

THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 5, 2026
11:00 a.m.

Please use this time to set your hearts on Christ and pray for the Word, our worship, and that holiness and reverence will be known among us.

PRELUDE *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* arr. W. Held

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Marc Harrington
Pastor: He is Risen.
People: He is Risen Indeed!
All: Let us Praise our Risen Savior.

****HYMN OF PRAISE** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" #277

***THE INVOCATION:** (Unison)

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death, and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech you, that as by your special grace preceding us, you have put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may steadfastly set our hearts on those things which are above: that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with him in glory, where he now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

***CONFESSION OF FAITH: HEIDELBERG CATECHISM** Q. 45

Pastor: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

People: **First**, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death.

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 16C

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chad Bailey

WELCOME *We greet you in the Lord Jesus Christ and are happy that you joined us this morning. We invite you to return and share in our Worship often.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

ANTHEM

Risen, Alleluia!

Allen Koepke

Risen, risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia!
Risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high, sing ye heavens and earth reply:
Death in vain forbids him rise, Christ has opened paradise.
Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won.
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia, let us sing!
Where, O death, now is thy sting? Alleluia, Christ is King!

Risen, risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia!
Risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Alleluia!

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Easter Fantasy on Ancient Hymns* Sondra Tucker

***DOXOLOGY** #731

*PRAYERS FOR GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Lift High the Cross" #263
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children's church.)

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

SERMON "We Were Hoping" Rev. Marc Harrington

***HYMN OF AFFIRMATION** "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" #286

*THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Hallelujah!* George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah! for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of His Christ. And He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

***POSTLUDE** *Easter Victory* Charles Callahan

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

We join Marty & Beth Elder in praising the Lord for the birth of their grandson, Sonny James Elder on April 1st. Sonny James is the son of Mitchell & Hannah Elder.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Steve Hudson and family on the loss of his mother, Pat Hudson.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ethel Shockley and family on the loss of her brother, Henry Burns.

Notes:

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 NO Dinner this week. The next dinner will be on April 15th, and this will also be the last dinner until Fall.

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, led by Pastor Menezes. Please contact cilas.menezes@midwaypca.org.

THE MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wednesday nights, from 6:30 -7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Classroom, with the continued study of "The Gospel of John". We invite all members and friends to join us for this study.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets this Wednesday from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Explorers/L.I.G.H.T. classrooms. For more information contact chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

ADULT CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesday as usual. Children's Choir will resume on April 15th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study will be on break until August. More details to come. For further information, please contact Susan Barry at sbarry56@gmail.com.

THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY would like to invite all women in the church to our Dessert Spring Event on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 p.m. Donna Carter will share about her mission trip to Kenya. Tea and Cookies will be provided. Nursery is available for babies 3 and under. Please Text or email: Jennifer Nichols at 404-643-3678 Nursery@midwaypca.org. Contact Carolyn Sqrow: womensministry@midwaypca.org

MEN OF THE COVENANT will meet on April 26th. 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.

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

- Pastor Harrington'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 April 6th 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 Evening Bible Study meets monthly at Cori Lowman's house. The next meeting is Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. This study, focused on understanding and cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit, is 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)

- Kids Club Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Room.
- **SAVE THE DATE** VBS 2026 will be June 15th-19th

YOUTH NEWS (mjcoopjr@gmail.com or mgknight02@yahoo.com.)

- NO Sunday Night Bible Studies on April 5th & April 12th
- NO Youth Group Wednesday this week. Will resume on April 15th

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 cilas.menezes@midwaypca.org.

NURSERY NEWS

Contact Jennifer Nichols nursery@midwaypca.org.

THOSE SERVING Sunday, April 5th

- 9:30** Hannah Bailey, Sophie Chen, Melanie Furnari
- 10:45** Alice Bailey, Alexia & Ella Zumburum, Gisele & London Hollie, Allison & Caleb Myers, Polly & Richard Vogh,
- 5:15** Gisela Bockle, Kate & Savannah Harrington

THOSE SERVING Sunday, April 12th

- 9:30** Susan Barry, Alicia Bartlett, Kayla Johnson
- 10:45** Samantha Gongaware, Amanda & Hayden Hall, Geneva Harrington, Cici Ross, Marti & Ryan Vinton, Ryan Harper Vinton
- 5:15** Anhalise Hendrix, Sandra Westerfield, Cindy Whitaker

Our expectant families: Matt & Maggie Puett (Eller), Caleb & Allison Myers, Joseph & Lindsey Tingen (Carter), Evan & Sophia Fish, Nathan & Kaitlin Williams (Williams), Ben & Laura Adams (MacGregor)
Our Military Personnel: Nate Forrester, Asher Johnson, Guy Scott
Midway Covenant Christian School
Missionaries of the Month: David & Jill Martin (Ukraine, Romania): 365.2421@gmail.com; Paul & Nora (China); Sammy Giron (Honduras)
Church of the Week: Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna

Sunday School Classes 9:45 a.m.

Class	Location
Explorers – Studying Isaiah	Explorer Classroom - FH
Fellowship – The Bible’s Grand Story	Fellowship Classroom - FH
Grace – Studying Acts	Fellowship Hall
Harvester – Studying 1 Thessalonians	Harvester Classroom - FH
High School Youth	Youth Assembly Room
Middle School Youth	Berean Classroom - FH
Children (grades K-2)	MCCS Music Room (below 1987 Sanctuary)
Children (grades 3-5)	MCCS Music Room (below 1987 Sanctuary)

MIDWAY OFFICERS

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: Lary Eller, Justin Giannace, Joe Hash, Peter Ian, Sammy Mitchell, Wiley Pritchett, Evanda Remington

EVENING WORSHIP

April 5, 2026
 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 111D

***INVOCATION**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” #38

***CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM Q. 185**

Q. 185. How are we to pray?

A. We are to pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon Him, with humble submission to His will.

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 2:1-22

My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, ²making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; ³yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, ⁴if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, ⁵then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. ⁶For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; ⁷he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, ⁸guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. ⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; ¹⁰for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; ¹¹discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you, ¹²delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, ¹³who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, ¹⁴who rejoice in doing evil and delight in the perverseness of evil, ¹⁵men whose paths are crooked, and who are devious in their ways. ¹⁶So you will be delivered from the forbidden woman, from the adulteress with her smooth words, ¹⁷who forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God; ¹⁸for her house sinks down to death, and her paths to the departed; ¹⁹none who go to her come back, nor do they regain the paths of life. ²⁰So you will walk in the way of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. ²¹For the upright will inhabit the land, and those with integrity will remain in it, ²²but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

PRAYER Elder Wes Richardson

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #629

SCRIPTURE James 1:5-8

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

SERMON “Wisdom for Trials” Rev. Chad Bailey

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Be Thou My Vision” #642

***BENEDICTION**

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 CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

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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.

“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