

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
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Commissioned Deacon

Earle King

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John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."
~John 15:9*

The Service For the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Rev. Peggy Swann
Announcements	Elder Bob Bone
Jar Offering	The Shalom House

Responsive Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather to worship as people of Easter,

People: people who know Life is stronger than death.

Pastor: We gather to worship as children of God,

People: children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.

Pastor: We gather to worship as the body of Christ,

People: the church called out for service in the world.

Pastor: Easter people, Christ is risen!

Unison: Christ is risen indeed!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #82** *“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, whose love knows no bounds, forgive us when we fail to reflect your loving kindness. When we turn away from the goodness of your love, when we stumble over the gift of your grace, when we are certain that we are alone in the chaos of this world and cannot feel the flowing of your peace, call us back with the tender voice of a caring friend and show us of your love with the hands and feet of Christ, your love incarnate. 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 Epistle Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Anthem

“Songs of Calvary”

The Choir

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“As I Have Loved You”

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*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

*Doxology

*Communion Hymn #460 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Unison: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, for gifts of bread and sup and for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. We pray for your strength to prepare us now for your service as we offer to you lives of witness and worship in the world. Amen.

The Sending

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

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #664 *“Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”*

Take my life, lead me Lord, Take my life, lead me, Lord;

Make my life useful to Thee. Take my life, lead me Lord;

Take my life, lead me, Lord; Make my life useful to Thee.

*Postlude

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by new member, Linda Spoerry, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for her new church family.

May 5, 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.
	Community Life & Mission and Parish Care	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Wed.	Lunch Bunch @Golden Corral	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

Amy Morris

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthday

May 9 Bob Bone

Announcements

The Jar Offering for May will go to The Shalom House. This Christian ministry in Belton provides a safe, stable environment for women for long-term recovery after treatment for addition to alcohol and drugs.

The Community Life & Mission and Parish Care Committees will meet today following Worship.

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, May 8th, at 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Corral. Everyone is encouraged to join us for enjoyable fellowshiping.

Note: To save on lunch, don't arrive until 1:00 p.m. since the cost of lunch drops after 1:00 p.m.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, and we will receive the Annual Mother's Day Offering for charitable care provided at Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. This is the 70th year of the Mother's Day Offering, which supports the residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their savings and need assistance to remain in the place they call home.

We will not have Second Sunday Dinner next Sunday.

Save The Date

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 at Ye Olde Sandwich Shoppe in Seneca which is close to the golf course. The menu includes sandwiches, salads, soups – 100 items. Contact Terry Waddell if you are interested in participating.