

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 15, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

The Church Staff

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| 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

*“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”
~~Isaiah 12:5-6*

Treasurers

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| John Dodwell | Disbursing Treasurer |
| Linda Mylod | Receiving Treasurer |

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Third Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

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

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Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

People: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice before God.

Leader: The world says, "Worry,"

People: and we say, "Rejoice."

Leader: The news says, "Fear,"

People: and we say, "Rejoice."

Leader: May our souls magnify God's name;

Unison: and may our spirits rejoice in God's gift of the Christ child.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Ray & Ginny Keiper

*Hymn #240 *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, and too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 Zephaniah 3:14-20

Anthem *"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"* The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Sing with God"

Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

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

*Affirmation of Faith *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.19*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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 #249 *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*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 15, 2024

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

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| Sunday | Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Session Meeting | |
| Tues. | Legacy Academy Christmas Break Begins | |
| Thurs. | Advent Service @Lickville | 11:00 a.m. |

On Call: Elder: Bob Bone 864-225-8600

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Those Serving Our Church

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| <u>Elder</u> | <u>Head Usher</u> |
| Bob Bone | Amy Morris |

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Linda Mylod Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday
December 19 John Dodwell

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 will meet today in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.

Lickville Presbyterian Church is inviting us to join with them for an **Advent Service** at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 19. A light lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone needs a ride, please see Linda Mylod.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the January Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Friday, December 20, 2024.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service will be held Wednesday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your family and friends for this truly meaningful service. **The Annual Christmas Joy Offering**, which honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in a time of need and equally supports future church leaders of color at Presbytery-related schools and colleges, will be received. If you cannot be there that evening, you may contribute December 22 or December 29.