

# THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 11, 2016

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE** *Savior of the Heathen, Come* J.S. Bach

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" #208

## \*INVOCATION (Unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; Grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #214

**PRAYER** Rev. Ben Thomas

## WELCOME

*(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)*

## THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" arr. McMichael

**\*DOXOLOGY** #731

## \*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

## UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. <sup>3</sup> You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. <sup>4</sup> For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. <sup>5</sup> Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

**ANTHEM** *Three Kings of Orient* J. Rutter

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star:

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of might, star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a king on Bethlehem plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King for ever, ceasing never, over us all to reign;  
(Refrain)

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh,  
Prayer and praising, all men raising, worship him, God most high:  
(Refrain)

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb:  
(Refrain)

Glorious now behold him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice!  
Heaven sings Alleluia: Alleluia earth replies;  
(Refrain)

Soloists

Verse 2: Bradley Fish & Evan Fish

Verse 3: Mike Kline & Phillip Stacy

Verse 4: Ben Adams & Jonathan Fish

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #207  
*(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)*

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:57-80

**SERMON** "A Baptist Birth and Zechariah's Psalm" Rev. David Hall

**\*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "As with Gladness Men of Old" #226

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

## POSTLUDE

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

## MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

\*Congregation please stand

\*\*Deacons will seat late arrivals

*A Service of Lessons & Carols*

*Sunday, December 11, 2016*

*6:00 p.m.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be served during the evening service next week. All those who have received Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord and who are members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to partake of this special means of grace. Children who have not been received by the elders as communing members should not partake, but learn by reverent observation, even though they may have trusted Christ for salvation. If you are aware that you have not received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, you should allow the elements to pass, and you are urged to repent of your sin and embrace the free offer of salvation in Christ by faith.

**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 today. Drivers are always needed to deliver the gifts the following week. If you can help, please contact Calli Pritchett @ 770-841-6065

**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](mailto: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.

**CHURCHWIDE CAROLING** - Please join us for an evening of caroling and hot cocoa, Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:45 for instructions, carol from 7:00-8:00, and return to the church for hot cocoa and cookies. Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies, a flashlight, lots of warm clothing, and your best caroling voice! In case of inclement weather, caroling will be cancelled.

**COMMUNICANTS CLASS** - We will begin our communicants class in January and will take place during the Sunday School hour. This is a class for young people who are interested in becoming communing members at Midway. Please let Ben Thomas know if you would like for your child to be a part of this class. Contact Ben at [ben.thomas@midwaypca.org](mailto:ben.thomas@midwaypca.org).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH NEWS** (contact [ben.thomas@midwaypca.org](mailto:ben.thomas@midwaypca.org))

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

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** (contact [brad.winsted@midwaypca.org](mailto:brad.winsted@midwaypca.org))

- There will not be a Children's Church this Sunday evening as the kids stay and sing throughout the evening Lessons & Carols Service.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> graders.
- Kid's Christmas Party this Wednesday night! We will be having our annual Christmas Party this Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.. Each family should bring cookies to exchange. We will also have a special Christmas craft. This will be the last Wednesday night Kid's Program this year.

**Wednesday Fellowship Dinner**  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> – 5:30-6:30PM  
 BBQ Pork Sandwiches or Corn Dogs, 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](mailto:nursery@midwaypca.org)

**THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 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

**THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:35** Georgia Williams, Carol DeMar, Rachael Eister  
**10:45** Abigail Smith, Susanne Worley, Steven Smith, Kechia Magee, Hannah Livingston, Mattie Grace Hankal, Susan Biondolillo, Anna & Maria Biondolillo, Bethany Adams  
**5:50** Gabby Stevens, Karen Barnett

**SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY**

Those interested in serving in the special care ministries, contact Bobbi Mitchell – [special.care@midwaypca.org](mailto:special.care@midwaypca.org)

- Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** John & Hannah Livingston  
**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** Andrew & Amanda Hall

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

(contact [brad.winsted@midwaypca.org](mailto:brad.winsted@midwaypca.org))

- Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** **A.M. Service** Timothy Irby, Lara Fuller  
**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** **A.M. Service** Heinz & Gisela Bockle

**Congregational Prayer Needs:** Dottie Rooker, Jerry Hobbs, Judy Allen, Sandy Boyd, Charlie Waters, Ava Nunn, Clay David, Fred Warren, Tasker Russell, Wilson Smith  
**Our expectant families:** Stewart & Bethany Adams, Megan (Hall) & 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:** Peter and Diane Bakelaar  
**Church of the Week:** Christ Presbyterian Church – Marietta

**SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.**

<b>Adult</b>					
<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject of Study</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Subject of Study</u>	<u>Location</u>
Explorers	Book of Amos	FH	Fellowship	Ezra and Nehemiah	FH
Grace	Romans	FH (Middle)	Harvester	Ephesians	FH
Women	Paul's Letters	FH			
<b>College</b>					
	FH				
<b>Youth</b>					
High school	Youth Assembly Room		4-5 <sup>th</sup> grade		A5
Middle school	FH		2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade		A6
Infant-3 yr. old	Nursery		1 <sup>st</sup> grade		A2
			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. 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.

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