

# Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 2, 2025 4th Sunday after Epiphany

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **GREETING TIME**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Kayla Williams

Leader: Anything done without love is just a noisy gong or clanging cymbal, even if we give away all we have.

Congregation: Love is patient, kind; it is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth.

Leader: Love never ends; and because of this, it is most important. One day we will see and know as we are known.

Congregation: What a gift it is to have been created by the God who is love, to reflect His love. Thanks be to God!

\*OPENING HYMN "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

#### 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** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" by Sandra Eithun Carillon Choir

#### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD "Meditation on Picardy" arr. G. Winston Cassler Gabrielle Cook-McIlvenna, organ

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **READING OF THE WORD** 1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (NLT)

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** "Love's Role in Knitting us All Together"

Rev. Jeremy Africa

#### **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.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** "How Beautiful" See Screen

\*CLOSING HYMN "God the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian" UMH #648

#### \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Sonata Fugata" by Francesco Durante

\*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 Feb 2, 2025

10 am Worship Service11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch11:15 am Adult Forum11:15 am Youth Group11:30 am Missions Team Meeting

## Tue Feb 4, 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
6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

## Wed Feb 5, 2025

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

## Thur Feb 6, 2025

1:30 pm - Better Together 6 pm - Peer 360 7 pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

# Fri Feb 7, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group 7 pm AA Meeting

# Sun Feb 9, 2025

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

# Save the Date

# Sun March 2, 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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We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Judy LaMott, who passed away on 1/27/2025

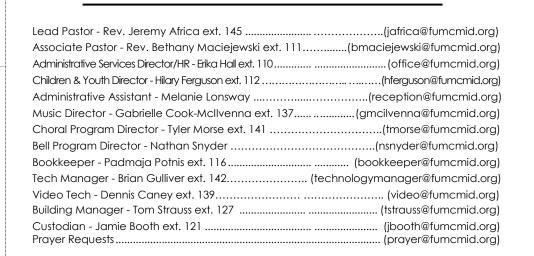
# Lay Leadership Teams

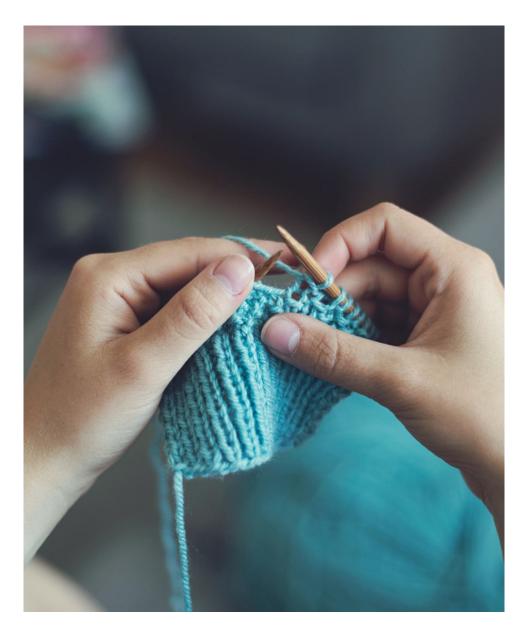
We apologize to the following teams and individuals for being left out of our recent Lay Leadership Teams bulletin insert on January 19. Committee Chairs and Team Leaders, if you noted any necessary updates to your group, please inform the church office. Thank you to all who contribute their time, talents, and gifts to living out our mission—to "help people know, love, and share Jesus Christ!"

Memorial Team: Jan Acker, Mary Choate (Leader), Heidi Roberson Kinnun, Tad Roberson, Roy Green, Bonnie Johnston, and Bethany Eicher

<u>Garden Maintenance Team</u>: Judy Bishop, Kagey Duso, Peggy Hamilton, Sandy Juengel, Shirley McKenney, Bruce & Carol Peck, Carole Steffens (Leader), and Cindy Winslow

Nominations Team: Cindy Blahnik





"Love's Role in Knitting us All Together" Rev. Jeremy Africa February 2, 2025