

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 21, 2025
10:30 a.m.

**“Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke this prophecy, ‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.’”
~~Luke 1:67-68**

The Service For the Lord’s Day
Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gathering	
Prelude	Mrs. Beth Croft
Introit	The Choir
Chiming of the Hour	
Greeting	Elder Dee Ashworth
Announcements	
Jar Offering	Haven of Rest

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: As we wait, we hope in the Lord!

People: For we know God keeps promises.

Leader: God has promised salvation, hope, joy and peace.

People: Our time of waiting will soon end and we will...

Leader: Rejoice for the Lord will come!

Unison: And God’s love will reign forever!

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kent & Chrissie Saunders

*Hymn #262 “Away in a Manger”

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we stand before you guilty. We have turned our backs on the lonely and the oppressed. We have knowingly ignored the suffering of your beloved children. We have not loved you with all our heart and our trust has been misplaced. We come before you now with true repentance seeking your mercy and forgiveness for all our sinful ways. Release us from the burden of all our sins and help us to become more worthy of your everlasting love. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord 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	“The Star Carol”	The Choir
Prayer of Illumination		
The Scripture Reading	Luke 1:57-79	
Leader: The Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Canticle of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love”	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 #278	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
The Offertory Prayer	
The Offertory Music	
*The Doxology	

The Sending	
*Hymn #251	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”
*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.)



The Lovely Flowers in the sanctuary this morning to your left are given by Jim Ginn to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sybil and in gratitude of their marriage which began December 21, 1958.

December 21, 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.&Thurs.	Legacy Academy Christmas Break	
Wed.	Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service	6:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Christmas Day	

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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>
Dee Ashworth	Linda Mylod

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Sammy Stevenson Next Week: Bob Bone

Announcements

Our Jar Offering for December will go to the Haven of Rest. The Haven is designed to rescue, restore and release men and women from life-dominating problems.

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.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service will be held Wednesday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to bring your family and friends for this truly meaningful service. **The Annual Christmas Joy Offering**, which honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in a time of need and equally supports future church leaders of color at Presbytery-related schools and colleges, will be received. If you cannot be there that evening, you may contribute today or December 28.

Contributions need to be in by Sunday, December 28, 2025, to be included on your giving statement for 2025.

Thank You. *“Dear Midway Church Family, I want to thank the Earnest Workers Class for the wonderful fruit basket and especially thank Keith Wentzky for delivering it to me. It was greatly appreciated. Love in Christ, Brenda Stamps.”*

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.

Winter is upon us, and many of our less fortunate neighbors don’t have warm clothes. Have you cleaned through your closet recently? Did you find more coats, jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts than you truly need?

When God blesses us with abundance, He calls on us to share that blessing with others. Sharing your excess will bring Christmas joy to those who have nothing to share. Bring your warm clothing to church, and it will find its way to those who need it most.