

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.



Established 1833

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Worship Service

August 25, 2024

10:30 a.m.

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

***“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”
~Joshua 24:15***

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Bob Bone
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Family Promise

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Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 84*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed, it faints, for the courts of the Lord,
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Unison: O Lord of Hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #377 *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of our mothers and fathers, God who is revealed in Jesus Christ, you are a God who acts in history. Yet we confess that we are too busy with our own lives to perceive you at work in our time. We fall into fear and despair about our troubled world, as if you had no care for us. Forgive our lack of faith and help us to join you as you labor to bring new life on earth; help us reveal your presence. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Hear the good news! In Christ we are forgiven and called to take our part in revealing God’s redeeming love.

**People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives
in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!**

Unison: Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

*Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Scripture Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Anthem *“Be Strong in the Lord”* The Choir

The New Testament Scripture John 6:56-69

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“Eating for Life”* Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #621 *“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”*

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

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #662 *“With All My Heart”*

*With all my heart I want to love You, Lord, And live my life each day to know You more.
All that is in me is Yours completely; I’ll serve You only, with all my heart.*

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



The lovely flowers in the sanctuary this morning given to the Glory of God by Kent and Chrissie Saunders.

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Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Community Life & Mission & Worship, Fellowship, Christ Ed.	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Lunch Bunch @The Bistro, Cobbs Glen	12:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Bob Bone

Head Usher

Amy Morris

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthdays

August 26 Tom Waddell

30 Elnor Harrell

This Week's Anniversary

August 28 Ron & Marilyn Mamrick

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the month of August will go to Family Promise. This organization provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families with children in Anderson County.

In Anderson County, a high proportion of children, 30%, live below the poverty level, compared to the overall state poverty level of 19%. Our support of organizations like Family Promise can help make homelessness a distant memory instead of an ever-present threat for families with children. No child should be sleeping on the streets.

The Community Life & Mission & Worship, Fellowship & Christian Ed. Committees will meet today immediately following Worship.

Bingo Day will be Wednesday, August 28, at 1:00 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship, and bring your friends and family members.

Our Lunch Bunch get-together will be on Thursday, August 29th, at 12:30 at the Bistro at Cobbs Glen. Please let Linda Mylod know today if you are planning on attending so we can give them a head count.

The Church will have a workday from 9:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday, September 14. We will be washing windows, cleaning up the outdoor worship area, painting railing and concrete, cleaning gutters at the manse, removing cobwebs, and other fun stuff.

Festival Reminder

Please look through your decorative holiday décor to donate one or two items in mint condition for the bazaar part of our Fall Festival on October 5th. Ornaments will also be sold in case you have more than your tree can hold. It's been a tight year financially here at Midway and our semi-annual Festivals are helping to keep our Outreach efforts from falling off. Items can be left in the Fellowship Hall kitchen before Sunday, Sept. 15th, but the sooner the better, so we have sufficient time for pricing. Thank you for your support.

Calling All Members!

Our District 5 youngsters in the Homeless Kids program are in need of toiletries. They need shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash and deodorants. If you can find it in your heart to bring one or more of these *items to church, we'll make sure they find their way to District 5 immediately*. Mouthwash should be smaller bottles - preferably plastic - but the other items can be regular/full-size. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help with this immediate need.