

**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

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*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Worship Service**  
**February 25, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

***He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them,  
“If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross and follow me.”***

***~Mark 8:34***

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**The Gathering**

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

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: The way of worship invites us to give thanks and call on God’s name.

**People: We remember God’s wonderful works  
and our hearts rejoice in God’s presence.**

Pastor: The way of the covenant beckons us to walk blameless before our God.

**People: God awakens our faith and trust and calls forth righteousness.**

Pastor: The way of the cross summons us to deny ourselves and follow.

**Unison: Christ challenges our complacency and bids us risk all for the gospel.**

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #43 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been sincere. We claim to follow Jesus but have not taken his path of sacrificial love. We profess to be disciples but are not willing to bear the cost of discipleship. We affirm the virtue of self-denial, yet we indulge our selfish desires and seek earthly gain. Forgive us. Through your grace, lead us to follow more closely in the ways of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 17:1-7, 15-16

Anthem *“Love Lifted Me”* The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*“Covenants and Crosses”*

Rev. Peggy Swann

**Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn #563 *“Open My Eyes That I May See”*

\*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 #506 *“I’d Rather Have Jesus”*

\*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 Jim and Linda Mylod to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Burge and Sybil Ginn.

**February 25, 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.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Lenten FACE-UP Service @Lickville	11:00 a.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Tom Waddell

**Head Usher**

Marilyn Martin

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

**This Week's Birthday**

**Mar. 2 Ann Bowen**

**This Week's Anniversary**

**Mar. 1 Tom & Terry Waddell**

**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 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.

**Lickville Church** has invited us to join them for a **Lenten FACE-UP Service** on Thursday, February 29, at 11:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served following the service. If you would like to attend and carpool, please let Roz or Linda know.

**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.

**The first meeting of Midway's Lunch Bunch** was a great success! A dozen of us met at Typsy Tavern and enjoyed good food and fellowship. Mark your calendars for the next lunch on Thursday, April 4, at Smokin' Pig just off Route 81 behind Boondocks. We hope to see even more members there. This is a great opportunity to visit with your church members and get to know them better.

**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.