

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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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."
~Ruth 1:16

The Service For the Lord's Day

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Jar Offering	Safe Harbor

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: O people of God praise the Lord!

People: Blessed is God's name forever.

Pastor: From break of day to setting sun,

People: let us praise the name of the Lord.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy and loving God, we confess that we have not always turned away from sin. Sometimes we have made plans we did not complete and promises we did not fulfill. Forgive us, God of grace. Heal and renew our hearts, so that we may seek your will and by your grace, find strength to do it. 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 Ruth 1:1-22

Anthem "Meekness and Majesty" The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Mark 12:28-34

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sneezing at the Post Office"

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #718 "Day by Day"

*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 #644 "The Greatest Thing"

*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.)

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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.
	Congregational Dinner	
	Elder Training	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Country Place HOA	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	Blessing of the Animals	11:00 a.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Elaine Gilmore

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Jacky Stamps

This Week's Birthdays

Oct. 11 Marilyn Martin

Joey Morris

This Week's Anniversary

Oct. 9 Pete & Roz Rozakos

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.

\$290.00 was received in the Peace and Global Witness Offering last Sunday. If you were unable to give, you may still do so today. Our 25% will go to the Anderson School District 5's Homeless Kids Program.

Everyone is invited to stay for our covered-dish **Congregational Dinner** today in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Presbytery Cents-Ability, which supports a number of charitable organizations, including South Main Street Chapel & Mercy Center in Anderson and Faith Presbyterian Church's Food Bank in Williamston.

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.

This 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.

The Session will meet next Sunday, October 15, following Worship.

The Parish Care Team will meet on Wednesday, October 18, at 1:00 p.m.

ONLY 1 MORE WEEK!

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.