

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 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 (Clerk) | Tom Waddell | Amy Morris |

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

March 19, 2023

10:30 a.m.

“Some of the Pharisees near Jesus heard this and said to him, ‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’”

~~John 9:40

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Gathering

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| Prelude | Mrs. Beth Croft |
| Introit | The Choir |
| Chiming of the Hour | |
| Greeting | Dr. David Bailey |
| Announcements | Elder Dee Ashworth |
| Jar Offering | Calvary Home for Children |

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest."

People: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me."

Leader: "For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

People: "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #215 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires. With lowliness and meekness may we draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. (Silent Prayers.) 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 Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Anthem "Boundless Love" The Choir

The New Testament Reading John 9:1-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Receive the Gift of Sight"

Dr. David Bailey

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.

*Hymn #562 "Be Thou My Vision"

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Music

*The Doxology

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Sending

*Hymn #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #592 "Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies, Savior, may we hear Thy call. Give our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

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

March 19, 2023

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Elders' Prayer Time | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Buildings & Ground Committee | |
| Tues. | Upstate Homeschool Hybrid | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | Upstate Homeschool Hybrid | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Elaine Gilmore

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthday

Mar. 20 Bob Harrell

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for March will go to Calvary Home for Children which provides help, hope, and home to abused and neglected children.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet today in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the April Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

The Session will have its monthly meeting next Sunday, March 26, following Worship.

Dr. McCallum will conduct a Committal Service for Bob Burge at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, at Forest Lawn Cemetery. The congregation is invited to attend.

CHANGE YOUR CALENDARS!! Yard Sale and Bake Sale Postponement

Due to a lack of items that have been received thus far, AND the Easter holiday being so close to our original choice of date, the Community Life & Missions Committee has changed the date of the yard sale and bake sale to Saturday, May 6th.

You're welcome to bring items to church as soon as you'd like, but no later than Sunday, April 30th please. Tools, housewares, home décor – just no clothing other than jewelry and accessories – and all in decent condition please. If you have larger items that you need picked up, please let us know and we'll make arrangements in advance.

Reminder: We're inviting folks to set up tables in the parking lot that morning to sell their own items at a cost of \$25 per spot. They would have to bring their own tables, but we'll be providing the advertising. The yard sale rain date will be May 13th and, as always, proceeds will support Midway's outreach endeavors.

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 9th. 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 Sunday, April 2nd. Lilies are to be taken with you after the Worship service on Sunday, April 9th.**

Number of Lilies: _____ **Amount Paid:** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____