

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 14, 2025
10:30 a.m.

***“So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off,
his father saw him and was filled with compassion;
he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.”
~~Luke 15:20***

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Bob Bone
Announcements	
Jar Offering	The Lot Project

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of love and faithfulness.

People: We gather to worship you today.

Leader: We come into the presence of the Lord with joy.

People: We come into God’s house with thanksgiving.

Leader: By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be renewed and revived.

Unison: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, we bless your name now and forever.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #43 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

For failing to love others as you have loved us; God forgive us. For wasting your gifts, for always wanting more, for not giving as you give; God forgive us. For fearing those who are different and ignoring those in need; God have mercy on us. For losing heart, abandoning hope and turning away from you; God of grace, grant us your pardon. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ we pray. 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 “Just a Little Talk with Jesus” The Choir

Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Prodigal Again?” Elizabeth Jones, CRE

Responding to the Word

*Affirmation of Faith A Brief Statement

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father, In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*Hymn #406 “Wonderful Words of Life”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Music

*The Doxology

The Sending

*Hymn #593 “Where He Leads Me”

*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.)



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Carla Bararo to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Virginia Becker.

September 14, 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.
	Second Sunday Dinner	
Tues.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

On Call: Elder: Bob Bone 864-225-8600
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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>
Bob Bone	Linda Mylod

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Linda Mylod

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.

Everyone is invited to join us for our Second Sunday Dinner. The 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering will be received for Buchanan Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

Bingo Day will be Wednesday, September 17, at 1:00 p.m. This is a time of fun and fellowship with members of our church and community. Make plans to join in the fun.

The Session will meet next Sunday, September 21.

You are all invited to a Faith and Fellowship breakfast on Sunday September 21st at 9:30. 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.

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

Thank You. *"To the beloved Midway Church Members, Our family was comforted beyond measure by your compassion before and after Frank's passing into eternal life with Jesus. We thank all of you who visited him at NHC and Hospice. He truly loved you. And a heartfelt message of gratitude for the sacred service and reception and for all who blessed us with kindness and nourishment. In Christian love, Joyce Wentzky"*

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the October Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Friday, September 19, 2025.

Date Change: The Daytrippers & Lunch Bunch will go to Hendersonville, NC for apples and lunch on Wednesday, September 24. Watch next week's bulletin for more information.

During September the Community Life & Mission Committee will collect items for Family Promise and The Lot Project. Needed supplies are: toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene items, etc. The Lot Project also accepts clothing, including shoes, belts and hats as long as it's clean, gently used and seasonally appropriated. Keep them in mind if you're going through y our Fall/winter items soon and find things that you hardly ever wear. They could be a blessing to an Anderson person in need.