

*Please stand if able

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 Dec 29, 2024

10 am Advent Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 am Adult Forum
11:15 am Youth Group

Mon Dec 30, 2024

Office Closed - Happy New Year!

Tue Dec 31, 2024

Office Closed - Happy New Year!

Wed Jan 1, 2025

Office Closed - Happy New Year!

Thur Jan 2, 2025

6 pm - Team Leader's Meeting
7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Jan 3, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun Jan 5, 2025

10 am Advent Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 am Adult Forum
11:15 am Youth Group

Save the Date

Dec 30 - Jan 1, 2025

Church Office Closed - Happy New Year!

The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:

- Bar soap
- Deodorant
- Canned goods (fruits & veggies, tuna, etc)
- Granola bars
- Paper Towel
- Toilet paper

Thank you!



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



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The Holiday Fest Team would like to extend a huge “thank you” to all the people who were goodwill ambassadors. You made everything easier and run smoothly. It’s nice to hear both vendors and shoppers comment on how everyone has been so nice and hopeful, the arrival and departure of the vendors went as smoothly as it’s ever been! We made over \$2,200 so we met our goal and were able to fund the Windover Christmas party and have enough left over to und other local organizations. Again, thank you. You were truly a blessing from God.

Holiday Office Hours & Vacation

The church building will be closed on Monday, December 30 - Wednesday, January 1, and will open again on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Rev. Jeremy Africa Off on Vacation

Pastor Jeremy will be on vacation from January 2 to 5. Pastor Bethany Maciejewski will preach on Sunday, January 5.

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