

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 21, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness and reverence will be known among us.

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* arr. Burton

CALL TO WORSHIP

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #201

***INVOCATION** (Unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #214

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Marc Harrington

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-9

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse: from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.² The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—³and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears,⁴ but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth: with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.⁵ Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.⁶ The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together: and a little child will lead them.⁷ The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.⁸ The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

ANTHEM *Peace Came to Earth* K.L. Scott

Peace came to earth at last that chosen night
When angels clove the sky with song and light
And God embodied love and sheathed his might—
Who could but gasp: Immanuel!
Who could but sing: Immanuel!

And who could be the same for having held
The infant in their arms, and later felt
The wounded hands and side, all doubts dispelled—
Who could but sigh: Immanuel!
Who could but shout: Immanuel!

You show the Father none has ever seen,
In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain
In bread and wine you visit us again—
Who could but see Immanuel!
Who could but thrill: Immanuel!

How else could I have known you, O my God!
How else could I have loved you, O my God!
How else could I embrace you, O my God!
Who could but pray: Immanuel!
Who could but praise Immanuel!
Immanuel! Immanuel!

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. McMichael

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*PRAYERS FOR GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" #223
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON "Joseph's Faith in Action at Advent" Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #208

*THE BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* Greatorex
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *Prepare the Royal Highway* arr. Held

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Matthew New and family in the loss of his mother, Debbie New.

Sermon Outline: "Joseph's Faith in Action at Advent" Matthew 1:18-25

To learn from Joseph at Advent:

1. *Not to act in haste*

2. *Trust in Providence*

3. *Looking to God, early in his marriage*

4. *He cared more about pleasing God than caring for himself*

5. *Obedience: Every step he takes testifies to his greatness*

6. *Men of conviction develop Godly habits of worship*

Please plan to bring your family and friends

and join us for

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24th

5:30 p.m.

If you purchased a poinsettia,
please pick it up after the Christmas Eve Service or no later than after the
Sunday Morning Service on Dec 28th

Please remember your church in your year-end giving. Your faithful generosity helps
Midway to serve the Lord with all our gifts and talents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS If you are new to Midway and would like to connect with our pastoral staff or would like to know more about the church, please scan the QR code to provide your contact information.



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS Volunteers are needed to help take down the church Christmas decorations on Monday, December 29th at 10:00 am.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER No Wednesday Fellowship Dinner this week. Dinners will resume in January.

MIDWAY'S YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS will not rehearse for the remainder of 2025. Rehearsals will resume on January 7th. New singers are always welcome!

THE FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume on January 7th with the continued study of "The Gospel of John". Please plan to join us for this upcoming study as we start the New Year.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume after the New Year. For more information contact chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

BABY SHOWER—All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Calli Smith on Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Timothy and Calli are registered at Amazon. For more information, please contact Jane Pritchett at jane.mac@comcast.net

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Contact marc.harrington@midwaypca.org)

- Pastor Harrington's Bible study will resume on January 7th.
- Men's Thursday Bible study will resume on January 8th.
- The Men's Monthly Bible Study will resume in January. For more information contact Wayne Haynes at hayneswayne@att.net.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Contact Susan Barry sbarry56@gmail.com)

- Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume in January.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (matt.ross@midwayschool.org)

- Kids Club Wednesdays will resume on January 7th.

YOUTH NEWS (mjcoopjr@gmail.com or mgknight02@yahoo.com)

- Sunday Night Bible Studies will resume after the New Year.
- Youth Group Wednesdays will resume after the New Year.

COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY Will resume after the New Year. Our group is comprised of folks up to 26 years old. Come and enjoy fellowship marked and shaped after sound teaching. For more information, contact cilas.menezes@midwaypca.org.

NURSERY NEWS

Contact Jennifer Nichols nursery@midwaypca.org

THOSE SERVING Sunday, December 21st

9:30 Kim Washington, Jane Pritchett, Hannah Bailey, Sophie Chen, Nancy Pritchett
10:45 Alice Bailey, Geneva Harrington, Allison & Caleb Myers, Cici Ross, Marti & Ryan Vinton, Harper Ryan Vinton, Polly & Richard Vogh
5:15 Liza Hendrix, Gisela Bockle, Connie Washington, Cindy Whitaker

THOSE SERVING Sunday, December 28th

9:30 Kim Washington, Jane Pritchett, Susan Barry, Alicia Bartlett
10:45 Amanda & Hayden Hall, Laura Keesee, Caoilfhionn, Clementine & Shire Owens, Aria Rockholz, Hannah & Alice Bailey
5:15 Liza Hendrix, Rachael & Eric Jamerson

Our expectant families: Joseph & Paige Gebert (Siewert), Timothy & Calli Smith (Pritchett), Kevin & Kristin Cook, Donald & Samantha Gongaware, Tyler & Courtney Randolph (Pursley), Jack & Katie MacGregor, Kevin & Halie Spangenberg (Siewert), Mitchell & Hannah Elder

Our Military Personnel: Nate Forrester, Asher Johnson, Guy Scott, John Marks, Nichole Marks

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionaries of the Month: Parks & Abby Turner: Cedartown, GA; Chad & Robin Washington: chadwashington@me.com; Mike & Ivana Cuneo: regesu@gmail.com

Church of the Week: Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna

MIDWAY OFFICERS

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026: Ken Dewhurst, Paul Fish, Russ Knight, Rodney Pritchett
Class of 2028: Jim Daniels, Wes Richardson, Brian Washington, Bob Whitaker
Class of 2030: Jimmy Cooper, John Garmon, Rick Griffin, Scott Keesee

Deacons

Class of 2026: Dami Adeoye, Tom Biondolillo, Charles Hagan, David Jackson, Cliff Miller, Brady Pritchett, Patrick Rockholz
Class of 2028: Larry Eller, Justin Giannace, Joe Hash, Peter Ian, Sammy Mitchell, Wiley Pritchett, Evanda Remington

EVENING WORSHIP

December 21, 2025
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
People: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness—on them has light shone.

Pastor: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.
People: And the government shall be upon His shoulders.

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
People: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

All: Let us worship the One who came *in our place*—full of grace and truth!

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” #195

*INVOCATION

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 98B

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

PRAYER

Rev. Chad Bailey

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” #197

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:21

SERMON “In My Place”

Rev. Cilas Menezes

Sermon Outline:

1. *He Came to Restore My Humanity*
2. *He Came to Deliver Me From My Bondage*
3. *He Came to Bring Me to Glory*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” #469

*BENEDICTION

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Founded in 1850, Midway Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a Reformed, evangelical denomination organized in 1973. Our church seeks to be Scriptural in both its government and its doctrine. We believe the Bible is the inerrant Word of God, our infallible and divine authority in all matters of life and faith.

“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”

1 Timothy 3:16