



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Through God's grace we have the boundless riches of Christ.

Congregation: We have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of knowing Jesus Christ as our Lord by giving Him our thanks and praise.

Congregation: He is worthy of all of our love, our thanks, and our praise.

*OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings"

UMH #254

vv. 1 & 5

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

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

by Harold Darke

Chancel Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

SPECIAL OFFERTORY MUSIC

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" (A West Indian Carol)

Calypso Group

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD

Ephesians 3:1 -12 (NLT)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Leaning Into The Mystery"

Rev. Bethany Maciejewski

PASTORAL PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

UMH #12

As a United Methodist Church, we share an open communion table. All who love Christ, repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with others are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. One need not be a member of Midland First UMC or any other church to share in Communion today.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Many Kings?"

by Martel & Germain

Praise Band

*HYMN

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH #251

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare and Fugue on 'Good King Wenceslaus'"

arr. C. Uehlein

*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 Jan 5, 2025

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

Tue Jan 7, 2025

10 am Worship/Tech Meeting
11 am Staff Meeting
12 pm S3 Group
1:30 pm UWF Meeting
2 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor Bethany
7 pm Boy Scouts

Wed Jan 8, 2025

9:30 am Bible Study w/ Pastor Jeremy
1 pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal
4:45 pm Explore! Music Class
7 pm Facilities Meeting
7:30 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

Thur Jan 9, 2025

6 pm - PEO Meeting
7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Jan 10, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun Jan 12, 2025

10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 am Town Hall Meeting
11:15 am Adult Forum
11:15 am Youth Group

Save the Date

Sat Jan 25, 2025

Healing Process Workshop

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.*

Happy Birthday!



We wish a very Happy Birthdays to everyone with January birthdays!
 A special Happy Birthday to those with birthdays 90 or better:

- Elaine Kern - 1/5
- Phyllis Johnson - 1/17
- Laura Young - 1/26
- Mary DeVoss - 1/30

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