



MIDWAY MESSENGER

3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC 29621



Dear Friends,

William Barclay says that Jesus died with this prayer on his lips:

“Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”

Jesus’ prayer is Psalm 31:5 with one word added – “Father.” Thereby, Jesus the Son was entrusting himself into the hands of God the Father.

The Jewish mother taught her children to pray this prayer as they went to bed at night. It is similar to the prayer many of us were taught to pray:

Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

It is indeed both a comfort and a joy to entrust ourselves into God’s hands.

I came across the following prayer in the little *Book of Common Worship* that was given to me upon graduation from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1971. While the language is not contemporary, I believe its thought is most appropriate for Easter, 2022:

O God, who through the mighty resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead has delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of Thy love: Grant, we beseech Thee, that as by His death He has recalled us unto life, so by His presence ever abiding in us He may raise us to joys eternal; through Him who for our sakes died and rose again, and is ever with us in power and great glory, even the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Happy Easter!

John McCallum

In Memoriam

We express our love and sympathy to the family of Jeanne Kelly, mother of Amy Morris, at her death on March 5, and to the family of Carlton Ray Hawkins, son of Linda Hawkins, at his death on March 13.



Lent at Midway



Maundy Thursday

A special Maundy Thursday Service will be held in the Sanctuary at noon on April 14. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be shared.

Easter Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held in the Church Cemetery at 7:30 a.m. A *Sunrise Service* breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during the 10:30 Easter Service. This annual offering supports efforts to relieve hunger and to support victims of disaster and oppression.

"If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot."

Yard Sale (See Page 3)



The Flowering Cross

Remember to bring flowers at either the Sunrise Service or Morning Worship Service to place on the cross erected on the front lawn of the church. The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from the death of Good Friday.



Jar Offering

Our Jar Offering for April will go to the Bleeding Disorders Association of SC (formerly the Hemophilia Foundation of SC). Their mission:

"To raise awareness for and advocate on behalf of persons with bleeding disorders and their families; provide education and supportive services; and promote ongoing research to improve the quality of life for those affected."

Financial Report as of March 24, 2022

Budget Needs to Date	\$37,593.72
Budget Receipts to Date	\$35,927.93
Spent to Date	\$35,861.07
Special Offerings	\$2,697.51
Heat & A/C Offerings	\$13,654.00

Funds received for the Ukraine Refugee Assistance came to \$1,445.00. The funds are being used for emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc. Appreciation is expressed to everyone who contributed.

Fundraiser for Community Outreach and Missions

Our Spring Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, April 2, from 8:00 a.m. until noon.** There's still time for baking since baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, April 1, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Workers are most especially needed on Saturday from 7:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. If you can spare any portion of the day with us, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember to tell your friends and family to visit the Fellowship Hall on April 2 for some great savings and especially our homemade baked goods. Spread the word!



Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily (for \$7.00) as a memorial or honorarium to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, April 17, please fill out the form and return it to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment. **Payment MUST be included with request (make checks payable to Midway Presbyterian Church) and returned by April 10th.** Lilies are to be taken with you after the Worship service on Sunday, April 17th.

Number of Lilies: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Amount Paid: _____

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL



Pulpit

Apr. 3 John Dodwell
10 Bob Harrell
17 Linda Mylod
24 Roz Rozakos

Head Usher

Apr. 3 Dee Ashworth
10 John Dodwell
17 Bob Harrell
24 Marilyn Martin

Sunday School

Secretaries

Apr. 3 Jacky Stamps
10 Sammy Stevenson
17 Bob Bone
24 Bob Harrell



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 3	Ray Keiper
14	Gail Wentzky
16	Jonathan Croft
	Dickie King
21	Sam Harrell
	Frank Wentzky
29	Carl Kowalski

“WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS”



Beautiful Daffodils from Roz's garden and Daffodils and Irises from Sammy's garden



Prayer and Contributions



“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling”



Earle's Happy Birthday



Rudy and Will enjoy Irish Food and Table Decorations