

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
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
November 24, 2024
10:30 a.m.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
~~Revelation 1:8

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

The Gathering

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

Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 95*

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Leader: In his hands are the depths of the earth, the heights of the mountains are his also.

People: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**Unison: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #790 *“We Gather Together”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, hope with the sick, justice with the oppressed, joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and in every time between. 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 Revelation 1:4-8

Anthem *“Give Thanks”* The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading John 18:33-37

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *“A Reign of Love”* Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #797 *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

*Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 2:5-11*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 #794 *“Let All Things Now Living”*

*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 things unto you.*

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



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Cindy Evans to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Bill and Irene Reed.

November 24, 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.	Diligently Going Deeper Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy Thanksgiving Break	
Thurs.	Thanksgiving Day	
Sat.	Decorate Church for Christmas	10:00 a.m. - Noon

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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 26 Jerry Swann

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.

Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, November 30, from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Refreshments will be available.

The Cemetery Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, December 1, immediately following Worship.

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held December 8, 2024. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee to nominate and elect John Dodwell to the Session for a 3-year term, and also to hear the 2024 Annual Report. The 2025 Budget will be presented.

Save the Date!

Our Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a catered meal, subsidized by the church budget, and will cost members and their guests just \$5 per person. Catering will be provided by Redwood Catering. The menu will include fried chicken, ham, dressing & gravy, mac & cheese, yams, green beans, and desserts—strawberry shortcake & banana pudding.

We’re going to have a Santa Swap at the party, which no one is obligated to participate in. But if you would like to participate, please bring a \$10 wrapped gift with you. Suggestions would be for gift cards, candy, fun or practical items. Besides the Santa Swap, we’ll collect food items for Good Neighbor Cupboard. Please limit these items to any of the following: boxed Rice-a-Roni or mac & cheese; stuffing mixes; muffin mixes; or Bear Creek soup mixes. Let’s share some Christmas joy with our Anderson neighbors who might be struggling financially.

Great thanks to Terry for once again arranging for our Christmas party. We hope to see everyone there.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 13, - 5:30 p.m.

If you are planning on attending the Christmas Party, please fill out the following form and drop in the offering plate.

Name: _____
Number of Guests: _____
Amount Paid: _____

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 TODAY **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: _____