

### Mission Statement of Midway Presbyterian Church

Our purpose is to call people into a living and growing relationship with God in Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit, and to promote the mission of Christ in compassionate ministries.

We intend to be a welcoming and caring church – a church family that nurtures a sense of community and belonging. We want young and old to join us in the Christian pilgrimage as sojourners in the great adventure of faith.

#### The Church Staff

Dr. John McCallum	Pastor
Mrs. Roz Rozakos	Choir Director
Mrs. Beth Croft	Pianist
Mrs. Cindy Harrell	Media Specialist
Mrs. LeNelle Chastain	Secretary

#### Session

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Bob Bone	Bryan Lyndon	Bob Harrell (Clerk)
Elaine Gilmore	Susan McDonald	
Jacky Stamps	Amy Morris	
Tom Waddell	Sammy Stevenson	

#### Commissioned Deacon

Earle King

#### Treasurers

Bill Kay	Disbursing Treasurer
Bob Burge	Receiving Treasurer

#### Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

#### Presbyterian Women

Ginny Keiper, Moderator      The Sowing Circle

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*Established 1833*

## **MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service**

**December 2, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

*This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.*  
--Genesis 28:17b

### **The Service For the Lord's Day**

*First Sunday of Advent*

#### **The Gathering**

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Bob Harrell
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Shadow House (Division of Haven of Rest)
*Welcome One Another	

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bob and Elnor Harrell

\*Hymn #245

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, in whose name we make this prayer and the silent prayers that we utter now in the quiet of these moments. (Silence.) Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: The Peace of God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri

### The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 25:1-10

Anthem

*“Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne”*

The Choir

The Gospel Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*“Dimensions of the Lord’s Coming”*

Dr. John McCallum

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #244

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed*

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

\*Doxology

Prayers of the People

### The Sending

\*Hymn #552

*“I Am Thine, O Lord”*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Benediction #263

*“What Can I Give Him?”*

*What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;*

*If I were a wiseman I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him?*

*Give Him my heart.*

\*Postlude

*(\*Those who are able may stand.)*

**December 2, 2018**

**Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Choir Practice	8:30 a.m.
	Elders' Prayer Time	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting	
Thurs.	FACE-UP Advent Service @Midway	12:00 noon

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**This Week's Birthdays**

**Dec. 2 Denise Kowalski**

**5 Kathy Gilmore**

**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Bob Harrell

**Head Usher**

Tom Waddell

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Bob Bone

**Announcements**

**The Jar Offering for December** will go to The Shadow House of Haven of Rest, an addition to Under His Wings Women’s Ministry. This is a long-term (12 months) residential discipleship for women with life dominating issues.

**The Stewardship and Finance Committee** will meet today in the Church Office Conference Room immediately following Worship.

**Midway will host the next Advent FACE-UP Service** this Thursday, December 6, at 12:00 noon. An offering will be received for the Williamston Food Bank. Following the service, we will enjoy chicken pot pie in the Fellowship Hall.

**Our Second Sunday Dinner** will be held next Sunday following Worship. Please bring your favorite dish. The church will provide chicken. After the meal, Roz and Beth will lead us in some fun Christmas songs.

**Our Annual Christmas Party** will be held Saturday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m., at the Grits and Gravy Restaurant in Cobbs Glen.

**The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held on Sunday, December 16, following Worship. The Budget for 2019 will be presented, and Dr. McCallum will give a review of 2018. Also, the Congregation will be asked to concur with Dr. McCallum’s request that Presbytery approve the dissolution of his relationship with the church as Pastor in order that he may accept a call of the Session to be the Stated Supply Pastor at Midway.

**Children’s Books Make Wonderful Gifts.** Don’t forget to browse Midway’s book selections year-round! We also have a good selection of adult fiction, especially for you mystery buffs, for only \$1.00 each. Our children’s storybooks are lovely and only \$2.50! Activity books are just \$1.50, and the hard cover toddler books are still just \$1.00. It’s Cyber Sunday every week at Midway, so you don’t have to wait to get the best deals in town. Your purchases support Midway’s Mission programs, so you’re a double blessing when you shop here! See Linda Mylod for any assistance with your book shopping or payments.

**Community Life and Mission Committee.** We will be holding a food drive from now until the end of the year, with items being donated to Haven of Rest, Meals on Wheels, Good Neighbor Cupboard, and the Soup Kitchen.

Haven of Rest has requested the following items but any food items will be gladly accepted: whole turkeys, whole hams, shredded cheddar cheese, candied yams, turkey gravy, jellied cranberry sauce, butter, eggs, cereal, coffee, water, sheet cakes/desserts, and peanut butter.

AIM has requested new socks, shoes, toothbrushes, stocking stuffers, even books for their families and children.

**Budget Report**

<b>Needed each week</b>	<b>\$3,496.77</b>
<b>(11/25/18) Budget Offering</b>	<b>= \$2,665.66</b>
<b>Needed to Date</b>	<b>\$164,348.19</b>
<b>Received to Date</b>	<b>\$133,516.58</b>
<b>Spent to Date</b>	<b>\$154,555.59</b>
<b>Special Offerings to Date</b>	<b>\$7,156.41</b>
<b>Heat/Air Unit Cost</b>	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
<b>Contributions Received to Date</b>	<b><u>2,215.00</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$3,185.00</b>

**November Jar Offering – Salvation Army - \$158.61**  
**Thornwell Home for Children Thanksgiving Offering - \$581.66**  
**November \$.02 a Meal Offering – \$12.20**

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2018**

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season you may order poinsettias as a memorial or honorarium by filling out the form below. The poinsettias can be picked up after the worship service on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. **The cost is \$7.00. Please return form to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Payment MUST be included with request (make checks payable to Midway Presbyterian Church).**

**Number of Poinsettias:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_