

**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**

Ginny Keiper

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*Established 1833*

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

**Worship Service**

**May 4, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

***When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”***  
***~~John 20:19***

**The Service For the Lord’s Day**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**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>	The Shalom House

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader; Sing a song to our strong God!  
People: Anthems from the choir, music from the band.  
Leader: Shout your praises to God, everybody!  
People: Play sweet sounds on the lute.  
Leader: Play the harp, the trumpet, and the trombone as well.  
Unison: Play music, shout and sing to praise our God today and always!

Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #370 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

\*Call to Confession

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

O God, we should be singing your praises instead we raise our voices in anger. We should be making music that proclaims our love for you and for one another, but we toot our own horn because we are self-centered and lacking in grace. Forgive us, O, God and fill us with your holy spirit so we may be instruments of divine love through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

Pastor: The peace of God be with you.  
People: And also with you.

\*Gloria Patri

The Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Scripture Psalm 30 (selected verses)  
Anthem “The Way of the Cross Leads Home” The Choir  
The New Testament Scripture John 20:10-31  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Three Lessons” Elizabeth Jones, CRE

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 #413 “Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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The Invitation  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer  
The Words of Institution  
The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

Unison Prayer after Communion

Almighty God we give you thanks for Jesus Christ the Bread of Heaven, the Cup of Salvation; the Water of Life. We thank you that through this joyful feast we have been united with all of your children in every time and place. Send us out into the world strengthened with this sacred meal to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Amen.

The Sending

\*Hymn #664 “Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”  
\*Charge and Blessing  
\*Choral Benediction #669 “Make Me a Servant”  
Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant,  
make me a servant, Make me a servant today.  
\*Postlude (\*Please stand in body or spirit.)

May 4, 2025

Calendar of Activities and Upcoming Events

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship - Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Called Session Meeting	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Kent Saunders

Head Usher

Amy Morris

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Linda Mylod Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week’s Birthday

May 9 Bob Bone

Announcements

**Our Jar Offering for May** will go to The Shalom House. This Christian ministry in Belton provides a safe, stable environment for women for long-term recovery after treatment for addition to alcohol and drugs.

**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.

**There will be a brief Called Session Meeting** today immediately following Worship to elect a Commissioner to attend the Foothills Presbytery Meeting on May 17, 2025, at Westminster, Greenville.

**Next Sunday we will receive the Mother’s Day Offering.** Our congregation will continue this tradition of caring that touches the lives of seniors in need. With our support, residents with financial need will be able to continue to call Presbyterian Communities “home” and know that they are truly cared for and not forgotten. Thank you.

We **will not** have Second Sunday Dinner next week.

**Contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** came to \$385.00. Thanks to all who gave.

**Good Neighbor Cupboard.** With summer school vacations looming large, our friends at Good Neighbor Cupboard need to start stocking up on cereals and peanut butter. Children who usually get breakfast at school will now be home and in need of breakfast foods. Pop tarts are usually a hit with youngsters too. If you can add one item a week to your grocery shopping list and bring these donations to the church, we’ll be able to help some of our local children in this way. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendars:

Bingo – Wednesday, May 21

Lunch Bunch – Thursday, May 22 – Dolce Vita