

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
November 12, 2023
10:30 a.m.

You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.
~1 Peter 1:18-19

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Twenty-Fourth 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	Salvation Army

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather today to worship the One who created us and the entire universe,

People: the One who calls us,

Pastor: the One who equips us,

People: the One who loves us eternally.

Unison: With joyful hearts, let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #401 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, we are quick to identify our enemies and slow to name the ways we hurt others. You lead us in the ways of righteousness, and yet we prefer to walk our own path. We are called to follow your lead in creating a beloved community, yet we are reluctant to do our part. Heal us and help us, O God. Grant that we may seek to be for others what you are for us: a source of light on the path to peace. 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 3:1-18

Anthem *“God Will Make a Way—It Is Well with My Soul”* The Choir

The Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Redeemer”

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #12 *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”*

*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 #527 *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”*

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #513 *“Thank You, Lord”*
Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul,
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole;
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Tommy and Gail Alewine to the Glory of God and in honor of their 43rd anniversary on November 14th.

November 12, 2023

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2023

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season you may order poinsettias as a memorial or honorarium by filling out the form below. **The cost is \$7.00.** Please return form to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment by **November 26th**. Payment **MUST** be included with request (make checks payable to **Midway Presbyterian Church**).

Number of Poinsettias: _____ **Amount Paid:** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

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 Thanksgiving Dinner	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Foothills Presbytery Meeting @ 1 st Pres. Anderson	10:00 a.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

On Call: Elder: Dee Ashworth 864-309-6143

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Anniversary

Nov. 14 Tommy & Gail Alewine

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for November will go to the Salvation Army in Anderson. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by the love of God; and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name.

Everyone is invited to stay for our **Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner** in the Fellowship Hall following Worship today. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Presbytery's 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.

The 124th Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., at the First Anderson Church. The Session has elected Roz Rozakos a Commissioner to attend with Dr. McCallum.

Don't Miss Our Last Bingo of the Year!

Be at the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, November 15, at 1:00 p.m. for the last Bingo session of 2023! LOTS of great new gifts, including Christmas items, will be available. Hopefully, everyone will leave a winner. Cookies and apple cider will be served too, so join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Meals on Wheels Important Special Request

As Winter approaches, with the stronger possibility of inclement weather, (i.e., - snow/ice, etc.), MOW prepares NICE (Needed In Case of Emergency) meals for our clients. These NICE meals are then available for our clients in case we are unable to deliver that day.

The NICE meals consist of shelf-stable items and are put together in a one gallon, zippered plastic bag. The items included are:

- A pop-top ready-to-eat soup (not condensed, must be ready-to-eat)
- Individually wrapped Nutri-grain or Granola Bar (softer the better!)
- Single serving canned or boxed juice
- Single serving box of raisins
- Single serving pop-top fruit cup (Please avoid aluminum, peel-back style lids)

If anyone would like to donate any of these items it would be Greatly Appreciated!!

Next Sunday we will receive the **Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Thornwell Home for Children** in Clinton. Thornwell seeks to provide a secure environment for abused and neglected children, where they can experience the love of Christ.

Everyone is invited to **decorate the church for Christmas** on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Lickville Presbyterian Church is inviting us to join with them in an **Advent Service** at noon on Thursday, December 7. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Family Promise's Lights of Hope is in need of volunteers at the front gate at the Anderson Christmas lights for Saturday, November 25; Sunday, December 10; and Friday, December 22. They operate from 5:00 – 10:00 p.m., but volunteers can work part of a shift. They provide heaters if it's cold (which it probably will be!) and there's a small office that is heated as well. They recommend bringing a chair, since one isn't provided. If you can help with this fundraiser, please talk with Linda Mylod and she'll put you in touch with their Board Director. Thank You!

Save the Date!

Midway's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please see enclosed form to make your reservation by Sunday, December 3.

If anyone has difficulty driving at night, please let us know if that would keep you from attending our Christmas party. Arrangements can be made if we are aware of your need in advance.

Christmas Outreach for Salvation Army

Even if you don't plan to come to the Christmas party (which you really should! 😊), you can contribute to the food and toiletries collection that will be brought to the Salvation Army the week after the party. Boxes for this collection are being left in the Fellowship Hall, near the "dessert table". Please be sure that all food donations have current "Best by" dates, so they can be accepted. Toiletries can include hair products, soaps, deodorants, toothbrushes/toothpaste, personal hygiene items, etc. Also needed are socks, hats, gloves, scarfs, and the like.

It's incumbent upon us to obey Christ's command to "feed the hungry...clothe the naked", and there's no easier way than bringing these items to church and having them delivered for you! Please keep the needy in our community on your Christmas list this year.