

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 17, 2017

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Away in a Manger* arr. Wood

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. Mic Knox

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Sing Joy!* arr. Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** #731

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ANTHEM *Lo, How a Rose* arr. Govenor

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as those of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior
When half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God; from sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load. And lightens every load.

(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:37; Matthew 1:18-25

SERMON "Miraculous Births: And the Stunning God of Advent" Rev. David Hall

SILENT CONFESSION AND EXAMINATION

UNISON CONFESSION

Psalm 51
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 John 1:9
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #193

Invitation to The Lord's Table
Fencing the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Distribution of The Sacrament
Prayer of Thanksgiving

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" #420

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION 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 *Let us All Together Praise Our God* P. Manz

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 AND CAROLS
MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017
6:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We join Shelley & Evanda Remington in praising the Lord for the birth of their son Ezra Charles Remington, who was born on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Rev. Marc Harrington and family upon the death of Marc's father.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Beckie MacGregor and family upon the death of Beckie's mother.

RESCHEDULED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – A congregational meeting to elect deacons for the class of 2021 (deacons only) will follow the morning worship service today. Approved for nomination for this office are: Joe Hash, Cliff Miller, Patrick Rockholz, Phil Schrock and Chris Vincenzi. Bio sketches of candidates are available in the Narthex.

LUNCH WITH MISSIONARIES JOHN & KATHY LESONDAK CANCELED.

COLLEGE AND CAREER BIBLE STUDY (contact david.barry@midwaypca.org)

- This study is for college-age through early 30s and is held every other week at 7:30 PM at David and Katie Barry's home. Due to the Christmas break, the next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

YOUTH NEWS (contact ronny.hull@midwaypca.org)

- No Wednesday night activities until the new year
- Youth Bible studies will resume in the new year.

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

- The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on January 16 when we will begin the study of Joshua. All are invited to join us each Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Taught by Carol Combs, this 16-week study will continue through May 8th.
- Ruth Circle meets monthly and is studying the Nancy Guthrie series about seeing Jesus in the Old Testament. This study is 'The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets.' Contact Ann Tippins 770-427-3607.

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

- Pastor Harrington's Wednesday study 7:00 a.m. at the Daily Grind
- Pastor Hall's Thursday study on Genesis meets at 12:00 in the Harvester class room.

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 Fellowship Dinner

NO DINNER THIS WEEK.

Regular Wednesday night dinner will resume January 10th

NURSERY NEWS

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 17th

9:35 Ruth Dewhurst, Janice Furlong, Beckie MacGregor
10:45 Lara Fuller, Rachel Howard, Jean Ross Jessica Joiner, Pebbles Shankman, Kim Smith
5:50 Gisela Bockle & Elisabeth Wagner

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, Dec. 24th

9:35 Rachael Eister, Gail & Rick Griffin
10:45 Amber & David Jackson, Lee Kopp, Jared Negron, Richard & Polly Vogh, Molly & Sierra Way
5:50 Becky Lewis, Nancy Pritchett

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

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

Sunday, Dec. 17th Phil Dudt
Sunday, Dec. 24th Scott Keese, Alex Whitaker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact brad.winsted@midwaypca.org)

Sunday, Dec. 17th **A.M. Service** Heinz & Gisela Bockle

Congregational Prayer Needs: Dottie Rooker, Jerry Hobbs, Judy Allen, Sandy Boyd, Charlie Waters, Ava Nunn, Fred Warren, Wilson Smith, Robin Hood, Leon Combs, Sandy Burton, Todd Allen, Karen Barnett

Our expectant families: Devon & Sean Duneheew, Jacob & Carissa Robinson, Breanna (Robinson) & Asher Johnson

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

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionaries of the Month: Justin & Elizabeth Clement – RUF, UGA, Dan & Rebecca Gregoire – MTW, Slovakia, Mike & Robin McMahan – MTW, Zimbabwe, Linda Wixon – MTW, Japan

Church of the Week: King’s Chapel Presbyterian Church - Carrollton

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Adult

Class	Subject of Study	Location	Class	Subject of Study	Location
Explorers	Colossians	FH	Fellowship	Acts	FH
Grace	2 Samuel	FH (Middle)	Harvester	1 & 2 Peter	FH
Women	Paul’s Letters	Conf. Room			

Children (classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)

Youth	Location	Class	Location
4-5 th grade		A5	
High school	Youth Assembly Room	3 rd grade	A6
Middle school	FH	1 st & 2 nd grade	A2
Infant-3 yr. old	Nursery	K4 & K5	A1



Thank you to all who donated poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary.

Benjamin Adams	Honor	Parents, Brian and Melanie
Benjamin Adams	Honor	Family, Stewart and Bethany
The John Adams Family	Memory	Christina’s Mom, Janet
Todd and Judy Allen	Memory	Our Parents
Don and Karen Barnett	Memory	Barnett Parents; E.M. Wells
Don and Karen Barnett	Honor	Clera Wells
Jerry and Becky Blades	Honor	To the Glory of God
Jerry and Becky Blades	Memory	Mack and Betty Lou Davis
Heinz and Gisela Bockle	Memory	Donna Way
Mel and Barb Bokhoven	Memory	Simon and Wilma Bokhoven
Mel and Barb Bokhoven	Memory	T.J. and Margaret Vermeer
Dick and Patti Brandenburg	Memory	Patti’s Mother, Stella Dean Chester
Mary Bullard	Memory	John Bullard
Tom and Janis Cheatham	Memory	Don and Mary Johnson
Doug and Dena Clapp	Memory	J.W. and Frances Fowler; Camelia Clapp
The Clark Family	Memory	Mike Kelsey
Sandra Cleland	Memory	John and Novie Sanders
The Dudt Family	Memory	Philip and Charlotte Dudt
The Dudt Family	Memory	Atkinson and Margaret Holmes
The Dudt Family	Memory	Julie Knox
The Dudt Family	Honor	Todd and Judy Allen
John and Carolyn Garmon	Honor	The Son of God
Ted and Peggy Green	Memory	Our Parents

Rick and Gail Griffin	Honor	Our Parents
Dot Haddox	Memory	Jack Haddox
Ernie and Bonnie Hawley	Memory	Warren and Debra Hawley
Ernie and Bonnie Hawley	Memory	Arthur and Bertha McDaniel
Ernie and Bonnie Hawley	Honor	Our Children and Grandchildren
Jim and Shirley Holcomb	Honor	God’s blessings upon us
The Hollis Family	Memory	Brenda Hollis
The Jamerson Family	Memory	Joyce Jamerson
Breanna Johnson	Memory	Nancy Gregory
Bill and Gloria Knight		To the glory of God
Ed Knox	Memory	Julie Knox
Ed Knox	Honor	Leah Knox
Gary and Christine Lanning	Memory	Donna Way
Hugh and Becky Lewis	Memory	Our Parents
Hank and Ginger Ludwig	Honor	Our 46th Anniversary
Rebecca MacGregor	Memory	John P. MacGregor
The MacGregor Children	Honor	Mom, Rebecca MacGregor
Judy Mazzeo	Memory	My Parents, Allen and Ruth Bumgardner
Harold and Donna Mills	Memory	Parents
Harold and Donna Mills	Memory	Grandparents
The Redwines	Memory	Our Parents
Harris and Wanda Robinson	Memory	Vernon Robinson
Jeff and Jean Ross	Memory	Edward and Agnes Kinkel
Jeff and Jean Ross	Memory	Arnold and Regina Ross
Jeff and Jean Ross	Memory	Leah Ann Nolan
Kris Ross	Memory	John Ross
Kris Ross	Memory	Mr. & Mrs. Ross; Mr. & Mrs. Thigpen
Rego and Patsy Rue	Memory	John and Evelyn Rue
Joan Schneider	Memory	Husband, Rudolf, and loved ones
Phil and Patti Schrock	Memory	Pat and Joyce Kinn; Stephen Schrock
James Scott	Memory	Joy Scott
James Scott	Memory	Clyde and Elizabeth Scott
Jeff and Jennifer Siewert	Honor	Our Children
Jeff and Jennifer Siewert	Memory	Jennifer’s mom, Marlys
Bill and Ellen Smith	Memory	Son, Douglas Alan Smith
Jeff and Joyce Talley	Memory	Our Parents
Lindsey and Ann Tippins	Memory	C.W. and Edith Tippins
Lindsey and Ann Tippins	Memory	Clyde and Elizabeth Scott
Tom and Lucy Todd	Memory	John and Pearl Todd
Tom and Lucy Todd	Memory	Gene and Mollie Wilbur
Barbara and Pia Trivedi	Memory	Marrianna & Hyre Topps
Dean and Kim Wardlaw	Memory	Leron Wardlaw
Dean and Kim Wardlaw	Memory	Frances Wardlaw
Wendall Way	Memory	My dear wife, Donna
Bob and Cindy Whitaker	Memory	Grady and Lois Hext
Bob and Cindy Whitaker	Memory	Robert H. Whitaker, Sr.
Brad Winsted	Memory	Fawn Winsted
Brad Winsted	Memory	Michael Carver

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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.”

1 Timothy 1:15