

Hearing Assistance in Sanctuary

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For those without T-Coil hearing aids: Request an earbud receiver from the sound booth near the narthex.

For T-Coil hearing aid users: Activate your T-coil by finding the switch/button (marked with "T" or antenna symbol) on your device. Some aids use an "M/T" setting for combined microphone and telecoil use, while others require selecting a specific program via the device, remote, or smartphone app.



January is Mentoring Month, and Kids Hope USA is making a difference through one-on-one mentoring. To learn more or get involved, please contact Hilary Ferguson.

COMMITMENT TO THE CROSS WORKSHOP

The New Way Forward Task Force has been working with ministry teams to develop our "Commitment to the CROSS," a formal statement that describes the culture we strive to create at Midland First. If you've not had the opportunity to see and review our progress, please join us in the Chapel after worship on February 1st. We will review our latest draft, listen to your feedback, and answer any questions you may have.

The John & Hazel Currie Memorial Concert 2026



THE EAGLE ROCK GOSPEL SINGERS

May 16, 2026

7pm - FREE

Host: Midland First UMC
315 W. Larkin Street, Midland, MI 48640

PRAYER MINISTRY BRUNCH

You're invited to a Prayer Ministry Brunch on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 9:15-11 a.m. in the Hearth Room.

Whether you're already involved in prayer ministry or simply curious to learn more. We will come together to encourage and advise prayer practices at Midland First UMC.

The agenda includes gathering and visiting, welcome, joys and concerns, the three-year plan, and Valentine's Day treats.

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
SATURDAY, FEB. 14 | 9:15-11 A.M. | HEARTH ROOM

ALL ARE
INVITED

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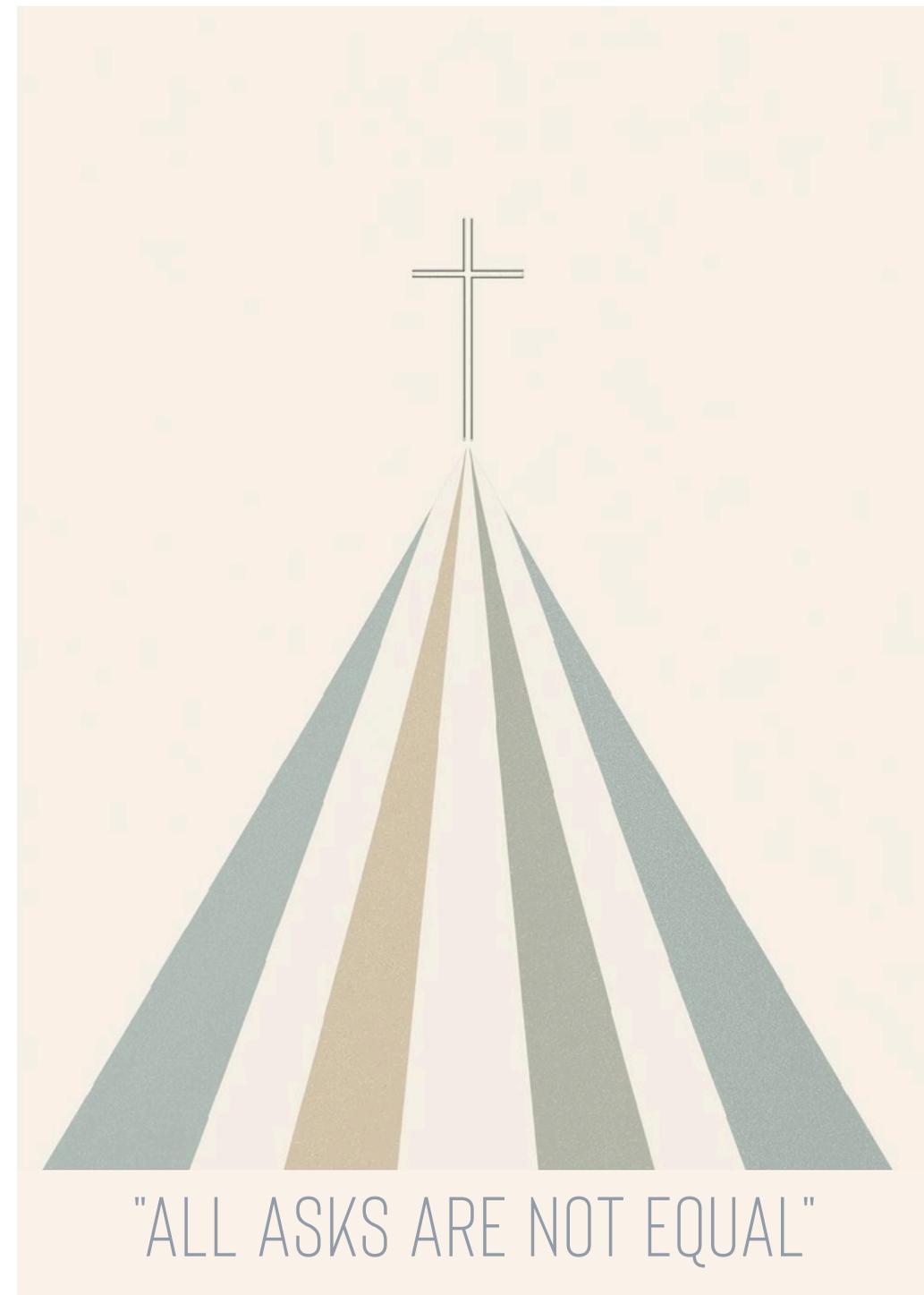
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Midland First United Methodist Church



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Order of Worship for Sunday, January 25th, 2026
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

CONGREGATION: **One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

LEADER: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

ALL **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

*OPENING CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"
TFWS # 2223

*CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"
Arr. Heather Sorenson, Chancel Choir, Director Karla Lopez-Beslay

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the friendship notepads.

OFFERTORY MUSICAL GIFT TO GOD

"A Mighty Fortress"
Arr. Brent Adams, Claire Snyder, Euphonium

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING OF THE WORD

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

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

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"All Asks Are Not Equal"

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 CONGREGATIONAL SONG

"The Church's One Foundation"
UMH #545

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song (Bridegroom tune)"
Arr. J. Carter



We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Coral A. Gooch, who passed away on Jan. 7, 2026



THIS WEEK

January 25th 2026

10 a.m. Worship Service
11 a.m. Sunday Friendship Lunch
11:15 a.m. Missions Team Meeting
6 p.m. Youth Group
7 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal

January 26th 2026

6 p.m. Kiwanis

January 27th 2026

10 a.m. Worship/Tech Meeting
11 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:30 p.m. Worship Team Meeting
2 p.m. Bible Study
6 p.m. Peer 360
6:30 p.m. SLC Team Meeting
7 p.m. Scouts - Youth Room
7 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

January 28th 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
1 p.m. Carillons Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

January 29th 2026

6 p.m. Peer 360
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

January 30th 2026

11 a.m. Men's Small Group
1 p.m. Quilt Project - PEO
7 p.m. AA Meeting

NEXT WEEK

February 1st 2026

10 a.m. Worship Service
12 p.m. Sunday Friendship Lunch
6 p.m. Youth Group
7 p.m. Joyful Bells Rehearsal