The Lord's Day, November 25, 2018
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

The Story of us: Seeing God in Thankfulness

LET IT GO

Worship Order

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude — **Dr. Young Llerena**
Let It Go

Welcome & *Greeting Time — **Rev. Steve Brooks**

Jesus Creed & Time of Meditation
(From Matthew 22:37)
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength...
AND Love your neighbor as yourself.

Choral Call to Worship — **Chancel Choir**
Give Thanks — arr. Joseph Graham

***Hymn of Praise**
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — Hymnal 213

***Affirmation of Faith** — **Rev. Melissa Shuler**
The Apostles' Creed — Hymnal 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** — Hymnal 70

Stump the Pastor
Children ages birth through sixth grade are invited to join Pastor Steve Brooks at the front for the children's message.

Registration of Attendance/Announcements

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Offering/Offertory — **Bryan Wilson**
Your Great Name — *By. Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff*

***Doxology** Hymnal 95

***Hymn of Preparation**
What Child is This Hymnal 219

Scripture Reading
Philippians 2:1-13

Message
Series: The Story of Us: Seeing God in Thankfulness
Title: Let It Go

***Hymn of Response**
Jesus, Name Above all Names

***Mantra, Benediction, and Charge**

Remember, the secret is simply this...
Christ in me, Yes, Christ in me
Bringing with Him the hope
Of all the glorious things to come,
And may we be covered
In the dust of our Rabbi.

Sola Sancta Caritas
(Only Holy Love)

Postlude

Welcome!

We are honored you chose to worship with us today. Our prayer is that God will lead you to belong to our church as a member. The best way to learn more about membership is to reach out to Pastor Steve. You can call or text Pastor Steve at 432-559-0208 for more information about our church. He would love the opportunity to talk with you.

Joys

Baptism of Anna Gail Katliarou, daughter of Sergei and Lena Katliarou on November 25, 2018.

Sanctuary Flowers

The altar flowers are given in memory of Doc Dodson by Gayle Dodson in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary, November 27th.

Assisting in Worship

Worship Arts Director § Beth Garza
Organ § Dr. Young Llerena
Acolytes § Joshua Davidson and Hunter Williamson
Sound Technicians § Duane Johnson and Billy Priebe
Media § Jim Collett and Levi Brooks
Lighting § Audra Parker

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Philippians 2:1-13

Let's Sing

Division and Isolation (Genesis 3, Philippians 4:2)

Selfish Ambition/Vain Conceit

Be Myself: True Self vs. False Self

Humble, Jesus Mind

Open, Jesus Hands (*harpagmos* AWAY)

We have the POWER (Revelation 4:8-11)

When we hold on tight we squeeze out LIFE.
When we let it go, LIFE flows.

Suggestions for the week ahead:

1. Read Philippians in one sitting (takes about 15 minutes) and notice all the different ways Paul speaks of humility and servanthood.

2. Are there things in your life that God is inviting you to let go of that you are struggling with? How might the examples of Paul and Jesus inspire you to give it a try? What is at stake for you if you don't?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT *Live*

Join us Wednesday, November 28, for faith, fellowship, family, and fun.

- **5:15 p.m.** - Vespers (Chapel)
- **5:30 p.m.** - Dinner (Atrium)
- **6:15 p.m.** - **Children:** Bible Study, Music and More (Rm. 229 & 210)
- **6:30 p.m.** - **Youth ReBound:** Games with devotional (Basement)
- **Adults:** In-depth Bible Study on the book of Matthew led by Pastors Steve and Kurt (Worship Center)
- **7:15 p.m.** - Choir Rehearsal and Modern Worship Rehearsal

Menu: Taco Bar
Dessert: Cake

Prices:
$8 Adults
$7 Seniors 65+
$5 Children
$21 Family Max

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, November 30th, from 6 to 9 PM

PreK 4 - 5th grade, registration required.

$25 PER CHILD
$50 FAMILY MAX

Proceeds to benefit the Celebration Singers.

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SIGN UP NOW!

Midland Habitat for Humanity®

2018 Apostles' Build

Saturday, December 1
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
800 block of Discovery Court

If you have questions or if you would like to help, contact
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Open Sanctuary FLOWER Dates

January 6, 13, 20 and 27.
Contact Jann Bash at 432-559-5811 or at jbash@vcbash.com.

This Week at First Methodist Midland

Sunday, November 25

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Modern Worship
4:00 p.m.	Promiseland Band Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Promiseland Band 2 Rehearsal Celebration Singers Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering

Tuesday, November 27

6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehersal
7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Boy Scouts Troops 152 in the Basement

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5:15 p.m.	Vespers
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Live
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Modern Worship Rehersal

Friday, November 30

6:00 p.m.	Parents' Night Out

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship Modern Worship
4:00 p.m.	Promiseland Band Rehearsal
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