

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 2, 2018

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

*INVOCATION

**INVOCATION(Unison)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #194

PRAYER Rev. David Barry

WELCOME

(Please sign the registration pad with complete address)

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND YOUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Berry

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 7:14 and Luke 1:46-55

ANTHEM *The Lord at First Did Adam Make* J. Nixon

The Lord at first did Adam make out of the dust and clay.
And in his nostrils breathed life e'en as the scriptures say.
And then in Eden's paradise He placed him to dwell,
That he within it should remain, to dress and keep it well:
Now let all Christians all begin an holy life to live,
And to rejoice and thankful be, for God His son has given.

And thus within the garden he was set therein to stay;
And in commandment unto him these words the Lord did say:
"The fruit which in the garden grows to thee shall be for meat,
Except the tree in the midst thereof, of which thou shall not eat."
Now let all Christians all begin an holy life to live,
And to rejoice and thankful be, for God His son has given.

"For in the day thou shalt it touch or dost to it come nigh,
If so thou do but eat thereof then thou shalt surely die."
But Adam he did take no heed unto that only thing,
But did transgress God's holy law, and so was wrapt in sin:
Now let all Christians all begin an holy life to live,
And to rejoice and thankful be, for God His son has given.

Now mark the goodness of the Lord, which he for man-kind bore;
His mercy soon he did extend, lost man for to restore;
And therefore to redeem our souls from death and hellish thrall,
He said his own dear Son should be the Saviour of us all:
Now let all Christians all begin an holy life to live,
And to rejoice and thankful be, for God His son has given.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!" #198
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:19-39

SERMON "Since...Then, Persevere!" Rev. David Hall

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" #195

***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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. Powell

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

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

The poinsettia in the sanctuary today is given by Kris Ross in memory of John Ross' birthday and their wedding anniversary.

*You are cordially invited to attend the
Children's & Youth Choirs Christmas Program
The Cherub Choir, Midway Singers & One Accord
December 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - The Session has scheduled a congregational meeting for December 9th, following the morning worship service for the purpose of electing officers. Please plan to attend. Please see the details in the insert.

DEACON AND ELDER BIOGRAPHIES are available on the round table in the Narthex. If you would like an electronic copy please email the church office @ leigh.hankal@midwaypca.org.

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.

TEEN PREP - All parents of 4th-8th graders are invited to the next Teen Prep at Justin & Lara Fuller's house on Friday, December 7th from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. See the September newsletter for more details. If you would like to be on the Evite list contact fuller.lara@gmail.com or anniehall0410@gmail.com. There will be nursery, children's and middle school programs at church by reservation only and for parents attending only. Bring an appetizer and join us December 7th!

HARVESTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS begins their new study on the Epistles of John today.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018
6:00 P.M.

BRIDAL SHOWER - All Midway ladies are invited to attend a bridal shower for Rachel Garside, fiancée of Lee Tebbens, on Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lee and Rachel are registered at Amazon and Target.

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS - WIC will be ordering poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please sign up at the WIC table or in a Sunday School class. We will take orders through December 2nd. The cost is \$10 each. For more information, contact Calli Pritchett at (770) 841-6065.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT- All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for the WIC Christmas event, "Preparing Our Hearts for Advent." Enjoy a catered meal for \$5. You may sign-up at the WIC table or in a Sunday School class. For more information, contact Calli Pritchett at (770) 841-6065.

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 December 10th. Drivers are needed to deliver the gifts. If you can help or would like more information, contact Bethany Adams, 770-653-7228.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS - The Women in the Church will be assembling and delivering baskets of goodies to people in our covenant family on Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to donate fruit, baked goods, candy, etc. for the baskets, as well as help assembling and delivering the baskets. Sign-up sheets will be sent around to the Sunday School classes and on the WIC table. If you have questions or know of someone who should receive a basket, contact Katie Edwards 404-790-9907 or katiebedwards@gmail.com.

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, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact david.barry@midwaypca.org.

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY will be on break until the New Year.

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

- Middle School Guys Bible study Tuesday, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. @ Youth Assembly Room. Drop off @ Midway's coffee station, and pick up @ the gym.
- High School Girls Bible study Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ Daily Grind.
- High School Guys Bible study is taking a December break.
- 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.
- Operation Christmas Child service project on December 10th. Students must be at least 13 years old to join. RSVP your spot with Ronny or Katie!
- Middle School Christmas Party @ the Washington's on December 14th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- High School Christmas Party @ the Barry's house on December 16th after the evening service.

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

- The Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume in January.
- Ruth Circle will resume on Tuesday, January 15th.

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

December 5th – 5:15-6:30PM

Spaghetti, Pizza, Salad and Dessert

YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS at church.kitchen@midwaypca.org

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

Adults: \$5.00, Children (10 & under): \$3.00, Family Maximum: \$23.00

NURSERY NEWS

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, December 2nd

- 9:30** Diane Armstrong, Alicia Bartlett
10:45 Heather, Meredith & Hannah Knight, Debbie Raessler, Jared Negron, Alexis Zumbum, Molly & Sierra Way
5:45 Faye Hood

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, December 9th

- 9:30** Ann Kistner, Sarah McKinney
10:45 Lara Fuller, Lee Kopp, Jack MacGregor, Karen & Isabella Parker, Stephanie Wofford
5:45 Sandra Westerfield, Paula Wilson

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

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

- Sunday, December 2nd** Sammy Mitchell, Justin Fuller, Suzanne Yarbrough
Sunday, December 9th Evanda Remington, Anne Herbert, Carolyn Boyd

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact ken.rolston@midwaypca.org)

- Sunday, December 2nd** **A.M. Service** Michelle Mitchell
Sunday, December 9th **A.M. Service** Mike & Heather Clark

Congregational Prayer Needs: Jerry Hobbs, Todd & Judy Allen, Sandy Boyd, Charlie Waters, Ava Nunn, Fred Warren, Leon Combs, Donna Mills, Boozie Knox, Hugh Lewis, Larry Eller, Wendall Way

Our expectant families: Brian & Melody (Kayler) Montgomery, Christopher & Camille Howard, Brady & Jane Pritchett, John & Hannah Livingston, Calvin & Olivia Williams, Benjamin & Laura Adams

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

Midway Covenant Christian School

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

Church of the Week: Hope Presbyterian Church - Marietta

EVENING WORSHIP

December 2, 2018

6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-4, 14-22

***PSALM FOR WORSHIP**

Psalms for Worship, 103C

***INVOCATION**

****CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

PRAYER

Elder Jeff Talley

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

#499

(Children dismissed)

SCRIPTURE

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit”— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.” As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

SERMON

“Control Freaks Need to Resign”

Rev. Mic Knox

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“It Is Well with My Soul”

#691

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#457

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

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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