

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

Mrs. Roz Rozakos	Pastor
Mrs. Beth Croft	Choir Director
Ms. Cindy Wentzky	Pianist
Mrs. LeNelle Chastain	Media Specialist
Mr. Will Greer	Secretary
	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

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

January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."
~Mark 1:15*

The Service For the Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Rev. Peggy Swann
Announcements	Elder Kent Saunders
Jar Offering	The Quiet Fund

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, with undivided attention, to meet God,
who calls you away from old routines.

**People: Our souls wait for God in silence.
We hope in God, our rock and salvation.**

Leader: Come without anxiety or fear, for God cares for you.

**People: We come with devotion to our Sovereign,
in whom time is fulfilled and life has meaning.**

Leader: Enter the realm of God, which is here and now,
as well as beyond time and place.

People: We pour out our hearts before God, whom we trust and honor.

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

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #2 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, you called the disciples to drop their nets and follow you, yet we are hesitant to drop the tools and comforts of our lives. We distract ourselves from your call with busyness, stress, and worry. We entangle ourselves in the web of our culture whose voice looms large. Forgive us, O Lord, and by your forgiveness, open our ears to hear your voice saying to us, "Follow me." 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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Anthem "Farther Along" The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Mark 1:14-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Answering"

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #682 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*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 #634 "More Love to Thee"

*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.)



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Cindy Evans to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Bill and Irene Reed.

January 21, 2024

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	
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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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>
Kent Saunders	Amy Morris

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthdays

Jan. 23 Kitty Burge
 24 Sammy Wentzky

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.

The Session will meet today immediately following Worship.

Mark Your Calendars!

Bingo Day will be Wednesday, January 31, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship, and bring your friends and family members.

Don't Forget Your Donations for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

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.