

The Blessing Box

Your donations make a real difference. Thank you for helping care for our neighbors in need!

Non-Perishable Foods

- Canned goods (pull-tab lids preferred), Crackers, granola bars, cereal, and oatmeal, Soups.

Single-Serving Items

- Fruit cups and snack mixes. Microwave meals, juice, or drink boxes

Hygiene & Personal Care

- Shampoo, conditioner, and soap. Toothpaste and toothbrushes. Deodorant. Feminine products (pads and tampons), Toilet paper.

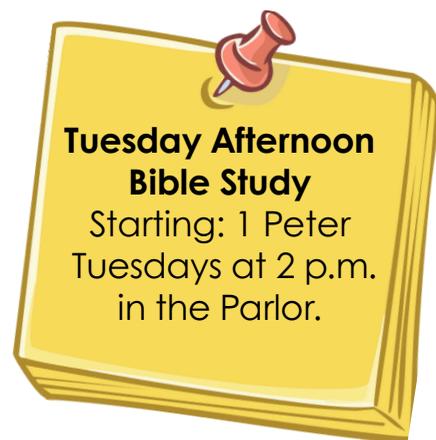
Baby Supplies

- Diapers and wipes, Infant formula

Stay Connected

Would you like to join our email newsletter? Stay updated on events, announcements, and ways to get involved in our church community.

Send us an email at reception@fumcmid.org.



Introducing Our New Church Safety & Security Team

As we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship, we want to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels safe, welcomed, and cared for. After thoughtful planning and prayerful consideration, we are implementing a **Church Safety & Security Team** to help us maintain a secure and peaceful environment during all services and events.

You may notice team members stationed at entrances, assisting with emergencies, or monitoring activity throughout the facility. Please feel free to greet them, ask questions, or share any concerns. They are here to serve our church family with kindness and discretion.

Thank you for your continued support as we take this important step in caring for one another. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a safe and welcoming home for all.

If you are interested in serving on any aspect of this team—such as medical response, building monitoring, or general safety—please contact **Chuck Lenk** or **Tim Yuergens**.

Music Groups
Praise Band : Jan. 13 @ 7pm
Joyful Bells: Jan. 4 @ 7pm
Chancel Choir: Jan. 8 @ 7pm

Contact us

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Pastors

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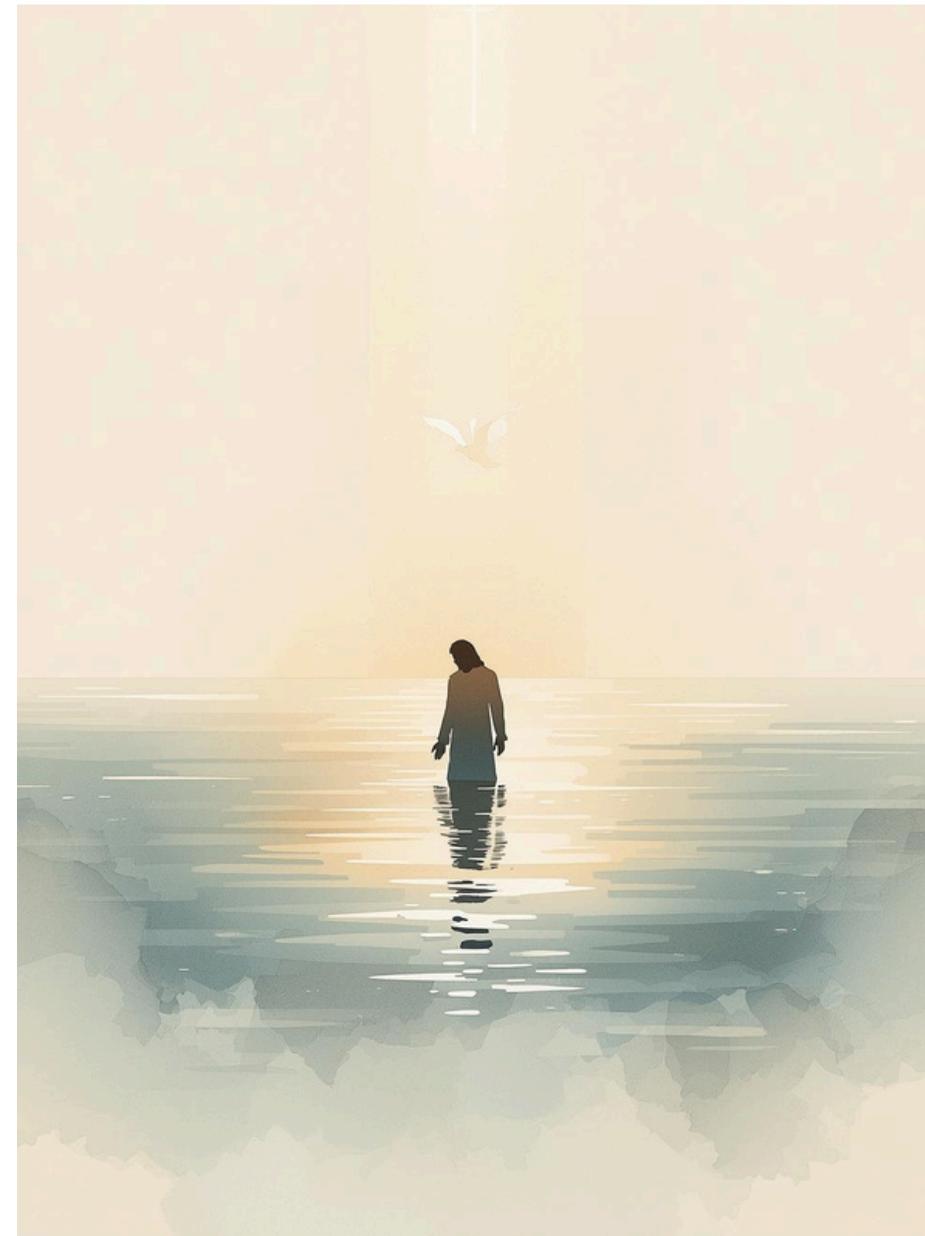
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"Living From Love, For Love"
Midland First United Methodist Church



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Order of Worship for Sunday, January 11th, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

CONGREGATION: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

LEADER: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

CONGREGATION: **The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

LEADER: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

CONGREGATION: **May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

*OPENING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Spirit Song"
UMH #347

*CHILDREN'S BLESSING

After the Children's Blessing, kids are invited to Sunday School in P4. If this is your first time, please walk with your child to the classroom.

SPECIAL MUSIC

In Christ Alone
by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, Carillon Choir

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"Shine On Us"
Arr. Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant, Chancel Choir w/ Praise Band

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD

Matthew 3: 13-17

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

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Living From Love, For Love"

Pastor Bethany Maciejewski

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"
UMH #344

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Reflections on the Spirit"
Arr. J. Raney

Welcome

May you find worship meaningful this morning. 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 love to share a gift with you.

The nursery is open to children from birth through age 3. Busy bags for preschoolers are available in P4.

This Week

January 11th 2026

10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:30 am Children's Ministry Team Meeting
7 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal
6 pm Youth Group

January 12th 2026

5 pm Kiwanis

January 13th 2026

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

January 14th 2026

9:30 am Bible Study
1 pm Carillons Rehearsal
7 pm Facilities Meeting
7 pm Member Care Meeting

January 15th 2026

6 pm Peer 360
6 pm Team Leaders Meeting
7 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 16th 2026

10 am Mom's Playdate
11 am Men's Small Group

Next Week

January 18th 2026

10 am Worship Service
11 am Sunday Friendship Lunch
7 pm Joyful Bells Rehearsal