

THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 23, 2018

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *He Is Born, the Holy Child* arr. Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**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** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #214

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Please do not use flash cameras during worship. We will be happy to provide an opportunity for pictures after the service)

PRAYER Rev. David Barry

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

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 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—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; 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. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. 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

To Us a Child is Born

J. Purifoy

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
On those living in the land a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. And the government will be upon his shoulder. Of his kingdom there will be no end. With mercy and justice, peace and forgiveness, he will uphold us forevermore!

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To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name shall be called Wonderful, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. For to us a child is born!

Ken Rolston, soloist

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

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:13-14

SERMON "The Miraculous Birth and Majestic Name of Christ" 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 *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* arr. Fedak

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

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

We are pleased to present Martin Gregory Hall, the covenant child of Andrew & Amanda Hall, for the sacrament of baptism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

*If you purchased a poinsettia,
please pick it up after the Christmas Eve Service*

OFFERING ENVELOPES –Please pick up your 2019 offering envelopes from table at the back of the Sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – Volunteers are needed to help take down the church Christmas decorations on Thursday, December 27th at 10:00 a.m.

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, January 8th 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 is on break until January 8th.
- High School Girls Bible study is on break until January.
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- No Youth Group this Wednesday but will resume January 9th.

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

- The Weekly Tuesday Morning Bible Study, taught by Carol Combs, will begin the study of II Corinthians at 10:00 a.m. on January 8th and meet each week through early April. Ladies not involved in a weekly Bible study are encouraged to join us.
- Ruth Circle will resume on Tuesday, January 15th.

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

- Pastor Harrington's Bible study will not meet for two weeks but will resume January 9th.
- Pastor Hall's Exodus study will not meet for two weeks but will resume January 10th.

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 will resume January 9th.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING will not meet this week but will resume on January 2nd at 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

Dinners will resume on January 9th

NURSERY NEWS

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

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, December 23rd

9:30 Richard & Cheryl Hill, Kallie & Jacob McGill
10:45 Katie Barry, Lily Buehler, Erika Butler, Annagail & Mary Gatcha, Joan Schneider
5:45 Karen Barnett, Becky Lewis

THOSE SERVING, Sunday, December 30th

9:30 Chris Spicer, Rebecca MacGregor, Ruth Dewhurst
10:45 Hannah Livingston, Lauren Hash, Lori Cowley, Jessica Joiner, Claire Howard
5:45 Gisela Bockle, Elisabeth Wagner

SPECIAL CARE MINISTRY

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

Sunday, December 23rd Connie Wolff, Bobbi Mitchell
Sunday, December 30th Jeff Talley, Bobbi Mitchell, Teresa Gowder

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(contact ken.rolston@midwaypca.org)

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A.M. Service
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Please consider volunteering
to help with Children's church.

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, Wilkins Taylor

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

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: Dan & Rebecca Gregoire – MTW, Slovakia; Mike & Robin McMahan – MTW, Zimbabwe; Linda Wixon – MTW, Japan

Church of the Week: Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church - Douglasville

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:45 a.m.

Adult

Class	Subject of Study	Location	Class	Subject of Study	Location
Explorers	Genesis	FH	Fellowship	The Church	FH
Grace	Ephesians	FH (Middle)	Harvester	Epistles of John	FH

Youth

Middle School FH High School Youth Assembly Room

Children (classes are under the 1987 sanctuary)

K4 & K5 - A1 1st & 2nd grade - A2 3rd grade - A6 4-5th grade - A5
Infant-3 yr. old – Nursery Rooms

MIDWAY OFFICERS

Active Ruling Elders

Class of 2018: Clay David, Scott Keese, James Scott, Jim Wolff

Class of 2020: Don Barnett, John Garmon, Rodney Pritchett, Jeff Talley

Class of 2022: Phil Dudt, Ernie Hawley, Wes Richardson, Bob Whitaker

Active Deacons

Class of 2018: Greg Bartlett, Dan Crouse, Brady Pritchett, Ryan Zumbrum

Class of 2020: Brian Adams, Rick Griffin, John Livingston, Sammy Mitchell, Evanda Remington

Class of 2021: Joe Hash, Cliff Miller, Patrick Rockholz, Phil Schrock, Chris Vincenzi

A SERVICE OF ADVENT CAROLS, READINGS, AND PRAYER

December 23, 2018
6:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*ADVENT HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

#205
Stanzas 1 & 3

FIRST DEVOTIONAL

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Mr. Ken Rolston
#195

SECOND DEVOTIONAL

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Rev. David Barry
#196

PRAYER

Rev. Mic Knox

THIRD DEVOTIONAL

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Rev. Mic Knox
#224

FOURTH DEVOTIONAL

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

Rev. Marc Harrington
#217

PRAYER

Elder Bob Whitaker

FIFTH DEVOTIONAL

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Rev. David Hall
#203

SINGING OF CAROLS

*BENEDICTION

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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.”

1 Timothy 1:15