



Midland First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship for Sunday January 4th, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

Congregation: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Congregation: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

***OPENING CONGREGATION SONG** "There's a Song in the Air"
UMH #249

***CHILDREN'S BLESSING**
After the Children's Blessing, kids are invited to Sunday School in P4. Joining us for your first time, please walk with your child to the classroom.

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Saw the Light"
by Hank Williams, We Love the Oldies

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS
Please sign the friendship note pads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD
"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came"
Arr. Mark Albrechts, Adelaide Meisel, flute

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"
UMH #94

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD Ephesians 1:3-14
LEADER: The Word of God for the People of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "A Good Reminder"
Rev. Jeremy Africa

PASTORAL PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION UHM #12

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING CONGREGATION SONG** "We Are"
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "A Short Organ Suite on Favorite Christmas Carols"
Arr. Carl G. L. Bloom

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.

This Week

January 4, 2026
10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch

January 5, 2026
10 am Caring Cards

January 6, 2026
10 am Worship/Tech Meeting
11 am Staff Meeting
2 pm Bible Study
6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Boy Scouts
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

January 7, 2026
1 pm Carillons Rehearsal
7 pm Church & Community
7 pm Step Ministry Meeting
7:30 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal

January 8, 2026
9 am PEO Meeting
1 pm UWF Meeting
6 pm Peer 360
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

January 9, 2026
11 am Men's Small Group
7 pm AA Meeting

Next Week

January 11, 2026
10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
6 pm Youth Group

Rev. Jeremy Africa – Vacation, 1/5-1/11

Pastor Jeremy will be off on vacation from January 5-11.

Pastor Bethany Maciejewski will preach on Sunday, January 11.

If you have a pastoral care need or emergency during this time, please get in touch with

Pastor Bethany or call the church office (989-835-6797)



- Canned goods (pull-top lids preferred)
- Boxed meals, pasta, rice, beans
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Crackers, granola bars, cereal, oatmeal
- Soups
- Single-Serving Items
- Hygiene & Personal Care
- Baby Supplies

ROLL BAKE

Our Roll Bake event has been rescheduled! The new dates are February 27-28, 2026.

With rolls available for purchase on Sunday, March 1st from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

The John & Hazel Currie Memorial Concert 2026

THE EAGLE ROCK GOSPEL SINGERS

May 16, 2026 - 7pm - FREE

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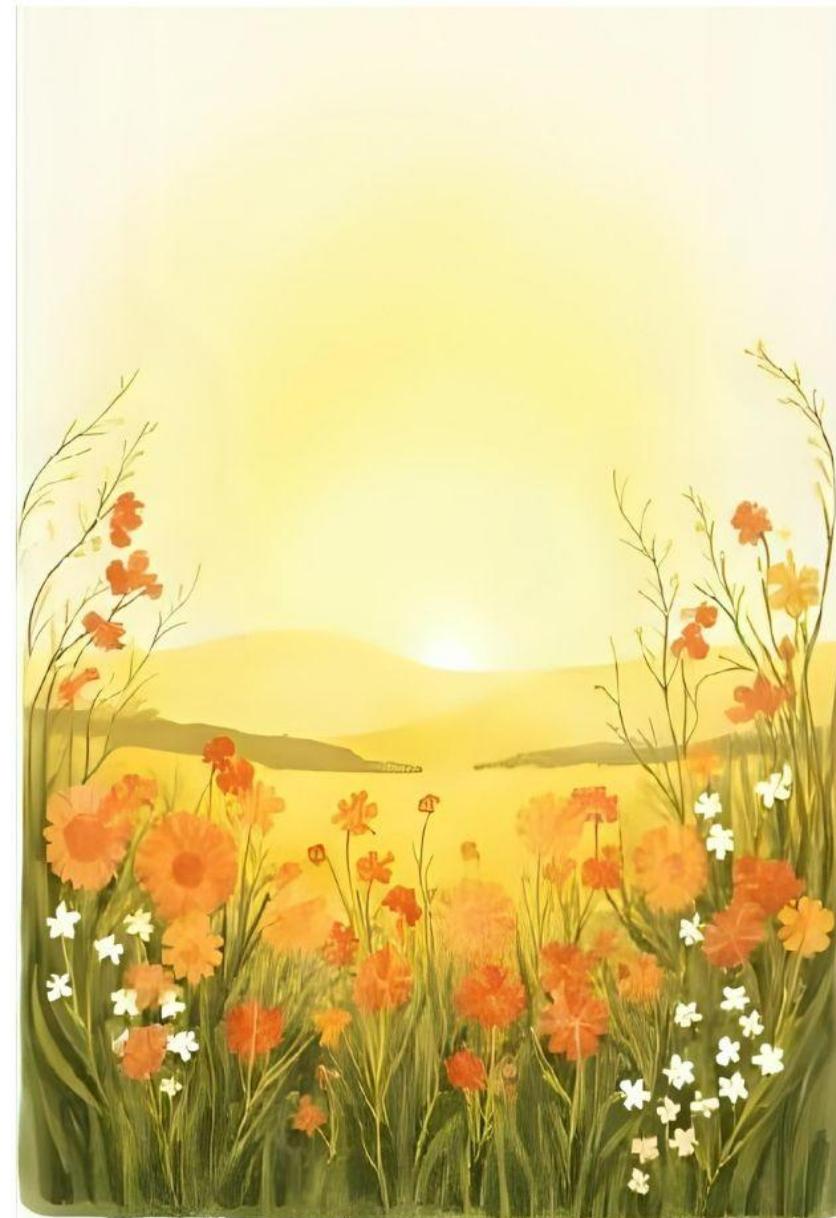
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