MORNING WORSHIP
OCTOBER 25, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Rev. Chad Bailey, Preaching
Elder Ken Dewhurst, 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 *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Held

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***INVOCATION**

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 46C

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, if your mercy had bounds, who could stand before you? We come before you with sins unnumbered, in our thoughts and actions, in our words and attitudes. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as we ought. Merciful Father, we have no merit of our own, no works which will commend us to you. We praise you that where our sin abounded, your grace much more abounds. Our only hope is in the cross of Jesus Christ, in his death and resurrection. By your Holy Spirit grant us grace to trust him more. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Romans 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

****HYMN OF THANKSGIVING** "Fountain of Never-Ceasing Grace" #519

SCRIPTURE READING Revelation 21:1–8

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. Forrest

A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe now seeks to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He:
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever!

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Alleluia" from *Exultate, Jubilate* W.A. Mozart

***DOXOLOGY** #731

***PRAYERS FOR GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" #342
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Zechariah 1:18–2:13

SERMON "The Lord in our Midst" Rev. Chad Bailey

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" #546

***THE BENEDICTION**

***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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Cherwien

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

Pastor Cruse is away this weekend speaking at the Conferencia de Teología Reformada in Guayama, Puerto Rico. Please pray for the Lord to bless his preaching ministry, and for the family's safe travels.

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.

ALL WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED THIS WEDNESDAY ONLY

Please join us for our Annual Reformation Party! Dinner begins 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.

Note: The Adult choir WILL keep its regular rehearsal time at 6:30 p.m.

ASK THE PASTOR Please join us next Sunday night following the evening worship service for a Q&A session with Pastor Cruse. Bring any questions you have regarding the sermon, the Bible, or the church. *Please note that parents should pick up their children from the nursery and the children's ministry room before the Q&A session begins.*

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 wishes to remind you of our congregational meeting on Sunday, November 8th, immediately after morning worship. In addition to voting on the candidates listed below, we have two other items of business:

1. **Formally dissolving the pastoral search committee.**
2. **Voting on a session proposal to remove all fixed limits on the number of officers.** Currently, our church is set at 12 elders and 15 deacons. Under this proposal, there would be no required minimum or maximum. The session believes that any man who is willing, equipped, and called should be free to serve. A set number of seats should not keep gifted brothers from serving, nor should it pressure the church to elect men simply to fill a quota. If the proposal passes, the meeting could result in the church having a total of 16 deacons and 12 elders.

Every candidate will still need a majority vote (50% plus one) to be elected.

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

BABY SHOWER All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Rachel Siewert on Saturday, November 14th at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rachel and Jeffrey are having a girl and are registered at Babylist.com. For more information, please contact Kaliste Fish at kalistefish@gmail.com.

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 next lunch will be on **Sunday, November 15th for Last Names D–G** after the morning worship service in the Harvester Classroom. Please bring a potluck dish! **Last Names H–L will meet Sunday, December 6th.**

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 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 contact Rachael Jamerson at rachael.jamerson@yahoo.com. The cost is $10. The deadline for sign-ups is Wednesday, November 25th.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY The Helping Hands Ministry provides meals for church members who have a need in their family, such as surgery, illness, or a new baby. Volunteers are added to an email list and notified when a new meal sign-up list is published. They are then able to sign up online to bring a meal at their own convenience -- no obligation. If you would like to be added to the email notification list, or if you know of a congregant who could use some meals, please contact meal coordinator Shelley Remington at shelleyrem@protonmail.com.

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)
- **October 28th Reformation Party!**

YOUTH NEWS (mjcoopjr@gmail.com) or (mgknight02@gmail.com)
- No Bible Study Tonight! *Reformation Service at Smyrna Presbyterian Church.*
- No Youth Group on Wednesday**. Reformation Party!**

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 25th

9:30 Nancy Pritchett, Ruth Dewhurst, Julie Hagan
10:45 Amber Jackson, Scott & Laura Keesee, Alice Bailey
5:15 **No Evening Service** – Reformation Service at Smyrna Presbyterian Church
Address: 3130 Atlanta Rd SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

THOSE SERVING Sunday, November 1st

9:30 Hannah Bailey, Melanie Furnari
10:45 Rebecca & Alice Bailey, London & Giselle Hollie, Israel Resendiz, Anna Dougherty, Bridget Searles, Daisy Sepulveda
5:15 Connie Washington, Rachael & Eric Jamerson

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, Jordan & Sarah (Eller) Davis
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: Riverside Community Church, Cartersville

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

Address: 3130 Atlanta Rd SE, Smyrna, GA 30080

Please join us for worship next Sunday evening, November 1st. Pastor Cruse will begin an evening sermon series in the book of Esther. Additionally, he will be hosting a Q&A afterwards. Bring any questions you have regarding the sermon, the Bible, or the church. Kids' questions are especially welcome! We hope you will use this as an opportunity to invite your unchurched friends and family, who may appreciate the opportunity to dig deeper into matters of the faith. We will aim to begin about 10 minutes after worship concludes, answer questions for about 20 minutes, and end around 7 p.m.

THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 25, 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