

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 18, 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 Reverie-Improvisation on "Picardy" Robert L. Bedell

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marc Harrington

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "What Child Is This" #213

*INVOCATION (Unison)

O Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; Raise up Your power, we pray, and possess us with a mighty sense of Your wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely impeded and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be anxious for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Your bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of You our God, which passes all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds; through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" #219

PRAYER

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *In the Bleak Midwinter* Holst, arr. Whitworth

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

UNISON OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-9

¹ 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 on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—³ and 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[a] 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 cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. ⁹ They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

ANTHEM *Saw You Never in the Twilight* Dicie

Saw you never in the twilight, when the sun had left the skies,
Up in heaven, the clear stars shining through the gloom like silver eyes?
So of old, the wise men watching, saw a little stranger star,
And they knew the King was given, and they followed it from far.

Heard you never of the story, how they crossed the dessert wild;
Journeyed on by plain and mountain, 'til they found the Holy Child;
How they opened all their treasure, kneeling to that infant king;
Gave the gold and fragrant incense, gave the myrrh in offering.

Know ye not that lowly baby was the bright and morning star,
He who came to light the pathway of all people near and far.
And we too, may seek his cradle, there our hearts' best treasures bring,
Love and faith and true devotion for our Saviour, God and King.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" #198
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:28; Philippians 2:1-11

SERMON "A Real Christmas Service" Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTORY RESPONSE** "Joy to the World" #195
*Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her King;
let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and na - ture sing.*

POSTLUDE Finale on "Hyfrydol" Henry Coleman

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

*Congregation please stand

**Deacons will seat late arrivals

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday, Christmas Day we will only gather for the 11:00 worship (no Sunday School or Evening Worship). Please bring your friends and family.

We join Catie & James DeMar in praising the Lord for the birth of their son, Thomas Matthew Demar, who was born Saturday, December 10, 2011. Thomas Matthew is also the grandson of Carol and Gary DeMar.

We join Emily and Dave Vreken in praising the Lord for the birth of their daughter, Sierra Grace Vreken, who was born Monday, December 12, 2011. Sierra Grace is also the granddaughter of Joan and James Jordan.

We join Katie & Brett Edwards in praising the Lord for the birth of their son, Calvin Michael Edward,s who was born Wednesday, December 14, 2011.

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

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.

YOUTH NEWS:

- **No Wed. Night Youth Group until the New Year**
- **MS Christmas Party:** tonight Sunday (Dec. 18th) at 7:00 pm. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

MIDWAY DIRECTORY – We are in the process of updating our church directory. Please assist us by filling out the enclosed card with any changes you have had over the past year.

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.

MIDWAY COVENANT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL will be taking applications from church members for student enrollment beginning January 18, 2012. Open enrollment begins February 1st. Call the school office at 770-590-1866 to set up a tour. Visit www.midwayschool.org under the "Admissions" tab for an application and information on how to apply.

Wednesday Fellowship Supper

There will be no Wednesday Fellowship Supper this week. We will resume with Supper and activities on January 4, 2012

NURSERY NEWS

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, December 18th

- 9:35** Alicia Bartlett, Cliff & Christie Cook,
10:45 Sandy Burton, Gabe Bostwick, Kendall Butler, Terri & Melody Kayler, Max & Emma Jeffries, Tammy, Nick & Noah Robertson, Laura & Lexi Keesee,
5:50 Becky Lewis, Nancy & Calli Pritchett

THOSE SERVING SUNDAY, December 25th

- 10:45** Sarah Miles, Leila Chumley, Anna Dudd, Doug & Dena Clapp, Samantha Clapp, Lance & Sonja Cooper, Asa & Aaron Cooper, Maggie & Sarah J. Eller, Jack & Jane MacGregor, Allie & Katherine Peterson, Kate & Jake Worley

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

- Sunday, Dec 18th** Candice Worley, Jeff Jeffries, Carolyn Sqrow
Sunday, Dec 25th Heidi Pritchett, Scott Keesee, Diane Armstrong

Congregational Prayer Needs: Dottie Rooker, Teresa Bursi, Mike Clark, Frances Wardlaw, Sandy Thomas, Barbara Joiner

Our expectant families: Clare & Nathan Richardson, Danielle & Nathan Tippins, 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 Keesee, 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: Smyrna Presbyterian Church - Smyrna

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Subject of Study</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Berean | FH | Philippians |
| Explorers | FH | Gospel of Mark |
| Fellowship | FH | What the Lord Has Done in My Life |
| Grace | MCCS LnchRm | 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)

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| 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.)

MIDWAY OFFICERS

Active Ruling Elders

Class of 2012: *Scott Keesee, James Scott, Wendell Way, Jim Wolff*
Class of 2014: *Charlie Bursi, Rodney Pritchett, Jeff Talley, Bob Wichterman*
Class of 2016: *Warren Jackson, Ed Knox, Scott Peterson, Wes Richardson*

Active Deacons

Class of 2012: *Greg Bartlett, Scott Hankal, Greg Kistner, Joel Kroese, Mac Worley*
Class of 2014: *Dan Dykstra, Ken Joiner, Bernard Nolan, John Pursley*
Class of 2016: *Steve Bell, Christopher Braaksma, Clay David, Matt Ross, Brian Washington*

EVENING WORSHIP

December 18, 2011

6:00 PM

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalms for Worship, # 84C

*INVOCATION

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#194

(Children dismissed)

PRAYER

WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH (Chapter 8:2)

The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon Him man’s nature, with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

#200

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

SERMON

“Made Like His Brothers in All Things”

Rev. Marc Harrington

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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.

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

To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

Romans 11:36