

**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**

Rev. Peggy Swann	Stated Supply
Mrs. Roz Rozakos	Choir Director
Mrs. Beth Croft	Pianist
Ms. Cindy Wentzky	Media Specialist
Mrs. LeNelle Chastain	Secretary
Mr. Will Greer	Staff Assistant

**Session**

Linda Mylod (Clerk)

Class of 2024

Bob Harrell  
Marilyn Mamrick  
Tom Waddell

Class of 2025

Dee Ashworth  
Marilyn Martin  
Amy Morris

Class of 2026

Bob Bone  
Kent Saunders

**Commissioned Deacon**

Earle King

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

---

**Midway Presbyterian Church**  
**3238 Midway Road**  
**Anderson, South Carolina 29621**  
**864-226-1880**  
**www.midwaypres.org**



*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Worship Service**

**February 18, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

***God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."***  
~Genesis 9:12-13

**The Service For the Lord's Day**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**The Gathering**

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

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: From water to wilderness:

**People: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

Pastor: On stone and in hearts:

**People: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

Pastor: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**People: God’s covenant continues; God’s kingdom comes near.**

Pastor: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**Unison: for where he is, we would be also.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #56 *“To God Be the Glory”*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name; what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 9:8-17

Anthem *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *“Rainbows and Wilderness”* Rev. Peggy Swann

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn #411 *“I Hide Your Word Within My Heart”*

\*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 #415 *“We Are Called to Be God’s People”*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Benediction #557 *“Seekers of Your Heart”*

*Lord, we want to know You, Live our lives to show You  
All the love we owe You – We’re seekers of Your heart.*

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Ray and Ginny Keiper to the Glory of God and in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**February 18, 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	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tues.	Presbytery Meeting @Fountain Inn	10:00 a.m.
Tues.	Lunch Bunch @Topsy Tavern	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

On Call: Elder: Kent Saunders 765-617-2134

Church Office: 864-226-1880

LeNelle's e-mail: [lenelle@midwaypres.org](mailto:lenelle@midwaypres.org)

Rev. Swann's phone & email: 803-983-5425 [peggysswann@gmail.com](mailto:peggysswann@gmail.com)

**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**                      **Head Usher**

Kent Saunders              Tom Waddell

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Amy Morris    Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

**This Week's Birthdays**

**Feb. 23**    **Bill Rexroad**  
**24**        **Brenda Stamps**

**This Week's Anniversary**

**Feb. 22**    **Ray & Ginny Keiper**

**Announcements**

**Our Jar Offering** for February will go to Clean Start of Anderson. This ministry serves the homeless, poor, and marginalized of our community in providing facilities for basic hygiene, cleanliness, mail and phone access, and providing direction to other needed services.

**The Session** will hold its regular monthly meeting today in the Church Office Activity Room following Worship.

**The Lunch Bunch**

Our first lunch together will be this Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at Topsy Tavern and Grill, 4300 Route 81, across from Bosch. All are invited to join us for a time of fellowship. Don't be deterred by its name...the Tavern has a varied menu, great food and good prices. Hope to see you there for our Lunch Bunch lunch!

**The SCDOT is organizing a public meeting** to discuss proposed improvements to the intersections of Midway, Harriet Circle, and Crestview Roads. The meeting which will follow a drop-in format, is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, from 5 to 7 p.m. at T.L. Hanna High School.** At the meeting, SCDOT representatives will be present to discuss the proposed project with community members. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend.

**Ambassadors Meeting at The Foothills Retirement Community** will be held on Tuesday, March 12, with Registration at 10:30 a.m. Following an annual report of the 6 homes in South Carolina, lunch will be served. And for anyone interested, a tour will be available after lunch. Please let LeNelle know if you would like to attend.

**Thank You.** *“Dear Midway Church, Our family is appreciative and grateful for the church's prayers and expressions of love and comfort upon our mother's passing and her journey home. We give thanks, The Billie R. Craft Family”*

**Clean Start Donations**

Clean Start provides a facility where the homeless can shower, launder their clothes, and receive much-needed clothing and hygiene items. Their continuation is highly dependent on the support of area churches. We can help by donating men's and women's razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, small deodorants, soap, face cloths, and gently used clothing. Boxes are available in the vestibule for donations. Thank you for helping our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need of our care.