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 2024Class of 2025Class of 2026Bob HarrellDee AshworthBob BoneMarilyn MamrickMarilyn MartinKent SaundersTom WaddellAmy Morris

Commissioned Deacon

Earle King

Treasurers

John Dodwell Disbursing Treasurer Linda Mylod Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service March 17, 2024 10:30 a.m.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ~Luke 10:27

The Service For the Lord's Day

Fifth 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 Calvary Home for Children

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: Come, children of God, to sing a new song,

clap your hands and shout for joy.

People: Jesus is our good news, our joy and our salvation.

Pastor: In steadfast love and faithfulness God has done marvelous things.

People: God raised Jesus from the dead;

Christ is alive and at work among us.

Pastor: The ends of the earth turn to God;

all families of nations worship our Creator.

People: Christ is the vine; we are the branches.

Apart from Christ we can do nothing.

Pastor: We are the people God has formed through Christ.

Unison: We worship him and we rejoice!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #207 "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us for what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another, and forgive us for what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: God's love has been poured into our hearts, and we have been healed in all our

broken places. Hear the good news for each of us today: In Jesus Christ we are

forgiven!

People: Yes, it is true for us. The old life is gone; the new life has begun.

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 Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Anthem "Standing on the Promises" The Choir

The Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Holy Ground" Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #521

"A New Name in Glory"

*Affirmation of Faith Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

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 #426

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

*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 17, 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.

 Thurs.
 Legacy Academy
 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>

Head Usher

Kent Saunders Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

This Week's Birthday
Mar. 20 Bob Harrell

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.

The Session will meet today in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the April Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Friday, March 22.

Thank You. Dear Midway Friends, Thank you all for your cards and calls during my sister Carolyn's hospitalizations. Your kind words of encouragement and especially your prayers truly make a difference. Love, Terry Waddell."

Thank You. "Dear Midway Family, Thank you so much for all the birthday wishes. I am truly blessed to be able to work for such thoughtful friends. Sincerely, LeNelle."

Evening of Fun at a Calvary Home Fundraiser with CORRECT DATE

We're hoping to put a table together for this year's "Luminary Gala" fundraiser on <u>Friday evening</u>, April 19th, at Bleckley Station. Dinner is being provided by Sullivan's, and the cost for a seat at the Midway table of eight is \$35. We're halfway there, so if you'd like to help us fill the table, please text or email Linda. There will be a Silent Auction and an interesting program presented, which will shine a light on the darkness of childhood trauma and how Calvary Home has helped illuminate the lives of some youngsters in our community. Many of us attended last year and 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.

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Number of Lilies:	Amount Paid:
In Honor of:	
In Memory of:	
Given By:	