

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
December 1, 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)

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Bob Harrell	Dee Ashworth	Bob Bone
Marilyn Mamrick	Marilyn Martin	Kent Saunders
Tom Waddell	Amy Morris	

***“Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire”?
~~Daniel 3:24***

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

First Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Tom Waddell
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest Women’s Ministries

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Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

People: the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People: That the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Unison: Let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Tommy and Gail Alewine

*Hymn #244 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the future: you are coming in power to bring nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom. We have lived casual lives, and ignored your promised judgment. Judge us, O God, for we have been slow to serve you. Forgive us, for the sake of our faithful servant Jesus, our Savior, whose triumph we want and early await. Now hear us as we each confess our own sins to you in the silence...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 New Testament Scripture Luke 21:25-36

Anthem "I Cannot Tell" The Choir

The Old Testament Scripture Daniel 3:1, 8-30

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God Brings Life, Even in Fiery Furnaces"

Dr. David Bailey

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #408

"How Firm a Foundation"

*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 #435

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #263

"What Can I Give Him?"

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;

If I were a wiseman I would do my part;

Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.

*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.

December 1, 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.
	Cemetery Committee	
Wed.	Search Committee	2:00 p.m.

On Call: Elder: Tom Waddell

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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

December 5 Kathy Gilmore

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 the first four Sundays in December will go to Under His Wings Women's Ministry, a division of Haven of Rest. This is a Bible-based discipleship program and ministry that is designed to rescue, restore, and release women facing life-dominating problems related to addiction and homelessness. Their goal is to see every program participant will have immediate needs met, find freedom from addictions, and hope in a new life with Christ.

The Cemetery Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall today immediately following Worship.

Advent devotionals are available in the vestibule and on the table in the hallway behind the choir loft. Please take one copy per family.

The Search Committee will meet Wednesday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m.

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.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – PLEASE SIGN UP & INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT

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: _____