## THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 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 Let All Things Now Living arr. Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE "O God beyond All Praising" #660

\*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

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Marc Harrington (Please sign and pass the registration pads found at the end of the pews.)

**PSALTER READING** 

Psalm 53

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**ANTHEM** Crown Him King of Kings

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Bach, arr. Hopson

Crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him. Crown Him King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Shout and sing to God, the mighty Lord. Shout to God, the Lord, O sing His praises. All ye heavens, all the earth, Shout and sing to God the mighty Lord.

Truth, unchanging is His law.
In His justice we rejoice.
Praise His name in joyful voice.
Sing to God, the mighty Lord.
Shout and sing to God,
the mighty Lord with joyful heart and voice.
In humility we bow in thanks for all His tender love.

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** Praise Waits for Thee in Zion arr. Page

\*DOXOLOGY #731

\*PRAYERS FOR GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem" #271 (Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:13-20

SERMON "The Great Contrast" Rev. David Hall

\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "Who Is on the Lord's Side?" #588

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTORY 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 God Renew Us By Your Spirit arr. Wood

\*Congregation please stand

\*\*Deacons will seat late arrivals

The flowers are given today in honor of Wes Richardson and the celebration of his 80th Birthday on September 26<sup>th</sup>, by his children and grandchildren. We are grateful for you always pointing us to the one, Jesus Christ, who is perfect.

"Those who fear the Lord are secure; he will be a refuge for their children." Proverbs 14:26

**Sermon Outline:** "The Great Contrast" Matthew 7:13-20

There are three contrasting images in this section:

• Two Roads and Gates (13-14)

• Two Animals: Sheep and Wolves (15)

• Two Types of Trees (16-20)

In C. S. Lewis' spiritual autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, he relays how as a student he began to "broaden his mind. I was soon ... altering 'I believe' to 'one does feel'. And oh, the relief of it!... From the tyrannous noon of revelation I passed into the cool evening twilight of Higher Thought, where there was nothing to be obeyed, and nothing to be believed except what was either comforting or exciting."

## **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.



THE FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY "The Gospel of John" Bible study is 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 come to this study taught by Pastor Hall. Join whenever you can.

HARVESTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS The Church History study on the Middle Ages and the Reformation will be delayed. Instead, we have started a study on the book of Philippians. Please join us if you are interested.

**SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON-** The Women's Ministry will be hosting a luncheon in honor of our Senior Saints (Senior men, women & spouses) on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To RSVP, please contact Carolyn Sqrow at <a href="womensministry@midwaypca.org">womensministry@midwaypca.org</a>. If you are not yet a "senior", please consider signing up to provide food for the luncheon. Go to Perfect Potluck: <a href="www.PerfectPotluck.com/GOKZ6848">www.PerfectPotluck.com/GOKZ6848</a>.

## 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.
- The Men's Monthly Bible Study will meet on Monday, October 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the church conference room. For more information contact Bill Smith at <a href="mailto:crosstrade@bellsouth.net">crosstrade@bellsouth.net</a>.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Contact Susan Barry <a href="mailto:sbarry56@gmail.com">sbarry56@gmail.com</a>)

- Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We are studying the Epistle of I John. Nursery is provided.
- Monthly Women's Bible Study, focused on understanding and cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit! meets monthly at 7:00 p.m. at Cori Lowman's house. This study is led by Susan Barry. Future meetings will be held on October 23rd, November 20th, and December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Cori Lowman for additional details at (205) 332-2003. *Childcare will not be provided*.

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

• Kids Club Wednesdays from 6:30–7:15 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Room.

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

- Sunday Night Bible Studies from 6:45 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room.
- Youth Group Wednesdays from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room.

**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 <a href="mailto:cilas.menezes@midwaypca.org">cilas.menezes@midwaypca.org</a>.

## **NURSERY NEWS**

Contact Jennifer Nichols <u>nursery@midwaypca.org</u>

## THOSE SERVING Sunday, September 21st

- **9:30** Kindy Moore, Liza Hendrix, Olivia Williams, Dan & Jackie Searles, Jane Pritchett, Emily Dewalt, Julie Hagan, Sally Knox
- 10:45 Tori Biondolillo, Patti & Ruthie Moody, Wyatt Dewalt, Bridget Searles, Daisy Sepulveda, Jeanette Tipton
- 5:15 Sue Biondolillo, Nancy McGill, Gisela Bockle

#### THOSE SERVING Sunday, September 28th

- **9:30** Kindy Moore, Liza Hendrix, Brandy Rockholz, Dan & Jackie Searles, Jane Pritchett, Ann Hall, Carol DeMar
- **10:45** Laura Washington, Tina Lowe, Fabia Santos, Aria Rockholz, Harper Michael, Lori Cowley, Rachel Chandler
- 5:15 Sue Biondolillo, Jennifer Nichols, Paula Wilson, Sandra Westerfield

Our expectant families: 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, Kevin & Halie Spangenberg (Siewert)

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: Riverside Community Church, Cartersville

#### **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**

September 21, 2025 5:30 p.m.

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us come before him with thanksgiving. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Congregation:** Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture. We worship You, Creator of heavens and earth.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "O Worship the King"

\*INVOCATION

\*PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalms for Worship, 104C

HOLY SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8

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Q. 20

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#### CONFESSION OF FAITH – WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM

# Q. 20. What was the providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created?

A. The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under His dominion, and ordaining marriage for His help; affording him communion with Himself; instituting the sabbath; entering into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience, of which the tree of life was a pledge; and forbidding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

PRAYER Rev. Chad Bailey

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION "The Tender Love a Father Has" #93

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:4-17

SERMON "Life With God" Rev. Cilas Menezes

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "We Are God's People" #355

\*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