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

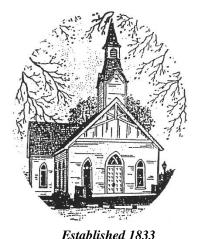
Treasurers

Bob Harrell Disbursing Treasurer Linda Mylod Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
December 10, 2023
10:30 a.m.

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ~Mark 1:2-3

The Service For the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Prelude Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit The Choir

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting Dr. John McCallum

Announcements Elder Tom Waddell

Jar Offering Haven of Rest Women's Ministries

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tom and Terry Waddell

Scripture

Isaiah 9:6-7

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #259

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem

"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"

The Choir

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:1-8

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Getting Ready for Christmas"

Dr. John McCallum

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #279

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*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

The Sending

*Hymn #266

"That Beautiful Name"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #263

"What Can I Give Him?"

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise-man I would do my part;
Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

*Postlude

(*Those who are able may stand.)

December 10, 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	10:30 a.m.
	Annual Congregational Meeting	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wed.	Parish Care Team	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	Manse Preparation for Guests	10:00 a.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder Head Usher
Tom Waddell Amy Morris

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday

Dec. 11 Linda Hawkins

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.

Following Worship today, we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting.** The budget for 2024 will be presented, and Dr. McCallum will note some of the highlights of the past year.

The Parish Care Team will meet Wednesday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help with **cupboard cleaning and manse preparation on Saturday, December 16**th **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).

The Annual Christmas Joy Offering will be received at our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service. This offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in a time of need. Equally, it supports future church leaders of color at Presbytery-related schools and colleges.

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!

New Phone # for Will Greer: 864-652-0844