

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
November 3, 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

*“See, I am making all things new.”
~~Revelation 21:5*

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day
*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints’ Day*

The Gathering

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

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Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come, saints of God, to a new heaven and earth,
to the holy city, God's new Jerusalem.

**People: The dwelling place of God is with humanity;
God wipes away the tears from our eyes.**

Leader: The earth is God's and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein.

People: Who shall ascend to the hill of God, and who shall stand in God's holy place?

Leader: All whose hands are clean and hearts pure
shall know God's vindication and blessing.

**Unison: We give thanks to God, who has qualified us
to share the inheritance of the saints.**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #503 *"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession *Revelation 21:1-6*

Living God, Alpha and Omega, you have prepared a new creation for us but we are unprepared for its coming. You have come to live among us but we rejected and crucified your love. You promise us that even death will pass away but we cling to sins and sorrows. Forgive us. Make us new. Pour out the gift of your grace from the spring of the water of life. 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 Isaiah 25:6-9

Anthem *"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"* The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Grief and Glory"* Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism: Question One

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

*Doxology

*Communion Hymn (See Insert) *"For All the Saints"*

All Saints' Remembrance

Litany (See Insert)

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

O God, in this feast you have made us one with Christ and the great multitude of saints.

Lead us in your way until we join the choir of all the redeemed before us. Amen.

The Sending

*Hymn (See Insert) *"Lift High the Cross"*

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #789 *"In All Things Give Him Thanks"*

And in all things give Him thanks, And in all things let our gratitude shine through,

And in all things give Him thanks For He has given all thing unto you.

*Postlude *(*Please stand in body or spirit.)*

November 3, 2024

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

<u>SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK</u>		
Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship - Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Congregational Meeting	
	Search Committee	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sat.	Clean Kitchen Cupboards	10:00 a.m. - noon

On Call: Elder: Tom Waddell 864-517-5104		
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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

This Week's Birthday

November 8 Sammy Stevenson

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 November will go to the Salvation Army in Anderson. The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by the love of God; and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name.

Thank You. *“Dear Session and Congregation of Midway Presbyterian, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and gift certificate to Sullivan's you gave me last week. I was totally surprised. It has been wonderful to get to know you, the wonderful people of this congregation. Working and worshiping with you during these months has been a joy. With love and gratitude, Peggy.”*

All Saints’ Day was November 1st, a day set aside to give thanks and glory to God for the people of faith who have lived ordinary holy lives in this and every age. It is an appropriate time to give thanks for the lives of those who passed away during the previous year. Today we remember those from this congregation.

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| January 2, 2024 | Frances H. Wentzky |
| January 9, 2024 | Jacky R. Stamps |
| February 19, 2024 | Ruth W. Stevenson |
| March 21, 2024 | Ivy Preuss |
| June 12, 2024 | Elaine Gilmore |
| June 25, 2024 | Earle King, Jr. |

The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received today 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.

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

The Search Committee will meet today immediately following Worship.

Our Thanksgiving Meal will be next Sunday. The turkey will be furnished but we’re asking that you bring side dishes and desserts. Please see Dee Ashworth, Marilyn Mamrick or Terry Waddell for a sign-up sheet.

All volunteers are welcome to help with the cleaning of the church kitchen cupboards on Saturday, November 9, from 10:00 a.m. – noon.

Good Neighbor Cupboard NEEDS. With Thanksgiving only four 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:

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| 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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2024

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season you may order poinsettias as a memorial or honorarium by filling out the form below. **The cost is \$7.00.** **Please return form to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment by November 24th.** **Payment MUST be included with request (make checks payable to Midway Presbyterian Church).**

Number of Poinsettias: _____ **Amount Paid:** _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____