

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

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

Session

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| <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

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| Bob Harrell | Disbursing Treasurer |
| Linda Mylod | Receiving Treasurer |

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
December 12, 2021
10:30 a.m.

***And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name."***

--Luke 1:46-49

The Service For the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

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| Prelude | Mrs. Beth Croft |
| Introit | The Choir |
| Chiming of the Hour | |
| Greeting | Dr. John McCallum |
| Announcements | Elder Linda Mylod |
| Jar Offering | The Shadow House (Division of Haven of Rest) |

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Linda Barnes and Chrissie Saunders

*Hymn #277

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We confess the poverty of our devotion, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibilities in his service, our unfaithful stewardship of your precious gifts. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Anthem

“Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”

The Choir

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 3:7-18

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Rejoice and Sing”

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #788

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*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

The Offertory Music

*The Doxology

The Prayers of the People

The Sending

*Hymn #286

“Once in Royal David’s City”

*Charge and Blessing

Choral Benediction

“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 wise man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.*

*Postlude

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

December 12, 2021

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Elders' Prayer Time in Library | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Congregational Meeting | |
| Fri. | Church Christmas Dinner | 5:00 p.m. |

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder **Head Usher**

Linda Mylod Elaine Gilmore

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

Announcements

Our 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-month) residential discipleship for women with life-dominating issues. Offering Jars are located in the Vestibule and beside the pulpit.

The Session has called for our Annual Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship, today. The budget for 2022 will be presented. A report from the CORD Committee will be heard. And Dr. McCallum will review a few of the highlights of 2021.

Regrettably, the cast of "Jingle Bell Rock" has been stricken with a Covid outbreak, and the performances have been canceled. Linda Mylod has requested refunds for everyone who paid for tickets and, as soon as the refund is received, she'll return your portion to you. Thank you for your patience, as it could take at least a couple of weeks.

Our Christmas Dinner will be held Friday, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Please remember to bring the following:

Small gift to exchange

Small size toiletries, hats gloves, scarves, handkerchiefs, socks, etc. for local ministries

Ready-to-eat items for the Inclement Weather Meals for our Meals on Wheels clients,

(ready-to-eat cans of soup or stews, packs of crackers, small boxes of raisins, fruit cups,

juice boxes, breakfast bars, etc.)

Boxes will be in the Fellowship Hall to collect these items.

On Christmas Eve there will be a Communion/Candlelight Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received. 50% of this offering assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. And 50% of your gifts makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges that are equipping communities of color.