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 September 24, 2023 10:30 a.m.

"Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?

Or are you envious because I am generous?"

~Matthew 20:15

The Service For the Lord's Day

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude Mrs. Beth Croft

Introit The Choir

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting Elder Jacky Stamps

Announcements

Minute for Mission Mr. Nate Knox, The LOT Project

Jar Offering The LOT Project

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We will sing to God and bless His name forever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

Leader: We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate his abundant goodness.

People: Where two or three are gathered together in His name,

God is in their midst.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #11 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. 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

Anthem "Just Over in the Gloryland" The Choir

The New Testament Lesson Mathew 20:1-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Envy of the Righteous"

Rev. Marlon Irrarragorry

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #572

"Blessed Assurance"

*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 #630

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #233 "Grace, Love and Fellowship"

May the grace of Christ, our Savior, and the love of God, our Father, and the fellowship of the Spirit be with us forever and ever, forevermore. Amen.

*Postlude

(*Those who are able may stand.)



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Pete and Roz Rozakos to the Glory of God and in honor of Linda Mylod on her birthday, September 23rd. Thank you Linda, for all you do for the Midway Church family.

September 24, 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. Legacy Academy 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Thurs. Legacy Academy 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder Head Usher

Jacky Stamps Dee Ashworth

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

This Week's Birthdays

Sept. 24 Cindy Evans

Carol Wentzky

25 Patty King

27 Terry Waddell

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the month of September will go to The LOT Project. LOT is an acronym for *Least of These*, a reference to Matthew 25:40, where Jesus said, "To the extent that you served one of these brothers of mine, even the least of these you did it to me." The LOT Project provides a meal to those in need on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. They also provide shoes, coats, and blankets on the first Friday of every month.

Today we welcome Rev. Marlon Irrarragorry to the pulpit. Marlon served the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cabaiguan in the province of Sancti Spiritus, Cuba from July 2012 – 2022. He is married to Elizabeth and they have a daughter, Madison.

The Administration & Finance Committee will meet today following Worship.

World Communion Sunday is October 1 and the Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. The Session has voted for our 25% to provide needed supplies for the students in the Anderson School District 5's Homeless Kids Program.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held following Worship on Sunday, October 1. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Officer Nominating Committee. The Committee will place in nomination for Elders in the Class of 2026 the following members: Bob Bone, Elaine Gilmore, and Kent Saunders.

Bake Sale in 5 Weeks!

A fundraising Fall Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, October 28, with a mini-Christmas fair. Please look through your holiday décor to hopefully find some first rate Fall or Christmas items for us to sell. All item donations must be received by October 15.

Also, please mark your calendars to bake-like-your-life-depends-upon-it for this year's Bake Sale. Funds raised will help us share some Christmas joy with many young people in need in the Anderson area.

Thank You. "Dear Church Family, We want to thank the members of Midway for all the phone calls, cards, visits, and prayers during Brenda's time in the Rehab Hospital due to the compression fracture in her lower back. She is at home now, but will continue in-home physical therapy. It has been a difficult time for Brenda, but we know that better times are coming. We ask for your continued prayers as she recovers from her injury. Jacky and Brenda Stamps."