

**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

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

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*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service**  
**September 1, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*“You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters:  
let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.”  
~James 1:19*

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**  
*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**The Gathering**

<b>Prelude</b>	Mrs. Beth Croft
<b>Introit</b>	The Choir
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	
<b>Greeting</b>	Elder Kent Saunders
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Jar Offering</b>	The Lot Project

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: In your wisdom, O God, you call us here to worship you.

**People: We gather, alive to the Word of God.**

Leader: You call us to be fully alive with your life abundant,  
ready to listen and respond with heart, soul, strength, and mind.

**People: We listen, alive to the Word of God.**

Leader: You call us to be always watchful for your Word of wisdom, sometimes startling  
and unexpected, sometimes still and quiet, but always dwelling among us.

**Unison: We watch and wait for the Word of God.**

## Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #112                      *“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from our conceit so we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

**Pastor:** The peace of God be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri

## The Word

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Scripture

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Anthem

*“Lamb of Glory”*

The Choir

The New Testament Scripture

James 1:17-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*“What Do You See?”*

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 #462                      *“Come, Share the Lord”*

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 cup, for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives. Receive what we give to you in response to the loving gift of Jesus so that we may be assured that you know of our love for you. Amen.**

## The Sending

\*Hymn #603                      *“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Choral Benediction #670                      *“Make Me a Blessing”*

*Make me a blessing; make me a blessing, Out of my life may Jesus shine.  
Make be a blessing, O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing to someone today.*

\*Postlude

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Bob Bone to the Glory of God and in gratitude of his and Bobbie's marriage which began September 3, 1955.

**September 1, 2024**

**Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship - Communion	10:30 a.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

<b><u>Elder</u></b>	<b><u>Head Usher</u></b>
Kent Saunders	Tom Waddell

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

**This Week's Birthdays**

**September 1 Marilyn Marrick**  
**5 Cindy Wentzky**

**Announcements**

**Our Jar Offering** for the first four Sundays in September will go to The LOT Project whose vision is to foster a community where our neighbors have access to basic needs, shelter, and the love of Jesus Christ. Every Tuesday & Thursday evening, together with volunteers and donors, a community meal is served and other basic needs are met for our homeless, transient, and housing-insecure neighbors. Shoes, coats, and blankets are also provided to those in need on the first Friday of every month.

**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.

*"Many hands make small work."*

**Fall Festival Supplies**

Any of our members who don't bake, don't have decor to donate, or can't stop in to support our Oct. 5th hot dog roast and bake sale, can still help this fundraiser by contributing to the supplies that are needed. 152 top-sliced hot dog buns (19 bags of 8) are needed for the event; they cost about \$3 a bag, unless we can find them on sale. If you'd like to supply some, please talk with Linda Mylod about delivering them on Oct. 4th, or if it's more convenient, donations are gratefully accepted, and the committee will purchase the buns at the appropriate time.

Great thanks to all the committee members who have purchased or signed up to purchase supplies for this fundraiser, which will make the event even more of a financial success. We'll be setting up on Friday, Oct. 4th, so please bring your baked goodies and all supplies that morning; decor donations must be brought to church by Sept. 15th. As many hands on deck as possible will be needed on Saturday, Oct. 5th, from 10:00 until 2:00, so join us for the fun of a fundraiser that weekend. And please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors!

**St John's Clothes Closet**, which helps our neighbors in need of decent clothing, is looking for donations, especially of athletic shoes, sandals, and men's clothes. Shoes for women need to be in the size 8 or larger range, and men's clothing can include underwear, socks and belts. Women's clothing in plus sizes is also needed. Winter clothing can't be accepted until after October 15<sup>th</sup> so please only bring shoes or light-weight items at this time. If you know anyone who hasn't cleaned out a clothes closet lately, please encourage them to look for possible donations to the Clothes Closet, If you bring the donations to the church, we'll get them to St. John's. Thank you.

**Thank You.** *"To Midway Presbyterian Church, I would like to thank you for the beautiful and touching card your church family sent us on the loss of our granddaughter, Madison, who died at an early age of 18 years old. On behalf of my friend Bob Bone, for telling you of our tragic loss. This goes to show that love has no color, it shows we love each other regardless. Again thanks, we love y'all and appreciate this gesture, Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to grieve. Much love, Frankie & Addie Austin."*