



# MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.

January 19, 2025  
11 A.M. Worship Service

## **Gathering Meditation**

"Love is the greatest force in the universe. It is the heartbeat of the moral cosmos. He who loves is a participant in the being of God." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

# Order of Worship

## Second Sunday after the Epiphany

### Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

### Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

## The Community Gathers

### Prelude

*The Road Home*

Joseph Martin

### \*Call to Worship

Jeff Tobin

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**Many: your steadfast love finds us.**

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Many: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**Many: your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**Many: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

**Thanks be to God!**

### \*Hymn 634

*To Us All, to Every Nation*

EBENEZER

### Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their Parents.

## The Community Responds

### Prayers of the People

Rev. Laurie Anderson

### The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Offering Moment

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

## The Community Proclaims God's Word

### Scripture Reading

Psalm 36:5-10

Jeff Tobin

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. How precious is

your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you and your salvation to the upright of heart! (NRSVUE)

Tu amor, Señor, llega hasta los cielos; tu fidelidad alcanza las nubes. Tu justicia es como las altas montañas; tus juicios, tan profundos como el mar. Tú, Señor, cuidas de hombres y animales; ¡cuán precioso, oh Dios, es tu gran amor! Todo ser humano halla refugio a la sombra de tus alas. Se sacian de la abundancia de tu casa; les das a beber en el río de tus delicias. Porque en ti está la fuente de la vida y en tu luz podemos ver la luz. Extiende tu amor a los que te conocen y tu justicia a los de corazón sincero. (NVI)

### **Special Music**

*Plenty Good Room*  
Clayton Cunningham, soloist

arr. Greg Gilpin

### **Scripture Reading**

John 2:1-11

Rev. Laurie Anderson

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. (NRSVUE)

Al tercer día se celebró una boda en Caná de Galilea y la madre de Jesús se encontraba allí. También habían sido invitados a la boda Jesús y sus discípulos. Cuando el vino se acabó, la madre de Jesús le dijo: —Ya no tienen vino. —Mujer, ¿eso qué tiene que ver conmigo? —respondió Jesús—. Todavía no ha llegado mi hora. Su madre dijo a los sirvientes: —Hagan lo que él les ordene. Había allí seis tinajas de piedra, de las que usan los judíos en sus ceremonias de purificación. En cada una cabían unos cien litros. Jesús dijo a los sirvientes: —Llenen de agua las tinajas. Y los sirvientes las llenaron hasta el borde. —Ahora saquen un poco y llévenlo al encargado del banquete —dijo Jesús. Así lo hicieron. El encargado del banquete probó el agua convertida en vino sin saber de dónde había salido, aunque sí lo sabían los sirvientes que habían sacado el agua. Entonces llamó aparte al novio y le dijo: —Todos sirven primero el mejor vino y, cuando los invitados ya han bebido mucho, entonces sirven el más barato; pero tú has guardado el mejor vino hasta ahora. Esta primera señal milagrosa la hizo Jesús en Caná de Galilea. Así reveló su gloria y sus discípulos creyeron en él. (NVI)

**Sermon**

“Mission Impossible”

Rev. Laurie Anderson

## **The Community Is Empowered at the Table**

**Invitation to the Table**

Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

**Institution of the Table**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

**Communion Prayer**

Carol John

**Communion Hymn 393**

*One Bread, One Body*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**Communion**

Please eat the “bread” as it comes to you, recognizing your connection with Christ.

Please hold the “cup” until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.

Place empty cups in the receptacle on the left side of the hymnbook rack.

**Passing of the Peace**

## **The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World**

**\*Closing Hymn 630**

*We Shall Overcome*

MARTIN

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

**Benediction Hymn 437**

*Go Now in Peace*

GO IN PEACE

**Postlude**

*My Tribute*

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Please rise in either body or spirit.

The Congregational Meeting follows worship today.

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Postlude: *My Tribute*, arr. Mark Hayes. ©2020 Lorenz Publishing Co.

## **INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

## CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

**"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."**

## BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

**"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."**

## VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to **be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

## **Stay for the Congregational meeting today after worship.**

### **New Monday Evening Book Study starts January 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

Studying "Inspired," by Rachel Held Evans. If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and even a short screenplay. The Bible, she discovers, is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world.

Jan. 27, pages 1-33

Feb. 3, pages 35-60

Feb. 10, pages 61-90

Feb. 17, pages 91-113

Feb. 24, pages 115-146

March 3, pages 147-173

March 10, pages 175-214

Meeting in person in the conference room and online.

### **First Tuesday Ladies' Lunch Group meets Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m.**

Join us at Casa Navarro, 11742 Marsh Lane, Dallas.

### **Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.**

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

### **Mark your calendar:**

Thursdays on Zoom – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m.

Mondays – Evening Book Study, 7:00 p.m. (Begins Jan. 27)

Finance Team – February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – February 9, 12:00 p.m.

## MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson  
Senior Minister

Jeff Crouse  
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons  
Administrative Assistant

TECH CREW  
DC Ciccone  
James Lackey

GRAPHICS, WEBSITE  
Emily Adams  
Kate Lynch

# JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

## **Please pray for these in our church family:**

Dan Moulton, Bill Corporon, Christy Horn and children Betsy, Fletcher, Cameron

## **Please pray for our extended church family concerns:**

Christy Horn's mother-in-law Barbara Horn; Christy Horn's friend Kate Ryer; Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; asylum guests past and present

## **Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:**

Jayne Sparrer

Elaine Manworren

John Wyatt

Emily Adams

Millie & Frank Martin

Jeryl Crawford

## **Sympathy:**

❖ Family and friends of Cathy Ann Parker, who passed away January 14.

## **Let's celebrate with joy:**

- Hosting 7 member asylum family
- Incoming refugees settling in Dallas
- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

## **Please pray for our city and state:**

- Threat to the work of Annunciation House in El Paso and other Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants
- Peaceful transitions for elected administrations
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety

## **Please pray for our nation and world:**

- Post Election peaceful response
- Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine
- All who are suffering from climate disasters nationally and worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- End gun violence.

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# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025

## **Sunday**

**January 19**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting, sanctuary

## **Monday**

**January 20**

- Church office closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen

## **Tuesday**

**January 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

## **Thursday**

**January 23**

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (Zoom)
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

## **Saturday**

**January 25**

- 4:00 p.m. Primary Purpose Group Anniversaries (until 9:00) community hall

## **Sunday**

**January 26**

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church

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