

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

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Established 1833

**MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Worship Service

September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. I am the vine,
you are the branches. Those who abide in me and me in them
bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
~~John 15:1, 5*

The Service For the Lord’s Day

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Dee Ashworth
Announcements	
Minute for Mission	The Lot Project
Jar Offering	The Lot Project

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Come into God’s presence with joy and thanksgiving.

People: Praise God with your voices and your hearts.

Leader: Gather to celebrate the feast of the Lord.

People: Gather with all from north to south and west to east;
gather with believers in every time and place.

Leader: To be fed with the bread of life, and to drink deeply from
the cup of salvation filled with the fruit of the vine.

Unison: Praise the Lord, the Lord’s name be praised!

Opening Prayer

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

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

O, God we are sinful people. We abuse your love for us and ridicule our neighbors; we are deaf to your Word and your will. We beg your mercy O, God when we turn from those in need and focus on ourselves and our selfish desires. We plead your forgiveness when we ignore injustice; when we do not speak for those who have no voice. We appeal to you to free us from stubbornness and our refusal to learn from our mistakes. Open our souls to the wideness of your forgiving grace through Christ Jesus our Lord and 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

Anthem “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” The Choir

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading John 15:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“I Am the Vine”

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 #671 “Something for Thee”

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 True Vine, the Bread of Heaven; 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 bear good fruit for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Sending

*Hymn #664 “Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord”

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction #442 “Each One, Reach One”

Each one can reach one; As we follow after Christ we all can lead one;

We can lead one to the Savior; Then together we can tell the world that Jesus is the way –

If we each one reach one.

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



We are blessed with two lovely flower arrangements in the sanctuary this morning:

The flowers to your right are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Linda Barnes. The flowers to your left are given by Mr. Goetz Eaton to the Glory of God and in gratitude of his and Carolyn's marriage which began September 1, 1957.

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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.
	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting	
Mon.	Scouts	5:00 p.m.
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
	Legacy Academy – Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On Call: Elder: Dee Ashworth 864-309-6143
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Those Serving Our Church

Elder

Dee Ashworth

Head Usher

Keith Wentzky

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

This Week's Birthday

September 13 Rita King

Announcements

Our Jar Offering today will go to The Lot Project whose vision is to foster a community where our neighbors have access to basic needs, shelter, and the love of Jesus Christ.

The Jar Offering is a way of honoring someone on their birthday, anniversary or as a praise to prayer.

Visitors, please fill out the white 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.

The Administration/Finance Committee will meet today immediately following Worship.

Our Second Sunday Dinner will be held next Sunday, September 14. This is a covered dish, so please bring your favorite dishes to share. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Buchanan Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry which provides non-perishable food as well as groceries to the less fortunate in the community.

The Session will meet on Sunday, September 21.

You are all invited to a Faith and Fellowship breakfast on Sunday September 21st at 9:30. You don't have to bring anything. The coffee, fruit, pastries, etc. will all be provided. Please let Elizabeth know if anyone has dietary restrictions and what you would like to add to the menu so you can eat with us.

We will gather first for good food and good conversation and then Elizabeth will tell you some more about her on-going project of collecting faith stories and will share some of the stories she has collected over the years. The hope is you will be inspired to share your story as a way of continuing the spread of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Your story is after all a witness to Jesus' love and grace, and it is threads in the tapestry of lives lived in faithful witness to that love and grace. Elizabeth will have a handout with some questions that might help you get your thoughts in order and give you a starting point. She will also share a story with you that was the product of a different approach to writing by someone who is a great story teller, but doesn't like to write.

It would be great if you would let LeNelle or Elizabeth know if you are planning to attend. That way we'll be sure to get enough food!

The Mission Committee has two area rugs available for anyone interested. If you would like to see these rugs, please see Linda Mylod following the Worship service today.

Mulch for the Playground!

We will be spreading mulch on Friday, September 12, between 9:00 a.m. and noon and on Saturday, September 13, from 9:00 a.m. till? If you would like to help or share a wheelbarrow, either or both will be appreciated.

During September the Community Life & Mission Committee will collect items for Family Promise. Needed supplies are:

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Feminine hygiene products