

THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	<i>How Good It Is to Thank the Lord</i>	arr. Fedak
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rev. Marc Harrington
**HYMN OF PRAISE	"O God beyond All Praising"	#660
*INVOCATION		
**CONFESSION OF FAITH:	Westminster Confession, Ch. 17:1-2	p. 858
HYMN OF PRAISE	"Like a River Glorious"	#699
PRAYER		Rev. David Hall
WELCOME		
	<i>(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)</i>	
THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#731
*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER		
PSALTER READING	Psalm 95	p. 819
ANTHEM	<i>Not Unto Us, O Lord (Psalm 115)</i>	D. Busarow
	Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, O Lord, But to your name give glory, to your name give glory!	
	The Lord our God is in our midst, a helper who gives victory. He will rejoice over us with gladness, he will renew us in his love. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, O Lord, But to your name give glory, to your name give glory!	
	For the sake of your steadfast love, O lord, for the sake of your steadfast love, And for your faithfulness, O Lord, and for your faithfulness. He will exult over us with loud singing as in the day of a festival, And at that time he will bring us home when he gathers us together.	
	Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, O Lord, But to your name give glory, to your name give glory!	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"	#708
	<i>(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)</i>	
SCRIPTURE		Hebrews 5:11-6:9
SERMON	"Can You Lose Your Salvation?"	Rev. David Hall
*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION	"Blessed Assurance"	#693

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

***BENEDICTORY RESPONSE** Gloria Patri Creatorex
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 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Fedak

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

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God.
"God changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom
to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." Daniel 2:21*

Sermon Notes: Hebrews 5:11 – 6:9: Can You Lose Your Salvation?

Even with Christ as our priest, sometimes he confronts us that we are not growing!

Note the Elementary doctrines of the 1st C:

Can You Lose Eternal Salvation, if you have it?

1. There is a **Difference** between foundational ideas and maturity (1-3).
2. There is a **Danger** of attempted proximity without whole-hearted commitment (4-5).
3. God is not **Deceived**, mocked (6).
4. The **Decisive proof** is in the pudding: Fruits (7-8).

Who are "those" of verse 4? There are 3 possible answers:

- a) **Faux Professing, Non-Christians**, i.e., those who verbally associate themselves with Christianity but are not heart-Christians.
- b) **True Christians**; this view applies vss. 4-6 to those who have a rebirth or conversion experience, only to lose it later.

Favoring this interp:

1. The description in vss. 4-5 is similar to that of a true Christian.
2. It stresses the duty of a Christian to stay close to God.

Against this interp:

1. The rest of Scripture does not agree with "falling from grace."
2. Rather Scripture teaches "Eternal Security." (cf.: Jn. 10:28-30; Phil. 1:6; 2 Cor. 5:18; Rom. 6:4-6; Eph. 2:13; 1 Jn. 2:19 & 5:13)
3. Doesn't observe "Pronoun Shift": from "we," "us," in 5:12-13 to "those," "they" in Heb. 6:4-6; and then back to "we," "us" in 6:9 ff.
4. Heb. 6:9 gives a specific disclaimer that this parable applies to lapsing Christians: "we are confident of better things in your case."
5. This interpretation rejects the one-time, all sufficient Atoning work of Christ.

Assessment: Heb. 6:4-6 does not speak of True Christians who have died with Christ and are new, re-born creations. This would also make human ability to remain in a state of salvation more decisive than God's ability to make us saved and then keep us. It destroys *sola gratia*.

- c) **Almost Christians** (a.k.a., Counterfeit, Close, Stillborn); "these had temporary enjoyment of great spiritual privileges." (G. Wilson)

Reasons:

1. The Parable in vss. 7-8 explains "outward similarity."
2. Christ taught similarly in Mt. 7:15-23; 13:18-23; Jn. 15:4-7.
3. This is in keeping with the previous (and other) warnings – 2:2; 3:12-19; 10:26-31.
4. It recognizes the subtle but meaningful "pronoun shift"; thus it is not applied to True Christians. It is, as J. Owen said, "spoken *to* them, but not *of* them."
5. The Rejection of the crucified Son = Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit or hardened heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOST HOMES NEEDED for the upcoming Reformation Worship Conference, October 18 – 21. We are in need of host families for missionaries and seminary students. If you are willing to provide bed and breakfast for one or more of our guests, please contact Judy Dodd at 770-422-4974, ext. 106, or judy.dodd@midwaypca.org.

HAITI DONATIONS NEEDED - A container is being sent to Haiti next week and we are in need of the following items (new or used): school supplies, back packs, towels, and any working musical instruments. Please drop off donations at the church office by Wednesday, September 26th. Thank you!

REFORMATION DAY PARTY - Please mark your calendars for our annual Reformation Day party on Wednesday, October 31st. This is a church-wide event that will include a costume contest for all ages, dinner, games, candy, and lots of family fun. This is also a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors that don't attend Midway to get to know us in the context of a relaxed, family-friendly event. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. with activities beginning shortly thereafter. Come dressed as your favorite friendly character or Bible personality! Also, please keep an eye out for volunteer sign-up sheets in your Sunday school classes. Contact Ken Rolston, Children's Ministry Director, with any questions at ken.rolston@midwaypca.org.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY - This study on the book of James is for college-age through mid 30s and is held every other week at Susan Barry's home (1182 Hillside Green Way, Powder Springs 30127). Childcare is provided. Our next study will be Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact david.barry@midwaypca.org.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY will meet on Monday, September 24th at Kennesaw State University at 7:00 p.m. The study is for all college-age students, whether or not they attend KSU. For questions or more information, contact david.barry@midwaypca.org.

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

- High School Girls Bible study Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. @ Daily Grind.
- Middle School Guys Bible study Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. Meet @Midway's coffee bar, and pick up @ Midway's gym.
- High School Guys Bible study Tuesday, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. @ Daily Grind.
- Youth Group Wednesday @ Youth Assembly Room. Middle School from 6:25 – 7:15 p.m. and High School from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.
- High School Home Run next Sunday after the evening worship service.

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

- The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to study the Book of 1st Corinthians taught by Carol Combs. Questions? Contact Sandra Westerfield at westerfields@bellsouth.net
- Ruth Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom. Our next study will be October 16th where we will be finishing the book, "Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament." Our next book will be a series from Nancy Guthrie called "The Lamb of God: Seeing Jesus in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy." For questions contact Ann Tippins at 770-427-3607 or atippins@bellsouth.net.

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

- Pastor Harrington's Bible study - Wednesday, 7:00 a.m. @ Daily Grind
- Pastor Hall's Exodus study – Thursday, Noon @ Harvester Classroom

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (contact ken.rolston@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 meets at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING – weekly at 7:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

September 26th – 5:15-6:30PM

Spaghetti, Pizza, Mozzarella Bread Sticks, Dessert, Tea and Coffee

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS church.kitchen@midwaypca.org

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

Adults: \$5.00, Children: \$3.00,(10 & under) \$23 family maximum.

NURSERY NEWS

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, September 23rd

9:30 Ruth Dewhurst, Janice Furlong
10:45 Katie Barry, Lucy Todd, Bobbi Mitchell, Lauren Hash, Richard & Cheryl Hill
5:45 Becky Lewis

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, September 30th

9:30 Melanie Adams, Gail & Rick Griffin
10:45 Patty Moody, Rochelle LePor, Jessica Joiner, Patti Brandenburg, Susan, Anna & Maria Biondolillo
5:45 Hannah, Jasmine & Olivia Adams

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

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

Sunday, September 23rd Evanda Remington, Alex Whitaker, Cindy Whitaker
Sunday, September 30th Bob Whitaker, Teressa Gowder

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact ken.rolston@midwaypca.org)

Sunday, September 23rd A.M. Service Mike & Heather Clark
Sunday, September 30th A.M. Service Roland Renne

Congregational Prayer Needs: Jerry Hobbs, Judy Allen, Sandy Boyd, Charlie Waters, Ava Nunn, Fred Warren, Leon Combs, Todd Allen, Karen Barnett, Donna & Harold Mills, Susan Richardson, Boozie Knox, Dianne Guy, Hugh Lewis

Our expectant families: Zachary & Regan Adams, Wiley & Alexis Pritchett, Jason & Lauren Clarke, Andrew & Amanda Hall, Brian & Melody (Kayler) Montgomery, Christopher & Camille Howard, Brady & Jane Pritchett

Our Military Personnel: Nate Forrester, Wiley Pritchett, Bradley Winsted and Samuel Winsted, Brady Pritchett, Greg Hawley, Keller Frankland, Jacob Robinson, Johnnie & Ruth (Winsted) Felker, Brent Henson, Payne Underwood, Tabatha Nicholson, Ian Zeffel, Asher Johnson, Guy Scott, Cameron Smith

Midway Covenant Christian School

Missionaries of the Month: Linda Summer – The Agape Puppets/International; Endi & Kati Kovacs – CRM, Hungary; Palmer & Joanna Robertson – ABU, Uganda

Church of the Week: Smyrna Presbyterian Church - Smyrna

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Adult					
Class	Subject of Study	Location	Class	Subject of Study	Location
Explorers	Genesis	FH	Fellowship	Acts	FH
Grace	Ephesians	FH (Middle)	Harvester	Reading and Understanding Job	FH
Children (classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)					
Youth			4-5 th grade		
High school	Youth Assembly Room		A5		
Middle school	FH		3 rd grade		
Infant-3 yr. old Nursery			1 st & 2 nd grade		
			A2		
			K4 & K5		
			A1		

EVENING WORSHIP

September 23, 2018

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" #353

*INVOCATION

****CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. #26-28

Pastor: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

People: Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Pastor: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

People: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Pastor: Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?

People: Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

***PSALM OF RESPONSE** Psalms for Worship, 35A

OLD TESTAMENT READING Esther 9:1-19

PRAYER Rev. David Barry

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "All to Jesus I Surrender" #562
(Children dismissed)

SCRIPTURE Esther 9:20-10:3

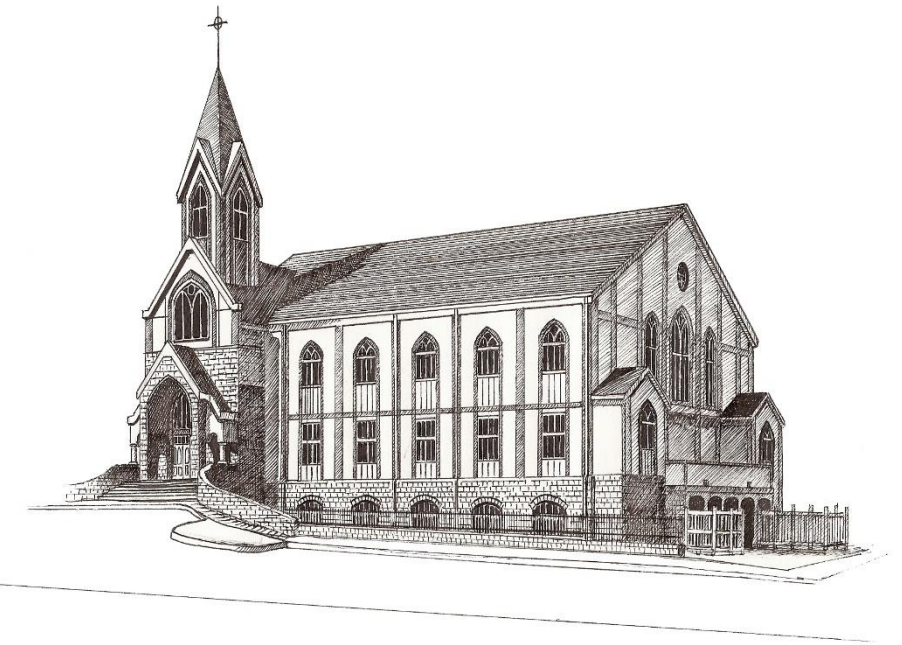
SERMON "A Just War and a Just Celebration" Rev. Marc Harrington

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Lead On, O King Eternal" #580

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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."