

**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**

(Clerk)

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Dee Ashworth	Bob Bone	John Dodwell
Marilyn Martin	Roz Rozakos	Chrissie Saunders
Amy Morris	Kent Saunders	

**Treasurers**

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

**Parish Nurse**

Ginny Keiper

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*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Worship Service**

**January 5, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

***“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.”  
~~Matthew 2:2***

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

**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>Jar Offering</b>	Quiet Fund

## Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: We have seen a star in the East!

**People: God is with us. Light has come!**

Leader: We have heard the songs of angels.

**People: God is with us. Love has come!**

Leader: Now we follow the light into the world.

**Unison: God is with us Christ has come!**

## Opening Prayer

**\*Hymn #293**                    *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, wondrous star, light no darkness can overcome, drive out the sin in our hearts. Forgive us for turning from your way, for denying your truth, for resisting the life you would have us live. Refresh us and restore us. Focus us on the brilliant light of Jesus Christ that we may see him more clearly, this day and every day. 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**                    Matthew 2:1-12

**Anthem**    *“What Wondrous Love is This”*    The Choir

**The Second Scripture Reading**                    Matthew 2:13-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**    *“Light in the Darkness”*    Rev. Peggy Swann

## Responding to the Word

**\*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

\*Doxology

**\*Communion Hymn #462**                    *“Come, Share the Lord”*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.                    **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.                    **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Unison: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

**Unison Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Having been fed with the bread of life and renewed for your service, let our lives show the light of your love reaching out into the world. Amen.**

## The Sending

**\*Hymn #811**    *“Another Year Is Dawning”*

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction #564**                    *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

*Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea.*

*Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**\*Postlude**    *(\*Please stand in body or spirit.)*

January 5, 2025

**Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events**

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Session Meeting	
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 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 Birthdays**

January 5 Tommy Alewine

Dee Ashworth

8 Anna May Potter

**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 January will go to the Quiet Fund.** This fund helps members of the church who find themselves in significant financial difficulty. And its use is always kept confidential.

**Pulpit Supply for January**

January	5	-	Peggy Swann
January	12	-	Mel Davis
January	19	-	Will Nickles
January	26	-	David Bailey

**Bingo Day** 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.

**Our next Lunch Bunch** gathering will be on Thursday, January 16, at 12:30 p.m. at Boondocks Restaurant, 3819 N. Highway 81. It's on your left heading North, just past the light at the intersection of Concord/Hopewell Roads.

**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.