

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 (Clerk)	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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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service

April 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

***And she bare him a son, and he called his name Gershom:
for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.
~~Exodus 2:22 (KJV)***

The Service For the Lord's Day

Third Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Linda Mylod
Minute for Mission	Audrey Shaw, Anderson Pregnancy Care
Jar Offering	Anderson Pregnancy Care

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: The promises of God are to us and our children,
and to sisters and brothers near and far.

People: We gather as a community of faith, united in love and caring.

Pastor: Here we sing, learn, and pray together.

Here we join in outreach to a needy world.

People: May our hearts be open to the special message this hour holds for us.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #790 *“We Gather Together”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again “What should we do?” And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.” Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior in whose name we offer this prayer and the silent prayers we utter 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 Psalm *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

Anthem *“Standing on the Promises”* The Choir

The Epistle Lesson *1 Peter 1:13-23*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Strangers in a Strange Land”

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #324 *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”*

*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 and The Lord’s Prayer

The Sending

*Hymn #572 *“Blessed Assurance”*

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #368 *“He Lives”*

*He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way
He live, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart!*

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

April 23, 2023

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.
	Administration & Finance Committee	
Tues.	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Upstate Homeschool Hybrid	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sat.	Spring Clean-Up Day	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Linda Mylod

Head Usher

Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Jacky Stamps

This Week's Birthday

Apr. 27 Brenda Masters

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for April will go to Anderson Pregnancy Care, a non-profit committed to providing education, encouragement, and support to women of all ages facing untimely pregnancies, believing that the life of the pre-born is precious, as is the life of the mother.

The Administration and Finance Committee will meet today following Worship.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the May Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Invite your friends and come to our second **Game Day**, this Wednesday, April 26, at 1:00 p.m. The featured game will be Bingo. Good luck!

Everyone is invited to pitch-in and help at our **Spring Clean-Up Day** this Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please see the “Sign-Up” sheet to sign-up for a particular project.

Just Two More Weeks!

Our very-likely-last yard sale will be on Saturday, May 6th beginning at 8 a.m. Donations for the sale must be at church no later than next Sunday, the 30th, and Bake Sale donations should be dropped off on Friday, May 5th between 10:00 and 2:00. If you need baked goods picked up, please call Linda Henderson next week to arrange that. Our baked goods are always a big hit, and since donations for the yard sale were slim this year, the baked goods might save our bacon, so please consider making something wonderful to contribute to this fundraising effort. Cookies, brownies, small breads are always a hit, as well as cakes that can be cut in half or even into quarters, since many of our shoppers, like our members, don't have large families at home anymore.

Of course, workers are needed! We'll be setting up on Friday the 5th beginning at 10:00. Moving and setting up all the items is a big task, and we could definitely use the help of our church men as well as the ladies. On Saturday help will be needed at the Bake Sale table as well as the check-out table. Please let Linda know if you can be there to help either day/both days. As always, proceeds of this fundraiser will support the CL&M Committee's outreach efforts. Thank you for any help that you can provide.

The Community Life and Mission Committee will meet on Sunday, May 7, following Worship.

Meals on Wheels is in need of individually wrapped desserts such as boxes of Little Debbie's, etc. If you are willing to make a donation just drop them in the box in the vestibule. Monetary donations will be accepted and someone will purchase the desserts for you.

Outreach for April

The Community Life & Mission Committee is collecting paper products and specific food items for Calvary Home for children this month. If you would like to contribute to this outreach endeavor, please purchase any of the following items and leave them in the boxes in the vestibule for delivery at the end of the month. Thank you.

Paper: plates, toilet paper, paper towels

Groceries: chicken broth, ranch dressing, spaghetti sauce, pastas, soup mixes (Bear Creek packaged-type)

Calvary Home Fundraiser

Midway has THREE tables of attendees for the “Luminary Gala”, a Calvary Home fundraising dinner at The Bleckley Station on Thursday evening, May 11th. Dinner will be provided by Sullivan's Grill. An interesting program will be presented that will shine a light on the darkness of childhood trauma and how Calvary Home has helped illuminate the lives of many youngsters in our community. There will also be a Silent Auction; one of the baskets has been put together and donated in Midway's name. At the moment there are three or four table spaces available at our Midway tables, so if you'd like to sit with us, contact Linda Henderson ASAP. But if our tables fill up, you can still get a “Golden Ticket” to the event by registering online with Calvary Home. This should be a lovely evening as we fellowship together and support one of our valued local charities.

BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST (that's YOU – not some other baby)

At our May 14th Mother's Day/2nd Sunday lunch, you can cast your vote for the cutest baby whose picture will be on display. Please bring in or send in a picture ASAP so we can add yours to the contest. As young as possible, but as young as you have if your folks didn't take any when you were quite small. Please be sure to put your name with the picture so we'll return it to you after the 14th. May has been designated “Older Adults” month, so your Parish Care Committee is sponsoring this fun contest to celebrate. Please take a moment to find your picture and bring it to church. You don't need to be in attendance to win, but we hope most of you will plan to be with us for our Mother's Day 2nd Sunday covered dish lunch. Three prizes will be awarded, and the 1st prize is a bottle of “Geritol Energy Support”. Who among us couldn't use that?!