

**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 22, 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

*The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*  
~~James 3:17-18

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Eighteenth 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 Bob Bone
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Jar Offering</b>	The Lot Project

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## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

**People: God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.**

Leader: We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

**People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.**

Leader: Let us praise this God of endless grace

**Unison: and offer our hearts' true worship.**

## Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #2                      *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

God, we are prone to think too highly of ourselves. We forget that it is you who are good. We forget that you call us to show your goodness. When we fall into arrogance, forgive us. When we allow our good intentions to stand in the way of your grace, forgive us. Empty us of all things that do not give glory to you, so we are ready to be filled with your love. 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 First Scripture Reading

James 3:13-18

Anthem

*"Alleluia"*

The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"Seeking Greatness"*

Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #407

*"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Confession of 1967, 9.07 & 9.10*

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we confess about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

**The risen Christ is the savior of all people. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as God's reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.**

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 #436

*"Freely, Freely"*

\*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 Roz Rozakos to the Glory of God and in honor of Linda Mylod on her birthday, September 23, and to thank her for all she does for Midway Church.

**September 22, 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.
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	Country Place HOA	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Lunch Bunch @Fiesta Mexican Restaurant	12:30 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Bob Bone

**Head Usher**

Amy Morris

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Linda Mylod Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

**This Week's Birthdays**

**September 23** Linda Mylod

**24** Cindy Evans

Carol Wentzky

**27** Terry Waddell

**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 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!

**A huge thank you** to the Building & Grounds Committee and others who worked diligently last Saturday cleaning the church entrance area, washing many, many windows, and painting/refreshing doors and railings. We're looking good thanks to your elbow grease.

**Thank You.** *"Midway made our father's funeral exceptional. Thank You! The Rosenberger Family."*

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to be held following Worship on Sunday, September 29. The purpose of the meeting is for the Congregation to elect three members to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee. The Session has elected Marilyn Mamrick and Tom Waddell, with Marilyn to Chair the Committee.

**FALL FESTIVAL in TWO WEEKS**

Please start planning your baked goods for the October 5<sup>th</sup> Bake Sale. 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. But if you have a favorite recipe, make whatever you like. The baked goods must be brought to the church **Friday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup>** and many hands will be needed to set up the tables, so if you could spare an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. If you need your baked goods picked up, please be in touch with Linda Mylod early next week. On Saturday we'll need 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 the monies raised will help support our Outreach programs. Thank you!