

MORNING WORSHIP OCTOBER 18, 2026 11:00 a.m.		
Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse, Preaching Rev. Chad Bailey, Assisting		
Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness, reverence, and joy will be known among us.		
PRELUDE	Brethren, We Have Met to Worship	arr. Cherwien
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*INVOCATION		
**HYMN OF PRAISE	“When Morning Gilds the Skies”	#167
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.		
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Psalm 86:15 “But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.”	
**HYMN OF THANKSGIVING	“Grace! 'Tis a Charming Sound”	#462
SCRIPTURE READING	Genesis 50:15–20	
PASTORAL PRAYER		
ANTHEM	Many Gifts, One Spirit	arr. Pote
Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice. Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.		
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above. In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.		
O God, remind us we are not alone. Though we move on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.		
Help us to love each other, show us ways to understand. We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.		
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Take our many ways of working, Blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow. Give us life, Lord, make us whole.		
THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS		
OFFERTORY	O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus	arr. Bober

*DOXOLOGY	#731
*PRAYERS FOR GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS	
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	#605
“All the Way My Savior Leads Me” (Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children’s church.)	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 1:12–14
SERMON	“What's Really Happening” Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse
PRAYER OF APPLICATION	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	#108
*THE BENEDICTION	
*BENEDICTORY RESPONSE	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	arr. Fedak
Holy, Holy, Holy	
*Congregation please stand **Deacons will seat late arrivals	

Sermon Notes:

I.	A	D _____	P _____
II.	An	U _____	W _____
III.	A	S _____	E _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISITORS If you are new to Midway and would like to connect with our pastoral staff or would like to know more about the church, please scan the QR code to provide your contact information.



WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER October 21st at 5:30–6:20 p.m. BBQ Pork or Corn Dogs will be served. Please RSVP - church.kitchen@midwaypca.org

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING Please plan to join us on Wednesdays from 5:45–6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. Everyone is invited to attend this time of prayer.

THE FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY “The Gospel of John” Bible study is on Wednesday nights from 6:30 p.m.–7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Sunday School classroom. All members and friends are welcome to come to this study taught by Pastor Bailey. Join whenever you can.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEs: Pastor Cruse and Kerri Ann would like to invite the congregation to join them for Monthly Sunday lunches to help them get to know you and your families. This will be done by groups alphabetically organized by last name. The first lunch will be Today **Sunday, October 18th for Last Names A–C** after the morning worship service in the Harvester Classroom. Please bring a potluck dish! **Last Names D–G will meet Sunday, November 15th.**

PRAYER & FASTING The 53rd General Assembly calls upon the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church in America to appoint a time to observe a solemn day of prayer and fasting for the revival and renewal of the church. Midway will observe this day of prayer and fasting on **Friday, October 23rd**. We invite you to participate in the following ways: - **Guided Prayer:** Elder Brian Washington will lead prayer from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the 1905 Sanctuary. - **Open Prayer:** The 1905 Sanctuary will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for individual, family, or group prayer. Please do join our church and our denomination in this day of concerted prayer and fasting for the revival and renewal of God’s Church. *Prayer Guides are available in the Narthex.*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC WORKSHOP Saturday, October 24th, 9:30 a.m.–12 noon in the adult choir rehearsal room. If you are interested in being a part of the Adult Choir for Lessons & Carols this year, please plan to attend the workshop, at least four Wednesday night choir rehearsals, and the dress rehearsal on December 9th. For more information and/or to join the Lessons & Carols choir, please email arie.motschman@midwaypca.org.

MEN OF THE COVENANT will meet on October 25th. All men are invited to the Men of the Covenant Prayer Breakfast beginning with prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the library, followed by breakfast and a guest speaker. For more information, please contact Chad at chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

REFORMATION PARTY Please mark your calendars for our annual Reformation Party on Wednesday, **October 28th**. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by a costume contest, a Reformation devotion, and fun and games in the gym until 8:15 p.m. We have needs for all types of volunteers. If interested in helping with our activities, please contact Matt Ross at matt.ross@midwayschool.org.

CHURCHWIDE COVERED-DISH FELLOWSHIP LUNCH Please join us Sunday, **November 1st** for a **Churchwide** covered-dish fellowship lunch. The congregation is asked to please provide the meat, sides, desserts; the church will provide the drinks and serving utensils. Each family is requested to bring generous, fully prepped portions of 1 or 2 items of food, enough for the family and to share with guests. Food should be placed on the receiving tables located near the beverage area outside the kitchen, *no later than 10:50 a.m.* Food will be served 20 minutes after the morning worship. Contact Bobbi Mitchell with any questions (bobbi@semware.com).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING The Session of Midway Presbyterian Church has called for a congregational meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, **November 8th**, for the purpose of voting on candidates for the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon.

The following candidates have been approved by the Session to be recommended to the congregation for office:

For the office of Ruling Elder: Paul Fish, Russ Knight, Rodney Pritchett, and Evanda Remington

For the office of Deacon: Dami Adeoye, Tom Biondolillo, Bradley Fish, Charles Hagan, David Jackson, Carter Kinnick, Kyle Lipstreu, Duncan Montgomery, Brady Pritchett, and Patrick Rockholz

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY (Contact chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.)

- Daily Grind Men’s Bible study Wednesdays, 7:00 a.m. at the Daily Grind.
- Men’s Thursday Bible study meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Harvester Classroom. For more information, please contact Chad at chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.
- The Men’s Monthly Bible Study will meet on Monday, November 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Conference Room. For more information contact Wayne Haynes at hayneswayne@att.net.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY (Contact Susan Barry sbarry56@gmail.com.)

- Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study at 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. We will be studying the Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew. Nursery is provided.

- Ladies Evening Bible Study meets monthly at Cori Lowman's house. The next meeting is Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. We will study the Book of Psalms led by Susan Barry. Please join us! For more info, contact Cori at (205) 332-2003. *Childcare will not be provided.*

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (matt.ross@midwayschool.org) or (morrisonkayleigh3@gmail.com)

- Kids Club Wednesdays from 6:30–7:15 p.m. in the Children’s Ministry Room.
- **SAVE THE DATE: October 28th Reformation Party**

YOUTH NEWS (mjcoopir@gmail.com) or (mgknight02@gmail.com)

- Sunday Night Bible Studies from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room.
- Youth Group Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** October 23rd Fall Event at Cooper’s House

COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Assembly Room. Our group is comprised of folks up to 26 years old. Come and enjoy fellowship marked and shaped after sound teaching. For more information, contact chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

NURSERY NEWS

Contact Jennifer Nichols nursery@midwaypca.org.

THOSE SERVING Sunday, October 18th

9:30 Susan Barry, Julie Hagan, Alicia Bartlett
10:45 Rachel Chandler, Lori Cowley, Cici Ross, Laura Washington, Tori Biondolillo
5:15 Jabel Filpo, Nancy McGill

THOSE SERVING Sunday, October 25th

9:30 Nancy Pritchett, Ruth Dewhurst
10:45 Amber Jackson, Scott & Laura Keesee, Clementine Owens
5:15 Aria Rockholz, Norma Hudson

FOR PRAYER

Our expectant families: Hogan & Leah Gowder, Eric & Rachael Jamerson, David & Katie Barry (Barry), Jeffrey & Rachel Siewert, Logan & Katie Pritchett, Carter & Lydia Kinnick, Brian and Lexi Loo (Keesee), Kyle & Meredith Lipstreu, Jonathan & Kerri Ann Cruse, Christopher & Cami Howard, Brady & Jane Pritchett
Our Military Personnel: Nate Forrester, Asher Johnson, Guy Scott
Midway Covenant Christian School
Missionaries of the Month: Chad & Robin Washington (Uganda): chadwashington@me.com; Parks & Abby Turner (Cedartown); Jeremy Prather (Metanoia Prison Ministries, USA)
Church of the Week: Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna

MIDWAY OFFICERS

Ministers

Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chad Bailey, Associate Pastor

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026: Ken Dewhurst, Paul Fish, Russ Knight, Rodney Pritchett
Class of 2028: Jim Daniels, Wes Richardson, Brian Washington, Bob Whitaker
Class of 2030: Jimmy Cooper, John Garmon, Rick Griffin, Scott Keesee

Deacons

Class of 2026: Dami Adeoye, Tom Biondolillo, Charles Hagan, David Jackson, Cliff Miller, Brady Pritchett, Patrick Rockholz
Class of 2028: Larry Eller, Justin Giannace, Joe Hash, Peter Ian, Sammy Mitchell, Wiley Pritchett, Evanda Remington

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EVENING WORSHIP

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5:30 p.m.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing” #5

***INVOCATION**

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 126B

CONFESSION: WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH **5.7**

As the providence of God doth, in general, reach to all creatures; so, after a most special manner, it taketh care of his church, and disposeth all things to the good thereof.

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 6:13–20

PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “The Church’s One Foundation” #347

SCRIPTURE Zechariah 1:7–17

On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, ⁸“I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. ⁹Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ ¹⁰So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.’ ¹¹And they answered the angel of the Lord who was standing among the myrtle trees, and said, ‘We have patrolled the earth, and behold, all the earth remains at rest.’ ¹²Then the angel of the Lord said, ‘O Lord of hosts, how long will you have no mercy on Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, against which you have been angry these seventy years?’ ¹³And the Lord answered gracious and comforting words to the angel who talked with me. ¹⁴So the angel who talked with me said to me, ‘Cry out, Thus says the Lord of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion. ¹⁵And I am exceedingly angry with the nations that are at ease; for while I was angry but a little, they furthered the disaster. ¹⁶Therefore, thus says the Lord, I have returned to Jerusalem with mercy; my house shall be built in it, declares the Lord of hosts, and the measuring line shall be stretched out over Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry out again, Thus says the Lord of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem.’”

SERMON “Gracious and Comforting Words” Rev. Chad Bailey

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “How Firm a Foundation” #94

***BENEDICTION**

**Please note that we will NOT have our regular worship service on Sunday evening, October 25th. Instead, we will be joining Smyrna Presbyterian Church at 5:00 p.m. for a joint Reformation service at their location. Dr. Derek Thomas will be preaching.*

THE LORD’S DAY

OCTOBER 18, 2026



MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

“Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.”

1 Timothy 3:16