

**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  
September 8, 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

*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.*

*--Psalm 146:5-7*

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

**The Service For the Lord's Day**  
*Sixteenth 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 Dee Ashworth
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Jar Offering</b>	The Lot Project

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## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered to celebrate life's great gifts—

**People: To worship the Lord who is the source of them all:**

Leader: That the ears of the deaf may be opened—

**People: To hear the words of truth and beauty;**

Leader: That the tongues of us mute may be loosed—

**People: To speak the words of love and duty.**

Leader: The Lord seeks us.

**Unison: Come, let us seek the Lord.**

## Opening Prayer

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

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

You love us with open arms, O God. Forgive us when we do not put your love into practice; when we do not challenge the injustice around us; when we are not generous with the gifts we have to share, when we are slow to compassion and quick to judgment, when we contribute to the brokenness of the world instead of helping to make it whole. Forgive us, O God, of the ways we fall short. Free us to try again, and let your love lead the way. Amen.

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,  
our merciful God lifts our burdens from us.

**People: God removes the failures of our past and turns us to new life.**

Pastor: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Unison: Thanks be to God.**

### \*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**                      Isaiah 35:4-7

**Anthem**    *"Near to the Heart of God"*                      The Choir

**The New Testament Scripture**                      Mark 7:24-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**    *"Reversal"*                      Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #667    *"Lord, Speak to Me"*

\*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

### Rally Day Observance

### The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

## The Sending

\*Hymn #664    *"Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord"*

\*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.)*

September 8, 2024

**Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship – Rally Day	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Dinner	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Legacy Academy Parents’ Night	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Church Work Day	9:00 a.m. - Noon

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Dee Ashworth

**Head Usher**

Keith Wentzky

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

**This Week’s Birthday**

**September 13 Rita King**

**Announcements**

**Today we celebrate Rally Day.** The following Sunday School teachers and secretaries are being recognized: Contemporary Class—John & Donetta Dodwell, David Peters, and Tom Waddell; Earnest Workers’ Class—Dee Ashworth, Roz Rozakos, and Keith Wentzky; Secretaries: Bob Bone, Amy Morris, Linda Mylod, and Sammy Stevenson.

**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.

Everyone is invited to stay for our **Covered-Dish Dinner** today following Worship. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Buchanan Fishes and Loaves located at AIM.

**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.”*

**Mark Your Calendars.** September Lunch Bunch will meet at Fiesta Mexican Restaurant on Wednesday, September 25, at 12:30. Fiesta is located at 3626 N. Highway 81, in a small shopping plaza on your right, just before Concord Road when heading up 81 from Crestview Road. Plan to join us for some almuerzo y companerismo!

**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.

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. Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors!

**St John’s Clothes Closet** 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 bring the donations to the church, we’ll get them to St. John’s. Thank you.