

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

October 27, 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

*For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
~~Job 19:25*

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday*

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Kent Saunders
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Safe Harbor

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Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 46*

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People: God's love surrounds us every day; our God is merciful and gracious.

Leader: Turn your backs upon idols; worship the Holy One of Israel.

**People: Blessed are all who stand in awe before God;
happy are all who walk in his ways.**

Leader: The love of God has chosen us; the love of God unites us with all his people.

Unison: God is our judge and our source of life; God is our comfort and our refuge.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #225 *"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we admit that our sins have created barriers we cannot surmount. Our waywardness has brought us troubles with which we find it hard to deal. Difficulties we feel we do not deserve have left us paralyzed and unable to see the good you intend for us. Forgive us; help us throw off mantles of doubt and fear and see that all of creation is held in your care and we are set free to live in your love. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness.

People: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

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

People: 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 First Scripture Reading

Psalm 126

Anthem

"Farther Along"

The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Happy Endings?"

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #406

"Wonderful Words of Life"

*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

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Sending

*Hymn #151

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*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.)*



We are blessed with lovely flowers in the sanctuary this morning given to the Glory of God.

The flowers to your right are given by Sammy & Carol Wentzky in loving memory of Carol's father Robert Gilmore and her sister Elaine Gilmore on the anniversary of their birthdays, October 27th.

The flowers to your left are given by the Session in appreciation and gratitude for Peggy's dedication and care of our congregation this year.

October 27, 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. – 2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Kent Saunders

Head Usher

Tom Waddell

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

This Week's Birthday
November 1 Will Greer

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.

Reformation Sunday

Our faith is rooted in Jesus Christ, and we follow in the footsteps of those who first heard his call. Our denominational roots are in the Protestant Reformation that began in the 16th century. This Sunday commemorates a major event in that movement, the day Martin Luther presented his 95 theses about the church and its need to reform. We will sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God", written by Martin Luther and today's Call to Worship is drawn from Psalm 46, Luther's inspiration for this hymn.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

As Christians, we are part of a global community bound together in Jesus Christ. It is our call to care for one another and work for peace for all our neighbors whether next door or across the globe. This offering will be received Nov. 3rd and is used to promote peace in places where that does not prevail; 25% of this offering will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance specifically for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 3. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the report of the Officer Nominating Committee.

The Search Committee will meet next Sunday immediately following Worship.

The Cemetery Committee Meeting scheduled for November 3 has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 1.

Good Neighbor Cupboard NEEDS. With Thanksgiving only five weeks away, GNC is trying to stock up on the items our less-fortunate neighbors will need to make their family meal. If you're able to help, these are the most-needed items:

- 8.5 oz. Jiffy mix
- 16 or 32 oz. chicken broth
- Cream of chicken soup
- Pumpkin pie filling
- Other fruit pie filling
- Ready-fill pie crusts

The GNC folks also mentioned that women's hygiene products are always in short supply. Bless you for any help you may be able to provide.