

**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**

**January 7, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**The Church Staff**

	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 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Bob Harrell	Dee Ashworth	Bob Bone
Marilyn Mamrick	Marilyn Martin	Elaine Gilmore
Tom Waddell	Amy Morris	Kent Saunders

*“A voice came from the heavens,  
‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’”  
~Mark 1:11*

**Commissioned Deacon**

Earle King

**Treasurers**

Bob Harrell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Baptism of the Lord Sunday*

**The Gathering**

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Rev. Peggy Swann
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Minute for Mission	The Quiet Fund, Marilyn Martin
Jar Offering	The Quiet Fund

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Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God created the world, and God blessed it:

**People: "It is good."**

Leader: In the beginning, God created light, and God blessed it:

**People: "It is good."**

Leader: In the beginning, God created life, and God blessed it:

**People: "It is good."**

Leader: Since the beginning, God has not stopped creating,

**People: calling us closer to all that is good.**

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

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #465 *"Baptized in Water"*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. 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 Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem *"Amazing Love"* The Choir

The New Testament Lesson Mark 1:4-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Beginnings"* Rev. Peggy Swann

**Responding to the Word**

\*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

\*Doxology

\*Communion Hymn #462 *"Come, Share the Lord"*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have fed us with your mercy and poured out your Spirit in this place. Continue to nourish and fill us each day, that we may live as your beloved people in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Sending**

\*Hymn #291 *"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Benediction #591 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

*Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will,  
While I am waiting, yielded and still.*

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

January 7, 2024

**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.
	Worship, Fellowship & Christ. Ed. Committee	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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On Call: Elder: Dee Ashworth 864-309-6143  
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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**                      **Head Usher**  
Dee Ashworth              Elaine Gilmore

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Jacky Stamps    Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

**This Week's Birthday**  
**Jan. 8 Anna May Potter**

**Announcements**

**The Jar Offering for January** goes to the Quiet Fund. This fund helps members of the church who find themselves in significant financial difficulty. And its use is always kept confidential.

**We Welcome** Rev.Peggy Swann as our guest preacher today. Peggy is a lifelong Presbyterian and second career pastor. She was ordained as a deacon and elder before going to seminary and earning a MACE and MDiv. She served at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter and retired from Townville Presbyterian Church. Originally from Asheville, she and her husband, Jerry, have two adult children.

**The Worship, Fellowship and Christian Education Committee** will meet today immediately following Worship.

**Neighbor, It's Cold Outside**

Now that colder nights and cloudy, chillier days have arrived, we need to keep in mind those in our community who don't have the warmth and cozy shelter that many of us take for granted. Let's send some warmth through the food we provide. For the next two months, please bring hot cereals (oatmeal, grits, and cream of wheat), canned soups, chili or stews (with pop-top openings if possible) for donation to Good Neighbor Cupboard. Hopefully the warmth of the food and of our Christian caring and love will keep the chill off the hearts of those in need here in Anderson.

**Flower Chart for 2024.** Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Sunday Morning Worship Service are a beautiful way to thank, praise, and glorify God; celebrate a birthday or anniversary; honor a special person or persons; or beautify the sanctuary in memory of a loved one.

If you sign up on the Flower Calendar (on bulletin board in Education Building), please let LeNelle know if you will be bringing the flowers or if you would like her to order them for you and also give her instructions for the wording in the bulletin. The ordered flowers will be delivered to the church at a **cost of \$35.00.** To pay for the arrangement, make your check payable to Midway WOC, mark it "Flowers" and mail it to Midway Presbyterian Church, 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC.