

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

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 19, 2025
10:30 a.m.

***Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”,
so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them,
“Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”
They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted
the water that had been turned into wine.
~~John 2:7-9a***

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder John Dodwell
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Quiet Fund

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Unison: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #104 *“O Worship the King”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Merciful God, who forgives those who seek your righteousness, we come confessing our sins. So many times we fail to live as your children, created in your image. We lack your vision to see a world full of peace, hope and love. And our world suffers because we fail to do your will. Forgive us we pray. Lift our eyes beyond the here and now. Help us see a future full of your glory, a world where there is no more hunger, and a church that is ready to serve others in your name. 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

Old Testament Scripture

Isaiah 62:1-5

Anthem

“His Name is Life”

The Choir

New Testament Scripture

John 2:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Turning Stone Jars into Vessels of Grace”

Rev. Will Nickles

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #688

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*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

The Sending

*Hymn #562

“Be Thou My Vision”

*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.)*



We are blessed with lovely flowers in the sanctuary this morning:

The flowers to your right are given to the Glory of God by John & Donetta Dodwell in honor of their 52nd wedding anniversary, today.

The flowers to your left are given to the Glory of God by Frank & Joyce Wentzky in honor of their 69th wedding anniversary, January 14th.

January 19, 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.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On Call: Elder: John Dodwell 864-933-5144
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LeNelle's e-mail: lenelle@midwaypres.org

Those Serving Our Church

Elder **Head Usher**
John Dodwell Linda Mylod

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

Last Week's Birthday

January 16 David Peters

This Week's Birthdays

January 23 Kitty Burge
 24 Sammy Wentzky

Last Week's Anniversary

January 14 Frank & Joyce Wentzky

This Week's Anniversary

January 19 John & Donetta 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 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.

Our Christian sympathy and love are expressed to Bob Harrell and family upon the death of Elnor on Monday, January 13, 2025.

We Welcome Rev. Will Nickles to our Worship service today. Will grew up in Hartsville and graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Architecture in 1986, but in 1995 entered Columbia Theological Seminary and graduated in 1998 with a Masters of Divinity. He was ordained and installed at the Belton Presbyterian Church where he served as pastor until 2003. Since that time, Will has served Foothills Presbytery in various positions. He also devotes time to his design work and woodworking pursuits. He is married to Mary Nickles, Director of Anderson Senior Follies, and together they have two wonderful adult daughters Blake and Callie, both of whom currently live in Virginia.

The Worship, Fellowship, and Christian Ed. Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall today immediately following Worship.

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the February Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Updated Directories

It's a New Year, and we need a new, updated church directory. There's a copy in the vestibule, if you want to check your info and picture. If there are any changes, especially to your landline or cell phone number, please send them to LeNelle as soon as possible. If you'd like a new picture taken, please see Linda Mylod at any service, and she'll take one to send to LeNelle. After the updates are completed, a new directory will be distributed to all the members.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has set up a fund for donations for victims of the California wildfires. If you would like to contribute, make your checks out to Midway but mark them for Wildfire Relief.