



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 16, 2025
6th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has risen from dead, let us rejoice that He is the first fruits of those who have died.

Congregation: We are called to live as Easter people, all year long.

Leader: As Easter people, let us proclaim the risen Christ every day, in every place we are, through the way we live our lives.

All: As Easter people the Holy Spirit lives in us, meaning we have the light of Christ. We will proclaim Him, the Light of the World, in Whose resurrection we will confidently share on the day of His coming.

*OPENING HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" UMH #303

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 "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
by Stuart Townsend, arr. Peggy Bettcher
Joyful Bells

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"How Can I Keep From Singing" arr. Alan Bullard
Tyler Morse, Baritone

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "But in Fact..." 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 "In Christ Alone" See Screen

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Solid Rock" arr. Robert W. Thygerson

*Please stand if able



We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dennis Caney, who passed away on 2/9/2025

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 Feb 16, 2025

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

Tue Feb 18, 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 Boy Scouts
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wed Feb 19, 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 Feb 20, 2025

6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Feb 21, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sun Feb 23, 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

10 am Healing Service

Tues March 4, 2025

5 pm Pancake Supper

Happy Anniversary

To everyone with February Wedding Anniversaries!

A special congratulations to Pam and Gary Gifford, celebrating 50 years on 2/15!



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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Structured Dialogue of Healing on

Saturday, March 1, 1-5pm

Dinner - 5pm

“(A) structured dialogue process in a large group setting. Its goal is to heal past hurts and grievances, neutralize past events, reset relationships, and enable people to move toward forgiveness. The process will name times of grief, sadness, and disappointment, and the impact of such moments on individual’s lives.”

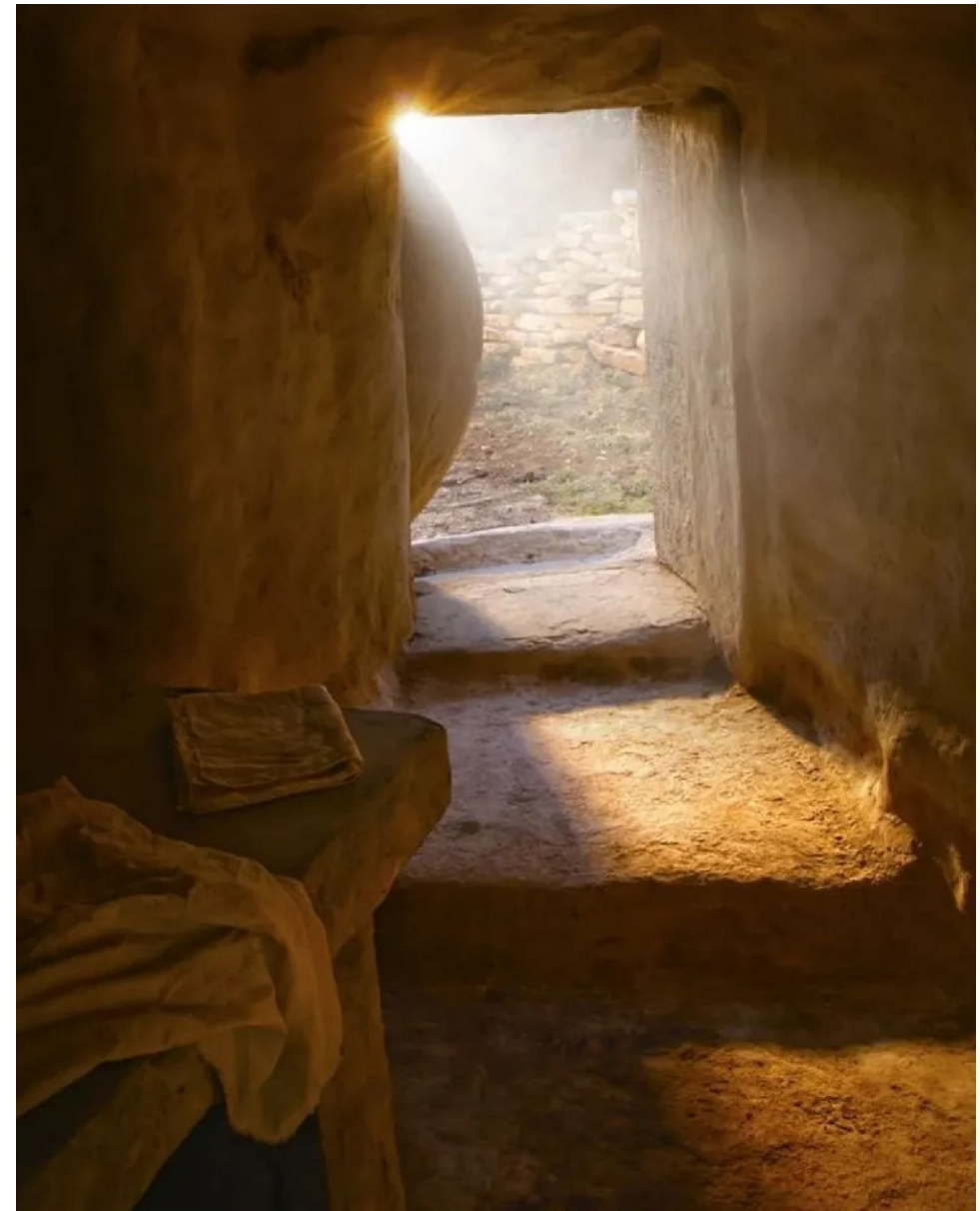
All congregation members are invited to participate in this large group structured dialogue process. The church’s lay and pastoral staff will also participate in this workshop.

Childcare is provided and a space for youth to hang out! Everyone is welcome to stay for dinner!

Please register for dinner by scanning the QR code:



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