

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
Ms. Cindy Wentzky	Media Specialist
Mrs. LeNelle Chastain	Secretary

Session

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Elaine Gilmore	Dee Ashworth	Linda Mylod
Jacky Stamps (Clerk)	John Dodwell	Roz Rozakos
Terry Waddell	Marilyn Martin	

Commissioned Deacon

Earle King

Treasurers

Bob Harrell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service

May 2, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*“I am the vine; you are the branches.
If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit;
apart from me you can do nothing.”
~~John 15:5*

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Minute for Mission – Mother’s Day Offering	Marilyn Martin
Jar Offering	Shalom House

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather to praise and worship God,

People: the One who created us for love.

Pastor: We gather to worship the true vine,

People: the One in whose love we abide.

Pastor: Easter people, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Unison: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #648 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Christ, you are the true vine, and you have made us your branches. In your grace, we find strength, and in your love, we are set free. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who have been freed, when we act as if the Easter story did not turn the world upside down. Forgive us, O God, when we do not live as people who are your branches, when we forget that we are rooted in you and so bound to one another. Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine, and teach us to abide in you. Through Christ our Savior, we make this prayer and the silent prayers we offer 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 *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Anthem *“Lamb of God”* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson *John 15:1-8*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“The Vine and the Branches”* Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*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

*Communion Hymn #617 *“Near to the Heart of God”*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Sending

*Hymn #429 *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction *“Find Us Faithful”*

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave Lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.*

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

May 2, 2021

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Elders' Prayer Time in Library	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship - Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Worship, Fellowship, & Christian Education Committee	

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder **Head Usher**
 Dee Ashworth Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries
 Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Jacky Stamps

This Week's Birthday
May 3 Frances Wentzky

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays of May will go to the Shalom House. This Christian ministry in Belton provides a safe, stable environment for women for long-term recovery after treatment for addiction to alcohol and drugs.

The Worship, Fellowship, and Christian Education Committee will meet today following Worship.

The Annual Mother's Day Offering for charitable care at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina will be received on Sunday, May 9. Since 1954, Presbyterian Churches in South Carolina have marked Mother's Day with an offering to support this ministry to older adults that enables residents who are faced with exhausting their financial resources to continue to call Presbyterian Communities their home.

The Fellowship Committee is planning for a **Church Dinner** following Worship on May 16. Chicken nuggets and side dishes will be provided, so members are not to bring anything. Due to Covid 19 concerns, precautionary measures will be observed. Each table will seat four people, and we will go through the food line one table at a time. Bottled drinks will be provided, and hand sanitizer will be available.

Thank You. Appreciation is expressed for the donations to the March Jar Offering for the Hemophilia Foundation of SC. This helps families get insurance for expensive blood products used by persons who have bleeding disorders. Sincerely, Joyce Wentzky.

Bob & Elnor Harrell's new address: 162 Life Style Lane, Anderson, SC 29621.

As of April 25, \$7,579.00 has been given toward the purchase of our new **Heating and Cooling Systems**. Appreciation is expressed to all who have contributed.