



# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 19, 2025  
2nd Sunday after Epiphany

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING TIME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship God, the giver of everything good and of every gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God; He has given us a variety of gifts for the common good.**

Leader: Let us build one another up in love as we use the gifts God has given us to His glory.

**Congregation: Glory to God, the Author and Perfecter of our faith!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Shout to the North" See Screen

#### 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** "Carillon" by Dean Wagner  
Joyful Bells

**COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS** Rev. Jeremy Africa

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

**OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD** "I Believe" by Dailey & Vincent  
We Love the Oldies

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**READING OF THE WORD** 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NLT)

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** "Different Gifts, Same Spirit" 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** "God, Whose Love is Reigning o'er Us" UMH #100  
vv. 1, 4, & 5

#### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Triptych on 'Now Thank We All Our God'"  
by Grove & Goss

\*Please stand if able

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**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 19, 2025

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

### Mon Jan 20, 2025

**Church Office Closed - MLK Jr. Day**

### Tue Jan 21, 2025

10 am Worship/Tech Meeting  
11 am Staff Meeting  
12 pm S3 Group  
2 pm Bible Study w/ Pastor Bethany  
6 pm Peer 360  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
7 pm Boy Scouts

### Wed Jan 22, 2025

9:30 am Bible Study w/ Pastor Jeremy  
1 pm Carillon Bells Rehearsal  
4:45 pm Explore! Music Class  
5:30 pm Confirmation Class  
7:30 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

### Thur Jan 23, 2025

6 pm - Peer 360  
7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri Jan 24, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group  
7 pm AA Meeting

### Sun Jan 26, 2025

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

## Save the Date

### Sun Jan 26 & Mon Jan 27, 2025

Healing Small Group Listening Sessions

**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](mailto:reception@fumcmid.org)



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**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.

**Healing Process Listening Small Groups**

Midland FUMC Healing Process is offering six small groups, each limited to 12 people - facilitated by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Scan the QR code to sign up! Options are:

- Saturday, 1/25 4:00-5:30 pm
- Sunday, 1/26 11:30-1:00 pm
- Monday, 1/27 9:00-10:30 am
- Monday, 1/27 12:00-1:30 pm
- Monday, 1/27 3:00-4:30 pm
- Monday, 1/27 6:00-7:30 pm



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**“Different Gifts, Same Spirit”**

Rev. Jeremy Africa  
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