

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 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Dee Ashworth	Linda Mylod (Clerk)	Bob Harrell
John Dodwell	Roz Rozakos	Marilyn Mamrick
Marilyn Martin		Tom Waddell

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
December 11, 2022
10:30 a.m.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

~~Matthew 11:2-3

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

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder John Dodwell
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest Women's Ministry

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bill & Randi Rexroad

Scripture Luke 2:10-14

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #271 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Anthem "Once in Royal David's City" The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:2-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Advent Questions" Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #262 "Away in a Manger"

*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 #251 "It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

*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 11, 2022

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Elders' Prayer Time	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Pelzer Theater	3:00 p.m.
Tues.	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Caroling at Senior Solutions	11:00 a.m.
Thurs.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid Parent Night	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

John Dodwell

Head Usher

Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday

Dec. 11 Linda Hawkins

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for December will go to Haven of Rest Women's Ministry. This is a Bible-based discipleship program and ministry that is designed to rescue, restore, and release women facing life-dominating problems related to addiction and homelessness. Their goal is to see every program participant will have immediate needs met, find freedom from addictions, and hope in a new life with Christ.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held following Worship today. The 2023 Budget will be presented by the Session. Dr. McCallum will note some of the highlights of 2022 at Midway.

Our Parish Care Team and Choir members will carol at Senior Solutions for their Adult Day Care Attendees on Wednesday, December 14, at 11:00 a.m., and would love to have all church members join us. We'll meet at Senior Solutions at 10:50. Wear your Santa hats or any other Christmas garb, bring your caroling voices and best Christmas cheer. We'll have gift stockings to hand out after sharing some Christmas songs. Bring Christmas cookies, if you're so inclined, but more importantly, bring yourself. Some of us will lunch together after the caroling, so if you're free to join us, plan on that as well. Let's share the true meaning of Christmas with others.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the January Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Friday, December 16, 2022.

Please join us with your families for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service** at 5:00 p.m. During the service, we will receive the **Annual Christmas Joy Offering** – a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's. This offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need. Equally it supports future church leaders of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

Outreach Reminder:

The busyness of the holidays can easily distract us from the importance of assisting Good Neighbor Cupboard in their endeavor to provide food to the less fortunate in our community. When you're grocery shopping, if you can add a box of oatmeal or grits for GNC, you'll be a blessing to others during this season of love.

Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed for sharing bread with the poor. Proverbs 22:9