

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 4, 2011

11:00 a.m.

WELCOME, CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES, AND INFORMATION

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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Johannes Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #203

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Still, Still, Still arr. Bober

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

UNISON OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?"

"All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" ¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

ANTHEM *Glory to God* Handel
 Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, good will towards men.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" #197
 (Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-2

SERMON "A One-Word Sermon: The Gospel of 'Therefore'" Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express" below

1. So let our lips and lives ex-press The ho-ly gos-pel we pro-fess;
 2. Thus shall we best pro-claim a-broad The hon-ors of our Sav-iour God,
 3. Our flesh and sense must be de-nied, Pas-sion and en-vy, lust and pride;
 4. Re-li-gion bears our spir-its up, While we ex-pect that bless-ed hope,

So let our works and vir-tues shine, To prove the doc-trine all di-vine.
 When His sal-va-tion reigns with-in, And grace sub-dues the power of sin.
 While jus-tice, tem-perance, truth, and love, Our in-ward pi-e-ty ap-prove.
 The bright ap-pear-ance of the Lord, And faith stands lean-ing on His word. A-MEN.

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTORY RESPONSE**

*God of God, Light of Light;
 lo, he ab-hors not the Vir-gin's womb:
 ver-y God, be-got-ten, not cre-a-ted:
 O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him,
 O come, let a-dore him, Christ the Lord.*

POSTLUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come* Paul Manz

GREETING Please extend a cordial welcome to visitors and regular attendees.

*Congregation please stand

**Deacons will seat late arrivals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's, Youth and Bell Choirs of Midway Presbyterian Church will present their Christmas music at the 6:00 p.m. service this evening. We invite you all to make plans to attend this special service. Ringers need to arrive at 4:30 for warm-up. All singers need to be in their regular choir rehearsal rooms at 5:00 this evening.

You are cordially invited to
A Service of Lessons & Carols
Midway Presbyterian Church
Sunday December 11, 2011
6:00 p.m.

ALL MIDWAY YOUNG MUSICIANS grades 1-12 are invited to be a part of the Christmas Eve Prelude Recital which takes place immediately prior to the Christmas Eve Communion Service. If you play piano or any orchestral instrument, and are currently studying your instrument with a teacher, we would like for you to be a part of this event. The music to be performed needs to be a sacred Christmas hymn, or an acceptable classical piece. Please call Judy Dodd (770-422-4974, ext. 1106) to set up a time for her to hear you play before the 24th. Thank you!

AN ADVENT/JESSE TREE devotional guide is available from Children's Ministry International. Please contact Brad Winsted (childrensministry1@earthlink.net) if interested. Also there is a Jesse Tree/Jesus Family Tree in the Kid's Assembly area.

OFFERING ENVELOPES – If you would like to receive preprinted envelopes, please sign up on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you have already signed up, please pick up your envelopes at this same table.

WED. NIGHT HELP NEEDED – Anyone willing to help with Children's Ministry in a non-teaching role (monitoring children's games) on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. contact Brad Winsted childrensministry1@earthlink.net.

YOUTH NEWS:

- **Bible Studies** - This afternoon Boys & Middle School Girls at 4:45PM. High School girls at 7PM.
- **Wed. Night Youth Group:** First Wednesday this week. Come for music, teaching, and fellowship: 7-8 pm
- **Christmas Cookie Decorating:** All Youth girls to help decorate Christmas cookies, 9 am Dec. 10th
- **HS Christmas Progressive Dinner:** Sat., Dec. 17th at 5:00 pm
- **MS Christmas Party:** Sun., Dec. 18th at 7:00 pm

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor / memory of a loved one, sign up at the Women's Ministry table no later than today. For more information call Amanda Hall 770-853-1968.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT- All ladies are invited to the Christmas Event Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will feature a catered dinner and devotion from Joyce Talley. You may sign up in Sunday School or on the Women's Ministry Table. Cost is \$5, nursery by reservation.

COVENANT CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT – The Midway Women's Ministry will be making Christmas ornaments. Information can be found on the women's ministry table. Orders must be received by today. Call Faye Hood at 770-428-8523 with questions.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS - The Women's Ministry will be assembling and delivering baskets of goodies to people in our covenant family on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. Volunteers are needed to donate fruit, baked goods, candy, etc. for the baskets. Sign-up sheets will be sent around in Sunday School and on the Women's Ministry Table. If you have questions or know of anyone who should receive a basket, contact Jen Bowen or Amanda Hall 770-853-1968.

CHURCH-WIDE CAROLING EVENT - Please plan to join us on Wednesday evening, December 21st at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be caroling in nearby neighborhoods, and return to the church for hot cocoa! All ages are welcome! Please bring a flashlight.

ANGEL TREE & LITTLE LAMBS PROJECTS – We will be providing gifts for the children at Cobb Street Ministries (Little Lambs) and children of prisoners (Angel Tree). The “Lambs” and “Angels” will be in our lobby for you to pick up. The deadline is December 11th. Drivers are needed to deliver the gifts the following week. Call Alicia Bartlett (Angel Tree) 770-428-4953 or Faye Hood (Little Lambs) 770-428-8523.

Wednesday Fellowship Supper

December 7, 2011

Spaghetti, Pizza, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

Email reservations/cancelations to church.kitchen@midwaypca.org or call 770-422-4974

NURSERY NEWS

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, December 4th

- 9:35** Janice Furlong, Gail Griffin, Chris Spicer
10:45 Rachael Eister, Hanson Ellis Davenport, Derek & Amy Spicer, George, Kim & Emily Jones, Alexia & Ryan Zumbrum, Nathan, Zach & Drew Bohannon, Rich & Lee Tebbens, Anna, Libby & Mattie Grace Hankal,
5:50 Laura & Austin Joseph

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, December 11th

- 9:35** Susan Brookins, Celise Bell
10:45 Chris & Jen Bowen, Sierra Way, Whitney & Chandler Brookins, Sue & Jessica Dudt, Heather Clark, Sarah, Rachel & Claire Howard, Becky & Caleb Jackson,
5:50 Julie & Leah Knox, Charles & Kirt Moore

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

- Sunday, Dec 4th** Anne Herbert, Jack Herbert, Warren Jackson, Patricia Hall
Sunday, Dec 11th Connie Wolff, Jeff Jeffries, Carolyn Sqrow

Congregational Prayer Needs: Dottie Rooker, Teresa Bursi, Mike Clark, Frances Wardlaw

Our expectant families: Catie & James Demar, Katie & Brett Edwards, Clare & Nathan Richardson, Danielle & Nathan Tippins, Emily (Jordan) & David Vreken, Heather & Mike Clark, Rebekah & Billy Resh, Kate & Marc Harrington, Julia & John Greer, Sarah & Harry Miles, Jamie & Matt Ross

Our Military Personnel: Doug Hayes, Will Talley, Nate Forrester, Wiley Pritchett, Blake Joseph, Evan Keese, Richard Davenport, John S. Tilley, Bradley Winsted and Samuel Winsted, Matthew Guffey, Anna Middleton

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionaries of the Month: Harry & Julie Miller

Church of the Week: Hope Presbyterian Church - Marietta

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Spring Quarter

<u>Class</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Subject of Study</u>
Berean	FH	Philippians
Explorers	FH	Gospel of Mark
Fellowship	FH	Peter
Grace	MCCSLnchRm	Genesis
Harvester	FH	I & II Thessalonians
L.I.G.H.T.	FH	2 Timothy
Women	FH	Minor Prophets
Young Adult	FH	Luke
Middle school	Children's Assembly Room	
High school	Youth Assembly Room	

(The K4-5th grade classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)

4-5th grade girls	A7
4-5th grade boys	A5
3rd grade	A6
2nd grade	A4
1st grade	A2
K5	A3
K4	A1

(Classrooms for children ages 3 & under are in the Nursery, located under the main sanctuary.)

Upcoming Christmas Events:

Sunday, December 4th

6:00 PM

Children's, Youth and Bell Choirs in Worship



Tuesday, December 6th

7:00 PM

Women's Ministry Christmas Event



Sunday, December 11th

6:00 PM

A Service of Lessons and Carols



Wednesday, December 21st

6:30 PM

Christmas Caroling and Hot Chocolate



Saturday, December 24th

5:00 PM

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



Sunday, December 25th

11:00 AM

Christmas Day Service

(This will be the only service for the day)

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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REV. MARC HARRINGTON, ASSISTANT PASTOR
REV. JOEL SMIT, ASSISTANT PASTOR
REV. TODD ALLEN, PASTOR EMERITUS

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.

³⁶For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen."

Romans 11:36