

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

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~Philippians 4:6-7

The Service For the Lord's Day

Eighteenth 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	Safe Harbor

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: What can compare to the gift of Christ’s grace?

People: Everything else we regard as nothing.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: The Lord is our rock and redeemer.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #225 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the Covenant, long ago you gave us the law to guide us in the ways of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us toward faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. We fill our days with a list of things to do, but neglect to nurture our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Come to us again, we pray, and set us on right paths. Root out habits that separate us from you, and sow within us seeds of mercy and love, so that we might produce the fruits of your kingdom. 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 Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:1-9

Anthem “There is a Redeemer” The Choir

The Epistle Lesson Philippians 4:1-4

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Surpassing Peace” 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 #712 “Be Still, My Soul”

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

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. We give ourselves to you, and ask that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom. May our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

*Hymn #564 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #644 “The Greatest Thing”

*The greatest thing in all my life is serving You;
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.
I want to serve You more, I want to serve You more.
The greatest thing in all my life is serving You.*

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Goetz Eaton to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn on the anniversary of her birthday, September 29th.

October 1, 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 - Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Community Life & Mission Committee	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.	Legacy Academy Fall Break	

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Tom Waddell

Head Usher

Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthday

Oct. 6 Carolyn Warren

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in October will go to Safe Harbor of Anderson County, which provides safe shelter and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Today is World Communion Sunday. The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. 25% of this offering will go 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 today following Worship. 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.

Following the Congregational Meeting today, the **Community Life and Mission Committee** will meet in the Church Activities Building.

Our next Bingo Day will be Wednesday, October 11, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship, and bring your friends and family members.

On Saturday, October 14, at 11:00 a.m. Midway will host our 6th **Blessing of the Animals Service.** Members and friends are invited to bring their pets to the Outdoor Worship Area, between the church sign and the tennis courts. Donations will be received for the Anderson County Humane Society.

ONLY 2 MORE WEEKS!

If you have any Autumn or Christmas items to donate for our fundraising Fall Bake Sale and Fair, they must be brought to church by Oct. 15th. Please remember that our sale and mini-Christmas fair is on Saturday, October 28th, from 9 until noon. We're hoping our members will find some items in their holiday décor to donate for the sale. Please mark your calendars to bake-like-your-life-depends-upon-it for this year's Bake Sale.