

**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 15, 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

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

GINNY KEIPER

*I love the Lord because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.  
Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
~~Psalm 116:1-2*

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**  
*Seventeenth 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 Tom Waddell
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Jar Offering</b>	The Lot Project

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## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Look at the heavens!

**People: They are shouting the glory of God.**

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

**People: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.**

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

**Unison: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

## Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #143**                      *"This Is My Father's World"*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we come seeking forgiveness for when we have turned our backs on others and focused only on ourselves, for those times we have been quick to criticize and condemn instead of listening and acting with compassion. Call us away from our own voice and the voice of the world to hear only you, calling us to show that we are yours. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Pastor: The truth of God's amazing grace is this: while we were yet sinners,  
Christ died for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and offered new life.

**People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
The Spirit of the living Christ set us free.**

**Unison: Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*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 50:4-9

**Anthem**

*"The Lily of the Valley"*

The Choir

**The New Testament Scripture**

Mark 8:27-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*"Identity Matters"*

Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

**\*Hymn #724**

*"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*Heidelberg Catechism, 4.001*

**Our only comfort, in life and death, is that we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**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 #506**

*"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*

**\*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 15, 2024

**Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Session Meeting	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Country Place HOA	6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Tom Waddell

**Head Usher**

Marilyn Martin

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Linda Mylod

**This Week's Anniversary**

**September 21 Bill & Randi Rexroad**

**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.

**Newsletter Deadline.** If you have items for the October Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Thursday, September 19, 2024.

**FALL FESTIVAL UPDATE**

Thank you to those members who have generously donated supplies and money to purchase supplies for our fundraising hot dog roast on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We're in good shape for the supplies; next we'll need those wonderful baked goods. The women who staff the Bake Sale table tell me that small loaves of bread, cream pies, and large cookies or bars that can be sold in 2's or 4's, are most in demand. Since it's a Fall event, pumpkin-anything should go well. But if you have a favorite recipe, don't hesitate to make whatever you like. The baked goods must be brought to the church on Friday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup> at which time we'll need many hands on deck to set up the tables, so if you could spare an hour or two or three, it would be hugely appreciated. Of course, on Saturday we'll need even more hands on deck to fix the hot dog plates, sell the décor items and baked goods, so please do your best to be here for an hour or three or four ☺ that day too. It will be the last fundraiser of the year, and you know that the monies raised will help support our Outreach programs, which are always in need, especially with the increased cost of groceries and utilities this year. God will bless you for your continued support of our local charitable organizations.

**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!