

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. Elizabeth Jones	CRE
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

December 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.

~~Luke 1:26

The Service For the Lord's Day

Second Sunday of Advent

The Gathering

Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Roz Rozakos
Announcements	
Minute for Mission	Eddie Capps, Haven of Rest
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest Women's Ministries

Responsive Call to Worship
Leader: A voice is crying in the wilderness,
People: Prepare the way of the Lord!
Leader: Rejoice for the Lord is coming!
People: To bring peace to the nations.
Leader: To bring freedom to the captive.
People: To bring hope to the poor and needy.
Leader: A new day of mercy is dawning.
Unison: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candle Kitty Burge and Linda Mylod

***Hymn #244** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**
God of all creation, as we wait for the coming of your righteous rule, we stand before you guilty, weighed down by our shame. We bow before you in true repentance for we have not loved you as we should with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors. We have scorned your beloved children and knowingly turned from those in need. We do not strive for justice and peace. We are judgmental, false and proud. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom, love and compassion so we may stand with our heads raised when Christ comes to judge the world. 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	“I Cannot Tell”	The Choir
Prayer of Illumination		
The Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38	
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“The Birth Announcement”	Elizabeth Jones, CRE

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 #377	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
The Offertory Prayer	
The Offertory Music	
*The Doxology	

The Sending	
*Hymn #738	“The Wonder of It All”
*Charge and Blessing	
*Choral Benediction #263	“What Can I Give Him?”
<i>What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; If I were a wise-man I would do my part; Yet what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.</i>	
*Postlude	(*Please stand in body or spirit.)

December 7, 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. – 5:00 p.m.
Wed.	Advent Face-up Service @Lickville Church	11:00 a.m.
Thurs.	Legacy Academy	8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Advent Bible Study	11:15 a.m.
	Midway’s Christmas Party	5:30 p.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>
Roz Rozakos	Linda Mylod

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Amy Morris Next Week: Linda Mylod

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for December will go to Under His Wings Women’s Ministry, a division of Haven of Rest. This is a Bible-based discipleship program and ministry that is designed to rescue, restore, and release women facing life-dominating problems related to addiction and homelessness. Their goal is to see every program participant have her immediate needs met, find freedom from addictions, and hope in a new life with 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 Advent Study will meet Friday, December 12, at 11:15 a.m.

Advent Face-Up Services will be held on the following dates at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 11 – Lickville Church
Wednesday, December 17 - Midway

The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to be held December 14, 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee to nominate and elect elders. The 2026 Budget will be presented.

Congratulations to Sammy & Carol Wentzky as they announce the birth of their first great granddaughter, Anna Bryce Copeland, born on November 26, 2025, weighing 5 lbs. 7 ozs. Proud parents are Mallie and Aaron Copeland.

The Community Life and Mission Committee will collect the following items throughout December for Meals on Wheels NICE bags (Nutrition In Case of Emergency) for our Route 15 recipients in case inclement weather hinders us from delivering their meals.

- Ready-to-eat pop-top soups (**NO** condensed soup)
- Individually wrapped granola bars (Soft Chew)
- Canned or boxed juices
- Small boxes of raisins
- Single-serving cans of pop-top fruit (please avoid tops that can pierce easily)

This is an excellent way for our members who aren’t part of Route 15’s delivery service to support Meals on Wheels.

A Special Holiday Way to Help -

Anderson’s annual Christmas Lights drive-thru display and Santa’s Village is open with a great 2.5 mile ride of beautiful Christmas lights, plus a Village where you can purchase *hot chocolate, shop in their bakery, sit at the fire pit to make Smore’s, listen to live entertainment* or have a visit with Santa. On Sunday, Dec. 7th; Saturday, Dec. 13th; and Thursday, Dec. 18th, 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. Gates are open from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.