

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

<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 (Clerk)
Amy Morris	Kent Saunders	

Treasurers

John Dodwell	Disbursing Treasurer
Linda Mylod	Receiving Treasurer

Parish Nurse

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Established 1833

MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service

March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*“Tax collectors also came to be baptized.
‘Teacher,’ they asked, ‘what should we do?’
‘Don’t collect any more than you are required to,’ he told them.”
~~Luke 3:12-13*

The Service For the Lord’s Day

First Sunday in Lent

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Kent Saunders
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Calvary Home for Children

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

People: whose confidence is in God.

Leader: They will be like a tree planted by the water,

People: sending out roots by the stream.

Leader: The tree does not fear when the heat comes,

People: its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

Leader: So come, let us place our trust in God!

Unison: Let us live in blessed faith together!

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #11 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive us for our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us a faith that we might be firmly planted on your promises, released from sins, and open to the life you have shown us in 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 Scripture Reading

Luke 3:7-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Mansion Over the Hilltop”

The Choir

Sermon

“The Voice of a Tax Collector”

Rev. Mel Davis

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #563

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

*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 #604

“I Then Shall Live”

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #557

“Seekers of Your Heart”

*Lord, we want to know You, Live our lives to show You All the love we owe You –
We’re seekers of Your heart, Seekers of Your heart.*

*Postlude

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

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Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Second Sunday Dinner	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.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: Kent Saunders 765-617-2134
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Those Serving Our Church

Elder **Head Usher**
Kent Saunders Marilyn Martin

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Linda Mylod Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday
March 10 LeNelle Chastain

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.

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If you can't join us for lunch but would like to donate to the 2 cents/meal collection, just note it and leave it in the offering plate. These monthly donations support the local food banks that help our brothers and sisters who are in need of groceries. Thanks for caring and sharing.

Lenten Service

On Thursday, March 19, at 11:00 a.m., Midway will host a Lenten FACE-UP Service. A lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Informational meeting on the round-a-bouts on Midway Road.

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Lunch Bunch Report. Eighteen members and three friends enjoyed good fellowship and a good lunch at the Coach House Restaurant last week – the largest group we've had yet. We won't gather in March, due to Lent, but will meet on Thursday, April 24th, at a location TBD. If you have suggestions for an area restaurant that can accommodate a group of 12 to 18, please let Linda Mylod know. We're always happy to try new places.

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