

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.



Established 1833

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Worship Service

December 3, 2023

10:30 a.m.

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

“If the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready...”

~Matthew 24:43-44

Commissioned Deacon

Earle King

Treasurers

Bob Harrell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

First Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. David Bailey
Announcements	Jacky Stamps
Minute for Mission	Eddie Capps, Director of Haven of Rest
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest Women’s Ministries

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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.
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	Advent Service @Lickville	12:00 noon
Fri.	Christmas Party	5:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Jacky Stamps

Head Usher

Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Jacky Stamps Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthday

Dec. 5 Kathy Gilmore

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in December will go to Under His Wings Women's Ministry, a division of Haven of Rest. This is a Bible-based discipleship program and ministry that is designed to rescue, restore, and release women facing life-dominating problems related to addiction and homelessness. Their goal is to see every program participant will have immediate needs met, find freedom from addictions, and hope in a new life with Christ.

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. If anyone needs a ride, please see Linda Mylod.

Christmas Party

If you haven't made your reservation for the party which is on Friday, December 8, payment must be received today so a final count can be given to the caterer tomorrow. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. so let's try to arrive before that to get settled and out of the caterers' way.

Please remember that desserts and beverages are to be provided by our members, so feel free to bring your best Christmas cookies or some other treat. But if you're not a baker, no worries; just come and enjoy the festivities!

Food items, toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, etc. will be collected at the party and will be donated to the Salvation Army of Anderson for anyone who is staying there. Bring them wrapped only in Christian love.

The Session has called for our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to be held following Worship on Sunday, December 10. Dr. McCallum will note some of the highlights of 2023, and the 2024 Budget will be presented.

Christmas Gift Suggestion

There are cards in the vestibule from the Gideons, which would make lovely Christmas gifts to your friends or family members who already have everything they need; for \$25 you can provide 5 Bibles. The Gideons provide Bibles to every member of the U.S. Armed Forces, to patients at U.S. Veterans Hospitals, and they place them in hotel rooms. During the 2020 pandemic Bibles were removed from hotel rooms, and the Gideons are trying to replace them. So, if you need a suggestion for a worthwhile Christmas gift, look no further than our front door!

Everyone is invited to help with **cupboard cleaning and manse preparation on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 a.m.** Professor Larisa Mistrean and her daughter (Bianca-Francesca) will live in our church manse during the spring semester. Larisa is a Fulbright scholar from Moldova and will be working at Anderson University during her stay. Additionally, if you would like to donate/loan any items that you think they would need during their stay (e.g., hot plate/crock pot, shower rod & curtain, towels, etc.) and/or volunteer to host them for a dinner or local outing contact Kent Saunders (765-617-2134).