

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 28, 2025
10:30 a.m.

**“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.”**
~~John 1:1

The Service For the Lord’s Day
First Sunday of Christmas

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

Responsive Call to Worship (excerpts from the PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ.

People: Fully human, fully God, Jesus proclaimed the reign of God preaching good news to the poor.

Leader: We trust in God.

People: In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit.

People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, in a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives.

Unison: We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #119** “Jesus, Your Name”

***Call to Confession**

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, Creator of heaven and earth, in the beginning, you spoke light into darkness and brought order from chaos. Yet we confess that we have allowed darkness to creep back into our lives and our world. We have treated your creation carelessly, exploiting rather than stewarding the earth you called good. We have allowed the chaos of our own making—injustice, violence, and greed—to obscure the beauty of your creative work. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Through him all things were made, and in him was life—the light of all people. We know that the light shines in the darkness, but we have often chosen darkness over light. We have closed our eyes to your truth, stopped our ears to your Word, and hardened our hearts to your love. We have allowed darkness to overcome us, even though it cannot overcome you. Forgive us, gracious God. Speak your creative Word into the chaos of our lives. Let your Spirit hover over us once more. Separate the light from the darkness within us. Help us to recognize Christ as the Word made flesh, the light that no darkness can overcome. Transform us by the light of Christ, that we might reflect your creative love in all we do. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, 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 “That Beautiful Name” The Choir

Prayer of Illumination

The Old Testament Reading **Genesis 1:1-5**

The Gospel Reading **John 1:1-5**

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “In the Beginning” Kent T. Saunders

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Nicene Creed*
(Please see attachment on back of your prayer list)

***Hymn #354** “I Cannot Tell”

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Music

*The Doxology

The Sending

***Hymn #724** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

***Charge and Blessing**

***Choral Benediction #263** “What Can I Give Him?”

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.

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

December 28, 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	
Thurs.	New Year’s Day	
Sat.	Undecorate the church	10:00 a.m.

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Those Serving Our Church

<u>Elder</u>	<u>Head Usher</u>
Bob Bone	Chrissie Saunders

Sunday School Secretaries

Today: Bob Bone Next Week: Amy Morris

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.

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

Everyone is invited to help undecorate the church on Saturday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m.

The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Sunday, January 4, in the Church Office Activity Room immediately following Worship.

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.

Flower Chart for 2026. Flowers placed in the sanctuary for Sunday Morning Worship Service are a beautiful way to thank, praise, and glorify God; celebrate a birthday or anniversary; honor a special person or persons; or beautify the sanctuary in memory of a loved one.
If you sign up on the Flower Calendar (on bulletin board in Education Building), please let LeNelle know if you will be bringing the flowers or if you would like her to order them for you and also give her instructions for the wording in the bulletin. The ordered flowers will be delivered to the church at a cost of \$40.00. To pay for the arrangement, make your check payable to Midway WOC, mark it “Flowers” and mail it to Midway Presbyterian Church, 3238 Midway Road, Anderson, SC.

Affirmation of Faith, *The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**