

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 4, 2016

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *We Three Kings* arr. Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**INVOCATION(Unison)

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" #197

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Please do not use flash cameras during worship. We will be happy to provide an opportunity for pictures after the service)

PRAYER Rev. Marc Harrington

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. Helman

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM *O Radiant Dawn* J. MacMillan

O Radiant Dawn, O Radiant Dawn, O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice, Sun of Justice, Sun of Justice: Come, come, come, . . .
Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

O Radiant Dawn, O Radiant Dawn, O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice, Sun of Justice, Sun of Justice: Come, come, come, . . .
Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #201
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-56

SERMON "What to think of Mary's Faith as God Predicts Jesus' Birth"
Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" #26

***BENEDICTION** *(Please remain for the Benedictory Response.)*

***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 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* arr. Johnson

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

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

We are pleased to present Elliot James Thomas, the covenant child of Heidi and Ben Thomas for the sacrament of baptism.

You are cordially invited to attend

A Program of Christmas Music
The Cherub Choir, Midway Singers, One Accord
Midway Ringers

This Evening during the 6:00 p.m. Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We join Heather and Russ Knight in praising the Lord for the birth of their son Caleb James Knight. Caleb James is also the grandson of Gloria and Bill Knight.

A CONGREGATION MEETING is called to begin immediately after the morning worship service of December 11, 2016 for purpose of:

- 1.) Electing four (4) ruling elders for the class of 2022;
- 2.) Electing: Five deacons for the class of 2020 (a four year term);
Two deacons for the class of 2018 (a two year term to fill unexpired terms for 2018)

Bio sketches of candidates are available in the Narthex.

RECEPTION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS-Children's Sunday School teachers/volunteers, Wednesday night workers, VBS volunteers and Children's Church Helpers (along with their spouses and children) will be recognized at a reception immediately after the Sunday Night Service on December 4th in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas Snacks will be served.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT - "We Shall Be White As Snow" Women of all ages are invited to the Christmas Event on Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to wear your Christmas Finest, for a time of fellowship with a catered dinner and a guest speaker. This year we will be taking a love offering for Christ Gospel Ministries. Sign up in Sunday School or at the Women's Ministry table. If childcare will prevent you from coming, nursery is provided for children ages 4 and under, Please contact Jennifer Nichols at, nursery@midwaypca.org to reserve a spot.

ANGEL TREE & LITTLE LAMBS - Each year at Christmas we have the opportunity to provide gifts for the children at Cobb Street Ministries (Little Lambs) and children of prisoners (Angel Tree sponsored by Prison Fellowship Ministries). The "Lambs" and "Angels" will be in our fellowship hall lobby for you to pick up. There will be detailed instructions and a list to sign indicating which lamb or angel you chose. The deadline for bringing gifts to the church is Sunday, December 11th. Drivers are always needed to deliver the gifts the following week. If you can help, please contact Calli Pritchett @ 770-841-6065

A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS - Please join us to bless and be blessed on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am. The Women in the Church will assemble and deliver baskets of goodies to dear ones in our covenant family. Donations of fruit, baked goods & candy are needed. Sign up in Sunday School or at WIC table. If you know of someone who should receive a basket, please email MidwayWIC@gmail.com or call/text 404/465-0141.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one, please sign up at the Women's Ministry table or in Sunday School. We will take orders through December 18th. The cost is \$10 each. For more information contact Georgia Williams 404-518-1184.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (nursery available for Bible Studies held at church)

- The Circle of Grace has concluded their Fall session and will resume meeting each Tuesday morning on January 17th. Plan to join us as we study "New Testament Letters to the Church" through mid-May.
- The Ladies Evening Bible Study meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month. We will be studying Praying with Paul by Dr. D.A. Carson. Contact Joyce Talley at 770-499-8145.
- Ruth Circle meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Sunday School room. Our text this year is "The Promised One - Seeing Jesus in Genesis" by Nancy Guthrie. Contact Ann Tippins 770-427-3607.

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

- Pastor Hall's Thursday study on Genesis meets at 12:00 in the Harvester class room.
- Pastor Harrington's Wednesday study meets at 7:00 a.m. at the Daily Grind.
- Mr. Mic Knox's study meets every other Monday at 5:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Membership to the Y is not required to attend the Bible study. They will meet again on Monday, December 19th.

YOUTH NEWS (contact ben.thomas@midwaypca.org)

- Wednesday Night Youth this week at 7pm in the Youth Assembly Room. Join us as we continue our study in Ephesians.
- Middle School Christmas party will be on December 11th, after the evening service.
- High School Progressive Dinner will be on December 16th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (contact brad.winsted@midwaypca.org)

- Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. in the music room of the School, followed by Sunday School classes for all ages. Each Worship Service has a "Children's Church" for K4 to 1st graders.
- Wednesday night Kid's Club starts at 7:00 p.m. We are beginning a new series, "How to Fight the Deceiver" with accompanying Children's Catechism Questions. Don't miss the fun!
- Kid's Christmas Party December 14: The last Wednesday Night Kid's Club of the year at 7 pm will also include a special Kid's party with crafts and Christmas cookies.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

December 7th - 5:30-6:30PM

Spaghetti, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS church.kitchen@midwaypca.org

**Deadline to make reservations is 3:00 p.m. on Monday*

Adults: \$4.50, Children: \$2.50, (10 & under) \$20 family maximum.

\$1.00 extra for each "to-go" plate purchased.

NURSERY NEWS

Those interested in serving in the nursery, contact Jennifer Nichols – nursery@midwaypca.org

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 4th

- 9:35** Rebecca MacGregor, Ann Hall, Alicia Bartlett
10:45 Ryan Zumbrum, Pebbles Shankman, Patrick McKinney, Laura MacGregor, Loretta Gilmer,
5:50 Faye Hood, Jerry & Becky Blades

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 11th

- 9:35** Ann Kistner, Lauren Clarke, John Nichols
10:45 Molly & Sierra Way, Sarah Vincenzi, Karen & Isabella Parker, Kirt Moore, Sarah McKinney, Lauren Hash, Janis Cheatham
5:50 Kate Harrington

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

Those interested in serving in the special care ministries, contact Bobbi Mitchell – special.care@midwaypca.org

- Sunday, Dec. 4th** Alex Whitaker
Sunday, Dec. 11th John & Hannah Livingston

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact brad.winsted@midwaypca.org)

- Sunday, Dec. 4th** **A.M. Service** Georgia Williams, Sarah McKinney
Sunday, Dec. 11th **A.M. Service** Timothy Irby, Lara Fuller

Congregational Prayer Needs: Dottie Rooker, Jerry Hobbs, Judy Allen, Sandy Boyd, Charlie Waters, Ava Nunn, Clay David, Fred Warren, Tasker Russell

Our expectant families: Stewart & Bethany Adams, Megan (Hall) and Steffan Nunn, Brittany & Stuart Michelson, Jane & Brady Pritchett, Kylie & Cameron Day

Our Military Personnel: Doug Hayes, Nate Forrester, Wiley Pritchett, John S. Tilley, Bradley Winsted and Samuel Winsted, William Vogh, Brady Pritchett, Greg Hawley, Mae Eister, David Hugh Howell, Keller Frankland, Jacob Robinson, Johnnie and Ruth (Winsted) Felker, Brent Henson, Payne Underwood

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionary of the Month: Vijay Raju –India

Church of the Week: Christ Community Church - Kennesaw

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Adult					
Class	Subject of Study	Location	Class	Subject of Study	Location
Explorers	Book of Amos	FH	Fellowship	Ezra and Nehemiah	FH
Grace	Romans	FH (Middle)	Harvester	Ephesians	FH
Women	Paul's Letters	FH			
College		FH	Children (classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)		
Youth			4-5 th grade		A5
High school	Youth Assembly Room		2 nd & 3 rd grade		A6
Middle school	FH		1 st grade		A2
Infant-3 yr. old	Nursery		K4 & K5		A1

MIDWAY OFFICERS

Active Ruling Elders

Class of 2016: Ernie Hawley, Bill Knight, Wes Richardson, Bob Whitaker
 Class of 2018: Clay David, Scott Keese, James Scott, Jim Wolff
 Class of 2020: Don Barnett, John Garmon, Rodney Pritchett, Jeff Talley

Active Deacons

Class of 2016: Steve Bell, Matt Ross, Brian Washington
 Class of 2017: Cliff Miller, Harris Robinson, Phil Schrock, Kevin Thomas, Chris Vincenzi
 Class of 2018: Greg Bartlett, Dan Crouse, Hugh Lewis, Brady Pritchett

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 REV. BEN THOMAS, ASSISTANT PASTOR
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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.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."