

**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 17, 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

***And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”  
~Luke 1:46-47***

**Commissioned Deacon**

Earle King

**Treasurers**

Bob Harrell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**The Gathering**

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Dr. John McCallum
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest Women’s Ministries

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Saunders Family

Scripture Luke 2:10-14

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 #249

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

### The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:1-5, 8-11

Anthem *"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Luke 1:45-55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Mary's Song"* Dr. John McCallum

### Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #251 *"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"*

\*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 #277 *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

\*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 17, 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	

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Dee Ashworth

**Head Usher**

Jacky Stamps

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

**This Week's Birthday**

Dec. 19 John Dodwell

**Announcements**

**The Fifth Sunday Jar Offering** on December 31 will go to the American Friends of Magen David Odom to help with the cost of replacing one of the ambulances that was destroyed in the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel.

**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.

**Appreciation is expressed** to everyone who helped prepare the manse for Professor Larisa Mistrean and her daughter, Bianca-Francesca, who will live there during Anderson University's spring semester.

**The Session** will meet today immediately following Worship.

**Newsletter Deadline.** If you have items for the January Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Thursday, December 21.

Next Sunday, December 24, there will not be a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. **Our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service** will be held that evening at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your family and friends for this truly meaningful service. **The Annual Christmas Joy Offering**, which honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in a time of need and equally supports future church leaders of color at Presbytery-related schools and colleges, will be received. If you cannot be there that evening, you may contribute today or on Sunday, December 31.

**Installation/Ordination.** The Session has designated Sunday, December 31, as the date for Bob Bone and Elaine Gilmore to be installed, and Kent Saunders to be ordained and installed, as Elders in the class of 2026. Everyone is invited to the reception in the Fellowship Hall for our new Elders and for John and Hazel.

**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.

Any member who would like to be part of the **Midway Prayer Chain**, please tell Linda Mylod so your name can be added to the list. The prayer chain is utilized when there's an emergency need for prayer, and requires each participant to call the next person on the chain when a call is received. Updated Prayer Chain lists will be sent out next week.