

**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**

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*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service**  
**December 8, 2024**  
**10:30 a.m.**

*“Because of our God’s deep compassion,  
the dawn from heaven will break upon us,  
to give light to those who are sitting in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide us on the path of peace.”*  
~~Luke1:78-79

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**The Gathering**

<b>Prelude</b>	Mrs. Beth Croft
<b>Introit</b>	The Choir
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	
<b>Greeting</b>	Elder Dee Ashworth
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Minute for Mission</b>	Eddie Capps, Haven of Rest
<b>Jar Offering</b>	Haven of Rest Women’s Ministries
<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

**People:** A choir sings in the silence, "Come, Emmanuel."

Leader: Every valley shall be filled.

**People:** Every heart shall be made whole.

Leader: For peace is stronger than turmoil;

**Unison:** and love is louder than hate.

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kitty Burge and Linda Mylod

\*Hymn #245 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

Cleansing God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond. A voice tells us to turn around, but we prefer our own ways. You seek to purify us in love, but we constantly elude your search for us. Our sin leads us in other directions, away from you, away from life. Look on us with mercy. Clear a place within our hearts so something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ. 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** Malachi 3:1-4

**Anthem** "Emmanuel" The Choir

**The Second Scripture Reading** Luke 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

"Preparations"

Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn (See Insert #106) "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

### \*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

(See Insert #90) "Wait for the Lord"

## The Sending

\*Hymn (See Insert #105) "People, Look East"

### \*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.)

December 8, 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	
Mon.	Diligently Going Deeper Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	Legacy Academy Christmas Party	2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Church Christmas Party	5:30 p.m.

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**Those Serving Our Church**

**Elder**

Dee Ashworth

**Head Usher**

Marilyn Martin

**Sunday School Secretaries**

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Linda Mylod

**This Week's Birthday**

**December 11 Linda Hawkins**

**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 have her immediate needs met, find freedom from addictions, and hope in a new life with Christ.

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

**Thornwell** is a residential home in Clinton, SC for children in need and a ministry to children and families throughout the state. If you would like to make a donation to this ministry, envelopes are available in the vestibule and may be placed in the offering plate.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY – LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP**

**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 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.

**Lickville Presbyterian Church** is inviting us to join with them for an **Advent Service** at noon on Thursday, December 19. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone needs a ride, please see Linda Mylod.