

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 29, 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

*“The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overtake it.”
~~John 1:5*

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

Ginny Keiper

The Service For the Lord’s Day

First Sunday of Christmas

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Tom Waddell
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Blue Dragonfly

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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:

People: Let us go to find the Savior!

Leader: Let us go with the wise ones:

People: Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Leader: Let us go with the poor and humble:

People: Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Leader: Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.
Come let us worship, come let us adore him.

Unison: Christ the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #282** *"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we are a distracted people and forgetful of your love. We make selfish choices, hurt each other, and perpetuate injustice in your world. We have sinned against you. Forgive our disregard of you, each other, and your creation. By the power of your Spirit, forgive, restore, and strengthen us to live in your light and walk in your truth, through 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 Ephesians 3:1-10

Anthem *"That Beautiful Name"* The Choir

The Second Scripture Reading John 1:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *"Light"* Rev. Peggy Swann

Responding to the Word

Ordination & Installation of Officers

***Hymn #256** *"Love Has Come!"*

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 #284** *"The Birthday of a King"*

***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 to the Glory of God and in considerable appreciation to Peggy Swann for her loving dedication and great care of our congregation throughout the past year.

December 29, 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.
	Ordination & Installation of Officers	
	Presentation of the 2025 Budget	
Wed.	Search Committee Meeting	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Undecorate Church	10:00 a.m.

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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

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 Fifth Sunday Jar Offering today will go to Blue Dragonfly whose mission is to help juvenile victims of human trafficking via advocacy, education, outreach, awareness and resources.

Today we install Roz Rozakos to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2026 and John Dodwell to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2027. Also we ordain and install Chrissie Saunders to the Office of Elder in the Class of 2027.

The Search Committee will meet Thursday, January 2, at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to help undecorate the church on Saturday, January 4, at 10:00 a.m.

The Session will meet next Sunday, January 5, immediately following Worship.

Our next Bingo will be Wednesday, January 8, at 1:00 p.m. This is a great time to fellowship with members and guests and have fun as well.

Thank You notes were received from the following:

To the Earnest Workers' Class. *"Thank you very much for the fruit basket. I hope each of you have a pleasant Christmas and many happy and healthy days in the new year. Pray for peace. Sincerely, Anna May Potter."*

"Dear Midway Church Family, I would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and visits. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Love in Christ, Rita King."

"Dear Friends and Family at Midway, I want everyone at Midway to know I love you and your kindness. I miss seeing you and joining in your services. I hope you all have a joyful holiday season! A special hello to: Beth Croft, Linda Mylod, Randi & Bill Rexroad, Ginny Keiper & others I may have forgotten. Thanks for all you did to help Elaine during her time of need! Love, Kathy Gilmore."

Flower Chart for 2025. Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Sunday Morning Worship Service are a beautiful way to thank, praise, and glorify God; celebrate a birthday or anniversary; honor a special person or persons; or beautify the sanctuary in memory of a loved one.

If you sign up on the Flower Calendar (on bulletin board in Education Building), please let LeNelle know if you will be bringing the flowers or if you would like her to order them for you and also give her instructions for the wording in the bulletin. The ordered flowers will be delivered to the church at a **cost of \$35.00**. To pay for the arrangement, make your check payable to Midway WOC, mark it "Flowers" and mail it to Midway Presbyterian Church, 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC.