

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
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Established 1833

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Worship Service

October 6, 2024

10:30 a.m.

***Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!
You made your glory higher than heaven. --Psalm 8:1***

The Service For the Lord's Day

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday*

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Tom Waddell
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Safe Harbor
Congregational Meeting	

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Gathered in this sanctuary we are not a single congregation,

People: but part of all believers in every place.

Leader: On this day, we share not just a sacrament,

People: but a feast from every time, every place of faith.

Leader: On this day, God's people gather in house churches and cathedrals,

People: and on sandy beaches and under towering trees.

Leader: In Christ's love there is no East, no West, no North, no South.

Unison: Only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #300 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

United in your love, O God, we are one body across the globe. We are branches of one family whose roots run in the waters of grace. Still, O Lord, we do not act like one body. We find ways to distance ourselves with more than miles. We find ways to divide ourselves into endless groups of 'us' and 'them'. Again and again, you call us back to the waters; again and again, we turn away. Forgive us, uniting God, and by your forgiveness, challenge us to tend each other's wounds. 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

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer"

The Choir

The New Testament Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"There Once Was a Man"

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith *adapted from Confession of Belhar*

We believe in God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

*Doxology

*Communion Hymn #463 "I Will Remember Thee"

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

Holy God, we offer thanks, for all the saint's sharing this meal and the churches around the world gathered at this table. Unite us as children of your promise and send us into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

The Sending

*Hymn #734 "Be Strong in the Lord"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #568 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,

By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

*Postlude

(*Please stand in body or spirit.)



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Goetz Eaton to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carolyn on the anniversary of her birthday, September 29th.

October 6, 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.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Memorial Service for Elaine Gilmore	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	Country Place HOA	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Set-up for Fall Festival	10:00 a.m. - noon
Sat.	Blessing of the Animals	10:00 a.m.
	Fall Festival	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Tom Waddell

Head Usher

Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

Last Week & This Week's Birthdays

October 4 Peggy Swann
 6 Carolyn Warren
 11 Marilyn Martin
 Joey Morris

Announcements

Visitors, please fill out the orange cards in the pew rack so we will have a record of your attendance. **The yellow cards** in the pew rack are for prayer requests, etc. Please place completed cards in the Offering Plate.

Our Jar Offering for October will go to Safe Harbor of Anderson County, which provides safe shelter and advocacy services for victims of domestic violence and their children.

Today is World Communion Sunday and the Annual Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received this week. Please use the enclosed envelope for your donation.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to be held today. 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.

A Memorial Service for Elaine Gilmore will be held this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. Prior to the service, beginning at 11:30 a.m., there will be a visitation and reception time in the Fellowship Hall.

FALL FESTIVAL on SATURDAY!

Please bring baked goods for the October 12th sale to the Fellowship Hall on Friday morning between 10:00 and noon. Small loaves of bread, cream pies, and large cookies or bars are always a hit, but make your favorite recipe. We'll need some hands on deck to set up the Bake Sale tables, so if you could stay for an hour or two, that would be greatly appreciated. Call Linda Mylod if you need your baked goods picked up. On Saturday we'll need many more hands on deck to fix the hot dog plates and to sell the décor items and baked goods, so please try to be here for an hour or three that day. We promise it will be the last fundraiser of the year. ☺ Thank you!

A Blessing of the Animals Service will be held Saturday October 12, at 10:00 a.m. at the Outdoor Worship Center near the tennis court. There will be refreshments for the animals and people. Contributions will be accepted for the Animal Shelters of Anderson County.

The Administration & Finance Committee will meet on Sunday, October 13, immediately following Worship in the Church Office Activity Room.