



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday, February 23, 2025
7th Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Brendyn Lott

Leader: The Lord works all things together for good for those who are called according to His purpose.

Congregation: In His everlasting love and sovereign power, He can and will redeem all things.

Leader: As people who have been redeemed, we are called to forgive as part of the way we love God and others.

Congregation: We can trust in God's mercy and love for us, and that God will help us to forgive as we have been forgiven.

*OPENING HYMN

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131

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

"Love is Little"

by Mark Schweizer
Chancel Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH #369

We Love the Oldies

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD

Genesis 50:14-21

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Acceptance"

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

"Go Forth for God"

UMH #670

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

*We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family
and friends of Phyllis Moss, who passed away on 2/14/2025*

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 23, 2025

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

Mon Feb 24, 2025

5 pm Kiwanis

Tue Feb 25 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
6:30 pm SLC Meeting
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Wed Feb 26, 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 27, 2025

6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri Feb 28, 2025

11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Sat March 1, 2025

1 pm Worship/Tech Meeting

Sun March 2, 2025

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

Save the Date

Tues March 4, 2025

5 pm Pancake Supper



Ash Wednesday

Service

On March 5th

At 7pm

In the Chapel



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.”

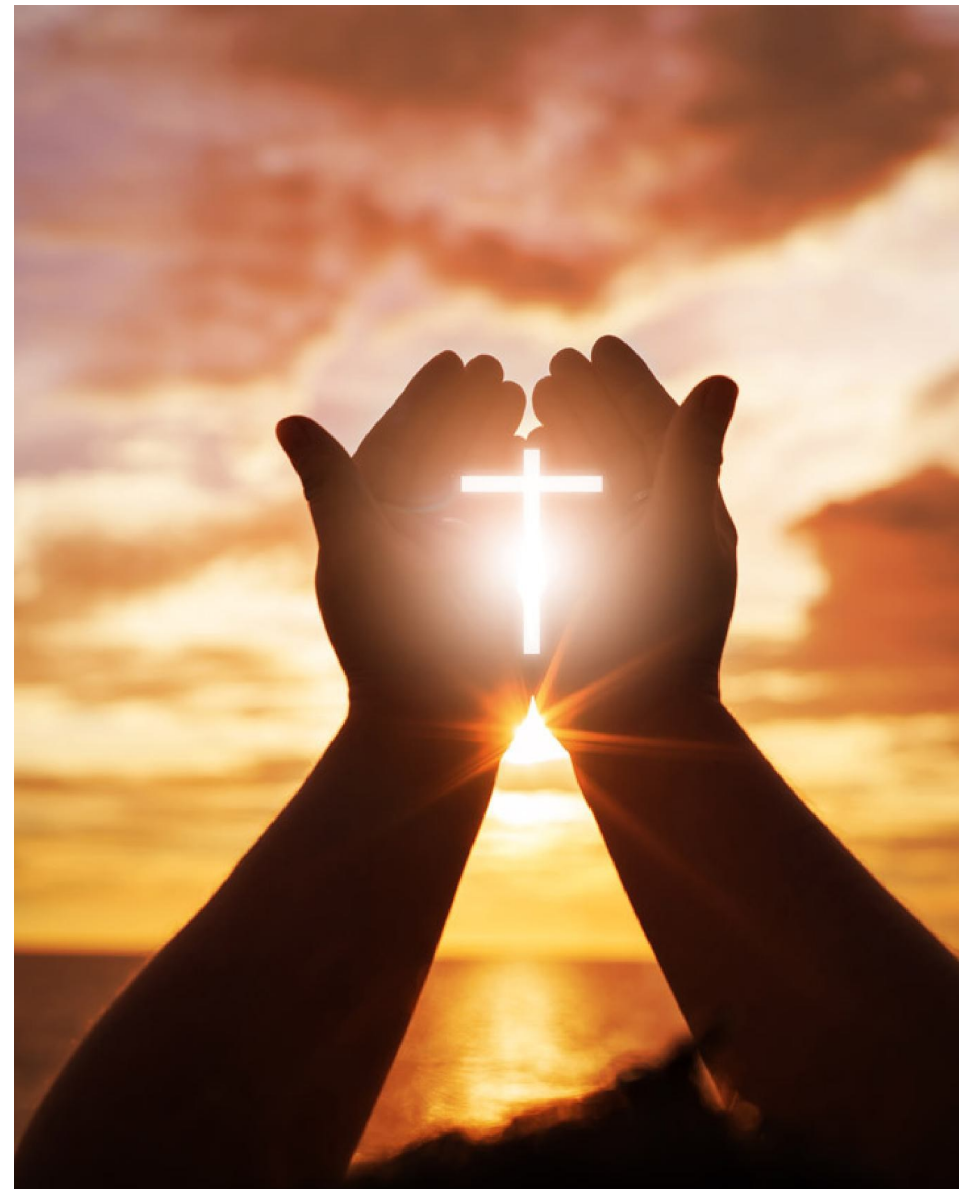
All congregation members are invited to participate in this large group structured dialogue process. The church’s lay and pastoral staff will also participate in this workshop.

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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