

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 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Linda Mylod	Bob Harrell	Dee Ashworth
Roz Rozakos	Marilyn Mamrick	Marilyn Martin
Jacky Stamps	Tom Waddell	Amy Morris

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

January 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness did not overcome it.*

~~John 1:4-5

The Service For the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Christmas

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Jar Offering	The Quiet Fund

Pastor: This is the time we have waited for.

People: It is the most beautiful time of all the year.

Pastor: It is the time of shepherds and stables, of humble people everywhere.

People: It is the time of our dear Savior's birth!

Pastor: Today we light the candles of hope, peace, love, and joy.

People: And we light one candle more.

Unison: We light the center candle: The Christ Candle.

Scripture Luke 2:1-14

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 #270

"Joy to the World!"

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem *"I Love You, Lord"* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Luke 11:33-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Turning Blindness into Sight"* 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 #253 *"Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

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

Most loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bear witness to your salvation that brings joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Sending

*Hymn #258 *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #564 *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

*Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

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

January 1, 2023

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship - Communion	10:30 a.m.
Tues.	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Undecorate the Church	10:00 a.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Donetta Dodwell

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Jacky Stamps

This Week’s Birthdays

Dec. 31 Ryan Morris

Jan. 5 Tommy Alewine
Dee Ashworth

Announcements

For the first four Sundays of January, our Jar Offering goes to the Quiet Fund. This fund helps members of the church who find themselves in significant financial difficulty. And its use is always kept confidential.

Today the Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received. Half of this offering makes it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The other half of the offering provides assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. Your gifts allow these ministries to continue—sustaining a cherished tradition Presbyterians have carried out since the 1930’s. If you have not picked up your poinsettia please take it today.

Everyone is invited to help undecorate the church this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. “Many hands make small work.”

A Congregational Dinner will follow Worship next Sunday. Please bring a favorite Covered Dish to share with others. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

The Parish Care Team will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at noon, in the Manse.

The Session will have its regular Stated Meeting on Sunday, January 15, following Worship.

Good Neighbor Cupboard’s most needed items now are grits, oatmeal and boxes of dry cereal. The staff and volunteers at GNC offer their ongoing thanks and wish a Happy and Healthy New Year to their Midway friends!

Flower Chart for 2023. Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Sunday Morning Worship Service are a beautiful way to thank, praise, and glorify God; celebrate a birthday or anniversary; honor a special person or persons; or beautify the sanctuary in memory of a loved one.

If you sign up on the Flower Calendar (on bulletin board in Education Building), please let LeNelle know if you will be bringing the flowers or if you would like her to order them for you and also give her instructions for the wording in the bulletin. The ordered flowers will be delivered to the church at a **cost of \$36.00.** To pay for the arrangement, make your check payable to Midway Presbyterian Church, mark it “Flowers” and drop in the offering plate or mail it to Midway Presbyterian Church, 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC.