

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
November 16, 2025
10:30 a.m.

“Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?”
~~Acts 8:36

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Dee Ashworth
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Salvation Army

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: The spirit of the Lord moves among us, guiding our steps.
People: We come, seeking to understand God’s word for our lives.
Leader: We are called to unexpected places.
People: May we be ready to follow where the Spirit leads.
Leader: The good news of Jesus Christ is for all people, crossing every boundary.
People: The love of God is available to everyone.
Leader: What prevents us from receiving God’s grace today?
People: Nothing can separate us from the love of God!
Unison: Let us celebrate the God who guides us, includes us,
and fills us with gladness.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #793 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have often been deaf to your call, resistant to your guidance. You direct our paths, yet we hesitate at the desert roads you ask us to travel. Forgive us when we ignore your Spirit’s prompting. We acknowledge our tendency to create barriers where you intend openness. We have sometimes been gatekeepers rather than gateways to your grace. Forgive us for the ways we have limited the accessibility of your Gospel. We confess that we have dulled the joy of our conversion with complacency. Forgive us for taking your transforming love for granted. Renew in us a willingness to follow wherever you lead, a commitment to making your good news available to all, and the capacity to experience again the overwhelming joy of your salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, who makes all things new. 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	“There Shall Be Showers of Blessing”	The Choir
Prayer of Illumination		
The Scripture Reading	Acts 8:26-39	
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“God’s Love is Available for Everyone”	Kent Saunders

Responding to the Word	
*Affirmation of Faith <i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>	
<i>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>	
<i>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.</i>	
*Hymn #794	“Let All Things Now Living”
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
The Offertory Prayer	
The Offertory Music	
*The Doxology	

The Sending	
*Hymn #456	“Find Us Faithful”
*Charge and Blessing	
*Choral Benediction #789	“In All things Give Him Thanks”
<i>And in all things give Him thanks, And in all things let your gratitude shine through.</i>	
<i>And in all things give Him thanks, For He has given all things unto you.</i>	
*Postlude	(*Please stand in body or spirit.)

November 16, 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.
Wed.	Bingo	1:00 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 Head Usher

Dee Ashworth Chrissie Saunders

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Linda Mylod Next Week: Sammy Stevenson

This Week's Birthday
November 20 Keith Wentzky

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for the first four Sundays in November will go to The Salvation Army, an international movement, and an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible; its ministry is motivated by the love of God; and its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name.

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 Anderson County Ministers Organization is having a community Thanksgiving Service at Boulevard Baptist this evening at 5:00 p.m.

We will have our last Bingo Day this Wednesday, the 19th at 1:00 p.m. Come and join the fun!

Newsletter Deadline. If you have items for the December Newsletter, please give them to LeNelle by Friday, November 21, 2025.

Next Sunday we will receive the Thornwell Thanksgiving Offering. Envelopes are available in the vestibule. For 150 years, Thornwell continues to serve children and families through a Christ-centered continuum of care, supporting children, teens, young adults, and parent through programs across FL, GA, and SC.

The Session will meet next Sunday, November 23, in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.

The Advent Study will begin on Saturday, November 29, immediately after the decorating of the church. The group will meet the next three Fridays at 11:15 a.m. Books will be provided for those who signed up and Elizabeth will have those for you on Sunday, November 23. Be sure to pick yours up after church. If you want to come but have not signed up, let Elizabeth know.

The Community Life & Mission Committee will collect Thanksgiving food items for good Neighbor cupboard this month. Stuffing mixes, gravy mixes, mac and cheese mixes, cranberry sauce, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, fried onion rings, and canned yams will help our less fortunate enjoy a nice Thanksgiving meal.

A Fun Way to Help!

Anderson’s annual Christmas Lights drive-thru display and Santa’s Village opens on Thanksgiving. It’s a great 2.5 mile ride of beautiful Christmas lights, plus you can stop at the Village for hot chocolate or a visit with Santa. AND...if you go on the following nights, volunteers from Family Promise will be collecting the fee at the gate, and any additional donations made will go directly to Family Promise. The entrance fee is only \$15 per car so you can round up your family or friends and perhaps chip in some extra for Family Promise. (Credit cards are accepted, if you don’t carry cash.) Gates are open at 5:30 p.m. for 4 hours. The Family Promise nights are: Tuesday, Dec. 2nd; Friday, Dec. 5th; Sunday, Dec. 7th; Saturday, Dec. 13th; or Thursday, Dec. 18th.

Volunteers are also needed to be at the gate those evenings, so if you, or someone younger that you know, might be willing to spend 4 or 5 hours one of those evenings to help with this fundraiser, it would be a blessing to Family Promise. They’re near the end of their fiscal year, which is a challenging time since they’ve depleted all donations raised this year to help families in need. Midway recently donated \$400 worth of grocery gift cards as part of our annual Christmas Outreach, but those will be quickly distributed.

For an idea of what you’ll be seeing, visit <https://andersonchristmaslights.org>, and mark your calendars to enjoy the display on one of the above dates.

Mark Your Calendar. Midway’s Christmas Dinner will be Friday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. More details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season you may order poinsettias as a memorial or honorarium by filling out the form below. **The cost is \$7.00.** Please return form to the church office or drop in offering plate along with payment by November 23rd. **Payment MUST be included with request (make checks payable to Midway Presbyterian Church).**

Number of Poinsettias:_____ **Amount Paid:**_____

In Honor of:_____

In Memory of:_____

Given By:_____