



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sherry Goff

Leader: In the one Holy Spirit, who gives all spiritual gifts, we are one body in Christ.

Congregation: Through the Spirit, every member has a place.

Leader: But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Congregation: Let us give praise to God for His wisdom, for the ways He draws us to Himself and into community with other believers.

***OPENING HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH #64

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 "Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Down to the River to Pray / Lord, Listen to Your Children"
by Ken Medema, arr. Mary McDonald
Tyler Morse, baritone

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NLT)
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "So It is With the Body" 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** "If We Are the Body" See Screen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" arr. Noel Jones

*Please stand if able

WITH DEEPEST
sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Linda Halm, who passed away on 1/19/2025

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 26, 2025

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

Mon Jan 27, 2025

5 pm Kiwanis

Tue Jan 28, 2025

9:30 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 SLC Meeting

Wed Jan 29, 2025

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

Thur Jan 30, 2025

6 pm - Peer 360
7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Jan 31, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
4:30 pm PEO Meeting
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun Feb 2, 2025

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

Save the Date

Sun Feb 23, 2025

Healing Service

The Blessing Box is in need of sustainable items:

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- 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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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.

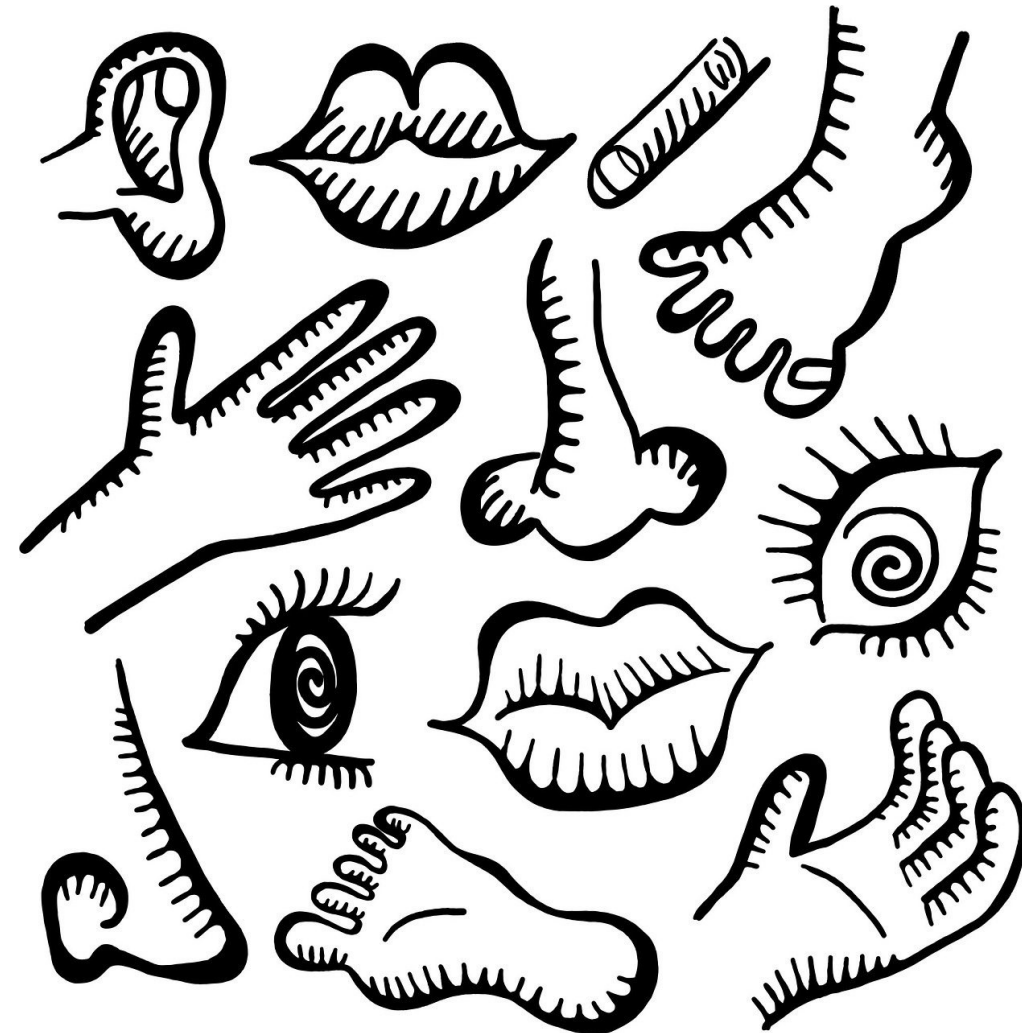
Healing Process Listening Small Groups

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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“So It is With the Body”

Rev. Jeremy Africa
January 26, 2025