



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 12, 2025
Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Congregation: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert... I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Congregation: The Lord our God is worthy of blessing, honor, and glory. He has created and given every good gift, redeemed us, and calls us into deeper union with Him as we become a new creation in Christ Jesus, God with us.

*OPENING HYMN "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH #605

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henry Stottlemeyer

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 Three King Swing"

John Henry Hopkins, arr. Sondra Tucker Carillon Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Air" arr. Thomas Bliss
Gabrielle Cook-McIlvenna, Organ

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD Luke 3:15 -17, 21 - 22

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"All In a Name"

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

"Baptized in Water"

TFWS #2248

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"God Is In The House"

by Darlene Zschech
Praise Band

*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 12, 2025

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

Mon Jan 13, 2025

9 am Card Club
12 pm Nominations Meeting
5 pm Kiwanis

Tue Jan 14, 2025

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

Wed Jan 15, 2025

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

Thur Jan 16, 2025

7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Jan 17, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun Jan 19, 2025

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

Save the Date

Mon Jan 20, 2025

Church Office Closed - MLK Jr. Day

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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Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) Town Hall

The next SLC town hall will be today, Sunday, 1/12, at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel (childcare available). This hour-long town hall will focus on the healing process we will begin in January.

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (Lombard, Illinois) will guide us through this three-month process to address past congregational hurts and improve our overall health as a congregation. Rev. Jeremy Africa will present an overview of the process, followed by time for questions and answers.

Healing Process Survey

The Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is guiding us through the healing process. The first step is a congregation-wide questionnaire.

You may access this questionnaire online, via the link in the eBlast message or email from Pastor Jeremy.

If you prefer to respond by paper, you may pick up a paper copy with a self-addressed stamped envelope from the church office.

All congregants are invited to fill out this questionnaire. It would be helpful if the LMPC receives your responses by 1/22. To be included, the deadline for all questionnaires is 1/31.

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