

**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**

**April 28, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

***“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.”***  
***~Matthew 13:24-25***

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**The Gathering**

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Rev. David Bailey
Announcements	Elder Dee Ashworth
Jar Offering	Anderson Pregnancy Center

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Like light that scatters the darkness,

**People: surely the Lord is in this place!**

Leader: Like wheat gathered up at the harvest,

**People: the kingdom of heaven is near!**

**Unison: Let us worship God in Spirit and in truth.**

## Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #63                      *“All Creatures of Our God and King”*

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You have claimed us as beloved children, but we forget that we belong to you alone. You have given us the Spirit of freedom, but we fall back into the spirit of fear. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us bear good fruit in the Spirit as a sign of your new creation, to the glory of your name. Now hear us as we offer our own confessions to you in the silence... Amen.

## \*Assurance of Pardon

### \*Passing the Peace

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

## \*Gloria Patri

## The Word

### Prayer for Illumination

**The Old Testament Reading**                      Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

**Anthem**                      *“We’ll Soon Be Done With Troubles”*                      The Choir

**The New Testament Reading**                      Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*“Herbicide”*

Rev. David Bailey

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #562                      *“Be Thou My Vision”*

### \*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 #797                      *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

### \*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Benediction #237                      *“Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”*

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace.*

*Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.*

*O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling thro’ this wilderness.*

\*Postlude                      *(\*Please stand in body or spirit.)*

April 28, 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.
	Worship, Fellowship, Christ Ed. & Vision Committee	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fri.	Set up for Spring Festival & bring baked goods	10:00 - Noon
Sat.	Spring Festival	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Dee Ashworth

**Head Usher**

Marilyn Martin

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

**Announcements**

**Our Jar Offering for April** will go to the Anderson Pregnancy Center. This local non-profit has been in SC for 34 years, and in 2023 the local Anderson office helped 267 women who were facing untimely pregnancies but were willing to give life to their precious babies. They've also facilitated 36 adoptions when the birth mother wasn't able to keep her baby.

At Midway we can support their efforts by our donations of money and supplies that will be provided to the mothers. Baby clothes, newborn diapers and wipes, baby lotion and diaper rash cream are always needed. If you can help, donations should be left in the boxes in the vestibule. All of us are able to help by keeping these struggling women and the organization that works to support them in our prayers.

**The Worship, Fellowship, Christ. Ed. & Vision Committees** will meet briefly today following Worship.

**Volunteers are needed to get ready for the Spring Festival** on Friday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Items for Saturday's Bake Sale should be dropped off at the Fellowship Hall on Friday between 10:00 a.m. and noon. Please let us know if you need to have baked goods picked up. Please be at the church no later than 10:00 a.m. on Saturday to set up for the Festival.

**Spring Festival at Midway Presbyterian Church**

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**\$5 Hot Dog Plates**

**Games Bingo Bake Sale**

**All hands will be needed on deck to make this event a success!**

**If at all possible, please plan to bake, help with the set up on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and help with the events on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bring family and friends to the hot dog cookout and enjoy the fun!**

**Rain Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank You.** *“Dear Midway Family, I want to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to me and Jacky this year. All the visits, cards, calls, memorial gifts, and prayers were truly appreciated. I want to especially thank the Parish Care Team for sending cards every week and Ginny Keiper for taking me places and making sure my needs were met. Love in Christ, Brenda Stamps.”*

**Save The Date for the next two Outings!**

**The next Lunch Bunch** get-together will be on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 at the Golden Corral. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for enjoyable fellowshiping.

**The Daytrippers** will be going to the Oasis Ranch Miniature Golf in Seneca on May 15, starting at 10:00 a.m. We will have lunch afterwards at either Crystal River or the Lighthouse on Lake Hartwell. Contact Terry Waddell if you are interested in participating.