

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

March 10, 2024

10:30 a.m.

***“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but may have eternal life.”***

~John 3:16

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Rev. Peggy Swann
Announcements	Elder Bob Bone
Jar Offering	Calvary Home for Children

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Come to this time of worship in reverent awe.

People: The place where we are standing is holy ground.

Pastor: Know the presence and power of the living God
who comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume;

People: a revelation bringing warmth and vitality.

Pastor: We have known God throughout our history;
yet there is so much of God we do not know.

People: God's purposes are far beyond our understanding.

Pastor: Now, in these moments, we would be open to the unexpected.

Unison: Come, Holy Spirit, so we may respond.

Discipline and cultivate us so our lives may bear fruit.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #139 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, 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, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. 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: Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

People: but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 21:1-4

Anthem

"Sweet By and By"

The Choir

The Gospel Lesson

John 3:14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Divine Intervention"

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #496

"No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus"

*Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 2:5-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 #572

"Blessed Assurance"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #368

"He Lives"

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

*Postlude

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

March 10, 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.
	Congregational Dinner	
Mon.	Legacy Academy Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Tues.	Ambassadors Meeting @Foothills Community	10:30 a.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Bob Bone

Head Usher

Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday

Mar. 10 LeNelle Chastain

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in March will go to Calvary Home for Children whose goal is to build an exceptional community of nurturing foster homes for displaced children in the Upstate.

Our Fifth Sunday Jar Offering will be to Blue Dragonfly which provides hope to juvenile victims of human trafficking.

Everyone is invited to our Congregational Dinner following Worship today. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Good Neighbor Cupboard.

Bingo Day will be Wednesday, March 13, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship, and bring your friends and family members.

The Session will meet in the Church Office Activity Room next Sunday, March 18, immediately following Worship

Thank you to Ray Keiper and Keith Wentzky for their many hours of labor on the playground slide and swings. Their dedication and donation of valuable time in keeping the equipment safe for the children's use is a blessing to all and is greatly appreciated.

Evening of Fun at a Calvary Home Fundraiser

Linda Mylod is putting together a table for his year's "Luminary Gala" fundraiser on Thursday evening, April 10, at the Bleckley Station. Dinner is being provided by Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill, and the cost for a seat at the Midway table of eight is \$35. There will be an interesting program presented, shining a light on the darkness of childhood trauma and how Calvary Home has helped illuminate the lives of many youngsters in our community. There will also be a Silent Auction. If you'd like to attend and be at the Midway table, contact Linda Mylod ASAP since table reservations are apt to go quickly. Those of you who attended last year know that this will be an enjoyable way to fellowship together and support one of our greatly valued local charities.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily (for \$7.00) as a memorial or honorarium to be placed in the church on Easter Sunday, March 31st, Please fill out the form and return it to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment. **Payment MUST be included with request (make checks payable to Midway Presbyterian Church) and returned by Sunday, March 24th. Lilies are to be taken with you after the Worship service on Sunday, March 31st.**

Number of Lilies: _____

Amount Paid: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____