

**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 22, 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

*“And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”  
~~Luke 1: 46-47*

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Fourth 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 Kent Saunders
<b>Announcements</b>	
<b>Jar Offering</b>	Haven of Rest Women’s Ministries

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## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Not in the mighty places of power, but in little Bethlehem, in a room out back:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Not born in nobility and wealth, but of Mary and Joseph,  
who pondered and planed wood:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Not announced by prophets, priests, and kings but by two women,  
who were the first to know:

**People: The Messiah is coming.**

Leader: Nothing will be impossible for God, when and where we least expect it,  
look among straw and the stars:

**Unison: The Messiah is coming.**

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

Will Greer and Cindy Wentzky

\*Hymn #271                      *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”*

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Christ, our Lord, though we have heard Mary’s song, we still seek security in pride, power, and possessions. Though we know your story we still pass by the neighbor in need, the hungry, the outcast, and homeless, forgetting this is where we will find you. Forgive us, help us to work for the justice you intend and make us messengers of peace. As we wait for you, turn us toward acts of love and service. 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**

Micah 5:2-5

**Anthem**

*“O Holy Night!”*

The Choir

**The Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:39-55

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*“Beyond Limitations”*

Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

\*Hymn #281

*“What Child Is This?”*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*from a Brief Statement of Faith*

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.*

*In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”*

## 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 #277

*“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*

\*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 Jim Ginn to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil and in gratitude of their marriage which began December 21, 1958.

**December 22, 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.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Christmas Day	

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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

**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.

**Congratulations to Kathryn Amelia Ginn** on earning her doctorate degree in physical therapy from Anderson University. Kathryn is the granddaughter of Jim Ginn.

**Thank You.** *"Dear Earnest Workers Class, Thank you so much for the lovely fruit basket, I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Love, Brenda Stamps."*

**Our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service** will be held Tuesday, 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.

**Contributions** need to be in by Sunday, December 29, 2024 to be included on your giving statement for 2024.