THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 18, 2016
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *What Child Is This?* arr. Purvis

CALL TO WORSHIP

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "While by the Sheep We Watched at Night" #215

***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 RESPONSE** "O Little Town of Bethlehem" #201

PRAYER Rev. Marc Harrington

WELCOME
(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *What Child is This?* arr. Aaronson

***DOXOLOGY** #731

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

UNISON SCRIPTURE 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 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* arr. Helvey
Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near.
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken;
The word is never broken.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #221
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-10

SERMON "God Sovereign Over All Details at Christmas" Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Once in Royal David's City" #225

***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 We Have Heard on High* arr. Wood

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

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*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
at 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service
11:00 worship only

If you purchased a poinsettia,
please pick it up after the Christmas Day service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Lord's Supper will be served during the evening service tonight. 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.

Please remember your church in your year-end giving. Your faithful generosity helps Midway to serve the Lord with all our gifts and talents.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OR ACTIVITES – We will resume January 4th.

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 no later than today. All poinsettias purchased today will be announced in the January newsletter. 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 21st. 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.

LADIES, GENTLEMEN AND CHILDREN are invited to assist taking down the Christmas decorations on Tuesday, December 27th at 10:00am. Everyone is invited and we would greatly appreciate your help.

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.

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**)**
- No Wednesday night youth this week. We will resume our Wednesday night Youth Studies on January 4th.

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.

NURSERY NEWS

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 18th

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 25th

10:45 Bobbi Mitchell, Jeanne Mitchell, Terri Kayler, Patti Brandenburg, Rachel Howard, Kallie & Jacob McGill

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

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

Sunday, Dec. 18th Andrew & Amanda Hall
Sunday, Dec. 25th Bob Whitaker, Jeff Talley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact brad.winsted@midwaypca.org)

Sunday, Dec. 18th **A.M. Service** Heinz & Gisela Bockle
Sunday, Dec. 25th **A.M. Service** Michelle Mitchell

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: First Presbyterian Church - Summerville

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

Youth
High school Youth Assembly Room
Middle school FH
Infant-3 yr. old Nursery

Children *(classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)*

4-5th grade	A5
2nd & 3rd grade	A6
1st 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 Keesee, 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

EVENING WORSHIP

December 18, 2016
6:00 PM

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #193

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE "What Child Is This" #213

PASTORAL PRAYER
(*Children may be dismissed.*)

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:29-33

SERMON "Christ: In the Manger and at the Table" Rev. David Hall

CONFESSION OF SIN

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Bread of the World in Mercy Broken" #425

FENCING THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

THANKSGIVING

***CAROL SING** (if time permits)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REV. MARC HARRINGTON, ASSISTANT PASTOR
REV. BEN THOMAS, 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.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."
1 Timothy 1:15