

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
Mr. Will Greer	Staff Assistant

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

July 23, 2023

10:30 a.m.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”
~Matthew 13:31b-32

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Tom Waddell
Jar Offering	The Champion Center for Special Children

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from God’s love.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #82 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted with many things, and have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We forget your mighty works, the blessings that are showered upon us: sunshine and rain; food, clothes, and shelter; family and friends. And sometimes we do not heed the instruction of your Word. Forgive us, we pray. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we make this prayer, and the silent prayers we will offer 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.

*Exchange of The Peace

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Psalm Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Anthem “Bless That Wonderful Name” The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Big Things Come in Small Packages”

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #415 “We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*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 #607 “Close to Thee”

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #667 “Lord, Speak to Me”

O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where, Until Thy blessed face I see- Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Sammy and Linda Stevenson to the Glory of God and in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary, July 21st.

July 23, 2023

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Called Session Meeting	9:00 a.m.
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Search Committee	
Tues.	Cemetery Workshop @John Knox, Greenville	5:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder **Head Usher**

Tom Waddell Jacky Stamps

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthdays

July 27 Amy Morris

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Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in July will go to The Champion Center for Special Children (formerly DCEC). This is the only Preschool/Day Center that serves children with special needs and different abilities in Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee Counties. The Jar Offering for the fifth Sunday will go the Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen.

The Pastor Search Committee will meet briefly today following Worship.

Perpetual Cemetery Care

Paul Grier, a Presbyterian Foundation Vice-President and Elder at Greenville's Westminster Church, will be leading a workshop on July 25 on the perpetual care of church cemeteries. The meeting will be held at John Knox Church in Greenville at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

The Administration and Finance Committee will meet next Sunday, July 30, following Worship.

Bingo!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our next Bingo game on Wednesday, August 2, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends, AND if you have any unopened/unused/small items in the house that you'd like to contribute to our prize table, they would be greatly appreciated. Fun notepads, hand lotion, candy – anything that strikes you as a good little Bingo gift. Bring them to church whenever it's convenient for the next Bingo session. Thanks! Hope to see you there.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to be held following Worship on Sunday, August 6. The purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation to elect three members to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. The Session has elected Roz Rozakos and Linda Mylod, with Roz to Chair the Committee.

Outreach for July

We will collect groceries throughout the summer for Good Neighbor Cupboard, especially since our local youngsters will be out of school and in greater need of food.

****Cereals, pop tarts, jelly, peanut butter,** canned raviolis or SpaghettiO's, and similar items that they can fix for themselves if their parents are at work, would be greatly appreciated.