

THE LORD’S DAY

AUGUST 31, 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	Largo	G.F. Handel
CALL TO WORSHIP		
**HYMN OF PRAISE	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	#53
*INVOCATION		
*CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed		
I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven. And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spoke by the Prophets: And I believe in one catholic and apostolic Church: I Acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	“From Every Stormy Wind That Blows”	#631
PASTORAL PRAYER		
Rev. Marc Harrington <i>(Please sign and pass the registration pads found at the end of the pews.)</i>		
PSALTER READING	Psalms 135	p. 834
THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!	arr. Carlson
*DOXOLOGY		#731
*PRAYERS FOR GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	“God, Be Merciful to Me”	#486
<i>(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children’s church.)</i>		
SCRIPTURE		Matthew 7:1-6
SERMON	“The Fairness Principle and Un-Hypocritical Judgment”	Rev. David Hall
*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION	“Be Thou My Vision”	#642
*THE BENEDICTION		

*BENEDICTORY RESPONSE	Gloria Patri	Greater
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	Concerto in B-flat	G.F. Handel

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

Sermon Outline: “The Fairness Principle and Un-Hypocritical Judgment”
Matthew 7:1-6

1. What Jesus clearly forbade: a particular type of judging (Matthew 7:1)
2. What Jesus orders: the Fairness Principle (Matthew 7:1-2).
3. How Jesus illustrates the Fairness Principle by mocking hypocrites (Matthew 7:3-5)
4. What Jesus did in these verses: persons who oppose God (Matthew 7:5-6)

In summary, there are five Biblical truths about judgment:

1. Sound judgment is a virtue, a sign of godly maturity.
2. Jesus and his disciples pronounced judgment on error and falsehood.
3. Judgment is proper and necessary for the health of the church in church discipline.
4. We are not to judge others in non-mandatory areas (optional, choices, tastes).
5. We are not to judge in a prejudicial manner like the Pharisees.

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 fill out the registration pad found in the pew or scan the QR code to provide your contact information.



REFORMATION & WORSHIP CONFERENCE Midway Members, as always, come free to the RWC. You must register online for the conference and purchase your meal plan at that time.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNERS will resume after Labor Day on September 3rd. However, the Dinners will ONLY be the first 3 Wednesdays of each month. Many volunteers are needed for serving and clean-up. Please contact Debbie Taylor at church.kitchen@midwaypca.org or 770-672-7115 for more information and to volunteer. You may also use this method to add a permanent reservation or confirm your standing reservation from last year.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

September 3rd– 5:30-6:20 p.m.

Spaghetti or Pizza
Bread, Salad, Fruit, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS - church.kitchen@midwaypca.org
*Deadline to make reservations is Sunday at 8:00 p.m.
Adults: \$6.00, Children: \$3.00 (12 & under), \$25 family maximum.

THE FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY on The Gospel of John begins on September 3rd, meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom. All members and friends are welcome to this upcoming study taught by Pastor Hall. Join whenever you can for this study.

MIDWAY ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:15 p.m. It is never too late to join the choir, and we are looking for more singers! No audition is required; just come to a rehearsal. For more information, email music@midwaypca.org.

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH CHOIR REGISTRATION is now open. Choirs are for grades K4-12. Rehearsals will begin THIS WEDNESDAY, September 3rd, 5:40-6:25 p.m. To register, head to “Events” on Midway’s webpage or click on the Children’s Choirs banner on the Midway Church App. If you have any questions, email music@midwaypca.org.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY will resume on Wednesday, September 3rd. For more information contact Pastor Chad Bailey at chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

INQUIRER’S CLASS began today. Those wishing to attend this class may still register on our website or app in our Events section under Inquirer’s Class, August 31st. We will meet in the L.I.G.H.T. classroom. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Chad Bailey at chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

THE HARVESTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be studying the Reformation in the 16th and 17th centuries, from Martin Luther to the early Puritans, using study materials and videos from Ligonier Ministries featuring Robert Godfrey and Stephen Nichols. Please join us if you are interested.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY The Thursday morning Ladies Bible study led by Susan Barry will begin a 10-week study of the Epistle of 1 John on Thursday, September 4th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. Nursery is provided. We meet for 1 hour, assign no homework, and enjoy great fellowship. Please join us! Contact Susan Barry sbarry56@gmail.com for more info.

MONTHLY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY Please join us for a monthly Women’s Bible Study focused on understanding and cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit! Our first meeting will be on September 18th, starting at 7:00 p.m. at Cori Lowman’s house, led by Susan Barry. Future meetings will be held on October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18th. Please contact Cori for additional details at (205)332-2003. *Childcare will not be provided.*

SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON- The Women’s Ministry will be hosting a luncheon in honor of our Senior Saints on Tuesday, September 23rd at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, please contact Carolyn Sqrow at womensministry@midwaypca.org. More details to come on how to sign up to provide food for the luncheon.

- MEN’S BIBLE STUDY (contact marc.harrington@midwaypca.org)
- Pastor Harrington’s Bible study Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. at the Daily Grind.
 - Pastor Hall’s Bible study on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m., in the Harvester Classroom, has resumed.
 - The Men’s monthly Bible Study resumes on Monday, September 8th in the conference room at 10:30 AM. This month’s study will focus on James 3.

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

- Kids Club Wednesdays will resume on September 3rd.

YOUTH NEWS (mjcoopir@gmail.com or mgnknight02@yahoo.com)

- NO Sunday Night Bible Study tonight, August 31st.
- Youth Group Wednesdays will resume on September 3rd.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** September 13th – Youth Whitewater Rafting Trip.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** September 14th Combined Homerun and Grandslam pool party after evening service at the Bowen’s home.
- **SAVE THE DATE** September 19th – MS & HS Girls Game Night 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Lipstreu’s home.

COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room. 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, August 31st

- 9:30** Sue Biondolillo, Amy Harber, Courtney Chandler, Kim Washington, Jane Pritchett, Melanie Furnari, Daisy Sepulveda
- 10:45** The Vinton Family, Amber Jackson, Dami & Nelly Adeoye, Kate & Savannah Harrington
- 5:15** Elisabeth Wagner, Olivia Williams, Donna Carter, Mac & Cici Ross

THOSE SERVING Sunday, September 7th

- 9:30** Kindy Moore, Liza Hendrix, Beckie MacGregor, Dan & Jackie Searles, Courtney Chandler, Hannah Bailey, Sophie Chen, Nancy Pritchett
- 10:45** Alexia & Ella Zumbrum, Alice Bailey, Sarah Busby, Geneva Harrington, Laura Keese, Allison & Caleb Myers
- 5:15** Sue Biondolillo, Brandy Rockholz, Bobbi Mitchell, Cindy Whitaker

Our expectant families: Graham & Cori Lowman, Wiley & Lexi Pritchett, Jonathan & Kayla Johnson, Cilas & Ana Menezes, Jake & Rachel Chandler, Joseph & Paige Gebert (Siewert), Timothy & Calli Smith (Pritchett), Kevin & Kristin Cook, Donald & Samantha Gongaware

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

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionaries of the Month: Maxito & Medjine Rafael: rev.hawley@gmail.com; Vijay & Swarupa Raju; Joel & Eszti Richards

Church of the Week: Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta

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 Keese

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

August 31, 2025

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” #119

***INVOCATION**

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 96D

CONFESSION: WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM Qs. 14,15 &16

Q.14 How doth God execute His decrees?

A. God executeth His decrees in the works of creation and providence, according to His infallible fore-knowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will.

Q.15 What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is that wherein God did in the beginning, by the word of His power, make of nothing the world, and all things therein, for Himself, within the space of six days, and all very good.

Q.16 How did God create angels?

A. God created all the angels, spirits, immortal, holy, excelling in knowledge, mighty in power, to execute His commandments, and to praise His name, yet subject to change.

PRAYER Rev. Chad Bailey

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40:18-31

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him?¹⁹ An idol! A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains.²⁰ He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing.²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” #1

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-13

SERMON “The Character of God in Creation” Rev. Marc Harrington

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “For the Beauty of the Earth” #116

***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