

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 19, 2023
10:30 a.m.

***The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying,
“A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed;
he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.
~Ruth 4:17***

***So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations;
and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations;
and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.
~Matthew 1:17***

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Linda Mylod
Jar Offering	Salvation Army

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to God while I have being.

**People: Put not your trust in rulers, or in any mortal,
for there is no help in them.**

Pastor: When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their plans perish.

**People: Happy are those whose help is the Lord,
whose hope is in the Lord their God!**

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #790 *“We Gather Together”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always turned away from sin. You search for us as lost sheep who have wandered away from your fold. You treasure us, like a lost coin, but we sometimes spend our money on that which does not satisfy. Help us, O God, to hear your voice, and come home to your gracious loving care, knowing that when we do, there is joy in heaven. 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 4:1-7, 13-18

Anthem *“Give Thanks”* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Matthew 1:6b-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Ancestors of Kings”

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn (See Insert) *“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”*

*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 #686 *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*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.)*

November 19, 2023

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Session Meeting	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.	Legacy Academy – Thanksgiving Break	

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Linda Mylod

Head Usher

Dee Ashworth

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

This Week's Birthday

Nov. 20 Keith Wentzky

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.

Today 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.

The Session will meet today following Worship.

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!!

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.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the December Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Wednesday, November 22.

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!

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

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.

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: _____