

THE LORD’S DAY

AUGUST 23, 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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

**HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

#92

*INVOCATION

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

5.1

God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#131

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Rodney Pritchett

PSALTER READING

Psalm 73

p. 811-812

THE GIVING OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

This is My Father’s World

arr. Vandall

*DOXOLOGY

#731

*PRAYERS FOR GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”
(Children K4-1st grade dismissed to children’s church.)

#128

SCRIPTURE

Habakkuk 1:1-11

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

⁵“Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told. ⁶For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves. ⁸Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour. ⁹They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand. ¹⁰At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh. They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth and take it. ¹¹Then they sweep by like the wind and go on, guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

SERMON

“God’s Strange Providence”

Rev. Chad Bailey

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Firm a Foundation”

#94

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

Greaterex

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

Trumpet Voluntary

T. Arne

*Congregation please stand
**Deacons will seat late arrivals

We are pleased to present Maclellan Joshua Myers, the covenant child of Caleb & Allison Myers for the sacrament of baptism.

Sermon 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.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will continue through **September 6th**. The Pastors and Ruling Elders are teaching the combined Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on the book of 1 Timothy.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING will take a three-week break and will resume on Wednesday, **September 9th** from 5:45-6:15 p.m. The Prayer meetings will be in the Fellowship Classroom. Everyone is invited to attend this time of prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will take a three-week break and will resume on Wednesday, **September 9th**. This study meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship classroom.

MIDWAY ADULT CHOIR meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 p.m. If you enjoy singing and making a joyful noise, we welcome you to join the choir! No audition required; just come to a rehearsal. For more information, email music@midwaypca.org.

CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH CHOIR rehearsals will begin September 9th, 5:40-6:25 p.m. Choirs are for grades K4-12: Cherub Choir ages 4-6, Midway Singers ages 7-10, and One Accord ages 11-18. You may register your child online on the main page of our church website or app. If you have any questions, please email abby.eller@midwaypca.org.

CHILDRENS YOUTH MINISTRY The Children’s Youth Ministry is looking for volunteers on Wednesday Nights. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Kayleigh Morrison at (morrisonkayleigh3@gmail.com)

YOUNG ADULTS Family Night at the Splashpad on Monday, August 24th at 5:00-7:00 p.m. For more information contact chad.bailey@midwaypca.org.

DINNER FOR EIGHT Dinner for Eight is a fun, once a month gathering for spending time with fellow believers outside of weekly church attendance. Singles or couples are welcome to sign up! You will be assigned to a group of eight people and gather for a meal once a month, rotating homes each time. The host will supply the main dish, and the others will bring sides. You will be notified by email once the groups of eight are determined. To be a part of a September-January group, sign up on the WIC table or email dinner-for-eight@midwaypca.org. Please sign up by September 6th.

THE WOMEN’S MINISTRY would like to invite all women in the church to our Fall Kick-Off on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Join us for food, fellowship, and fall crafts. Please check your email for an invitation. You can RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to share using the link provided in the email: <https://midway-presbyterian-chur.subspla.sh/x2zysgc> or at the WIC table. For information contact Carolyn Sqrow at womensministry@midwaypca.org.

INQUIRER’S CLASS Sept 20th – Oct 25th. We invite those new to Christianity, transferring from a different church, or just wanting to know more about us. Those wishing to attend this class should register on the main page of our website or app. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Bob Whitaker at rwht750@comcast.net.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS Sept 20th – Oct 25th. Our Communicants Class is intended for covenant children who are considering making a public profession of faith. Grounded in Scripture and the Reformed tradition, the class examines the gospel, the doctrines of the faith, the meaning of the sacraments, and the responsibilities of church membership, helping students prepare to confess Christ before His church and partake of the Lord's Supper. Those wishing to attend this class should register on the main page of our website or app. If you have any questions, please contact Elder Russ Knight at wruusknight@yahoo.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 resumes on Monday, September 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Conference Room. For more information contact Wayne Haynes at hayneswayne@att.net.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY The Thursday morning Ladies Bible study led by Susan Barry will begin a 10-week study in the Gospel of Matthew of the Beatitudes on Thursday, **September 10th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom. Nursery is provided. We meet for 1 hour, assign no homework, and enjoy great fellowship. Please join us! Contact Susan Barry sbarry56@gmail.com for more info.

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

- Kids Club Wednesdays will resume after Labor Day on September 9th.

- YOUTH NEWS** (mjcoopjr@gmail.com) or (mgknight02@gmail.com)
- Sunday Night Bible Studies from 6:45–8:00 p.m.in the Youth Assembly Room.
 - **NO Youth Group this Wednesday, August 26th.** Youth Group Wednesdays will resume on September 9th.
- Save the Dates:**
- **August 30th Youth Parent Information Lunch!** 12:30 p.m. for all youth families. Meat, drinks and dessert will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share.
 - **September 12th Youth Whitewater Rafting Trip!** for ages 12+. Cost per person is \$45.

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, August 23rd

- 9:30** Hannah Bailey, Anna Dougherty, Daisy Sepulveda
10:45 Alice Bailey, London & Giselle Hollie, Richard & Polly Vogh, Daisy Sepulveda, Israel Resendiz
5:15 Donna Carter, Norma Hudson

THOSE SERVING Sunday, August 30th

- 9:30** Camille Slayton, Sophie Chen, Melanie Furnari
10:45 Brianna & Evangeline Williams, Stacey Pierczynka, Samantha Gongaware, Marti, Ryan Harper & Ford Vinton
5:15 Jabel Filpo

Our expectant families: Joseph & Lindsey Tingen (Carter), Evan & Sophia Fish, Nathan & Kaitlin Williams (Williams), Hogan & Leah Gowder, Eric & Rachael Jamerson, David & Katie Barry (Barry), Jeffrey & Rachel Siewert, Logan & Katie Pritchett, Carter & Lydia Kinnick
Our Military Personnel: Nate Forrester, Asher Johnson, Guy Scott
Midway Covenant Christian School
Missionaries of the Month: Vincenzo & Judit Coluccia (Italy): vincenzo.c@newlifepca.com; Jonah of Ninevah (USA, Asia – Restricted); Liam & Mary B. Carr (Taiwan)
Church of the Week: First Presbyterian Church of Summerville, Summerville, GA

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

EVENING WORSHIP
August 23, 2026
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” #53

***INVOCATION**

***PSALM OF PRAISE** Psalms for Worship, 145A

***CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM Q. 180**
Q.180. What is it to pray in the name of Christ?

A. To pray in the name of Christ is, in obedience to His command, and in confidence on His promises, to ask mercy for His sake; not by bare mentioning of His name, but by drawing our encouragement to pray, and our boldness, strength, and hope of acceptance in prayer, from Christ and His mediation.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Chronicles 20:1-12

PRAYER Elder Brian Washington

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Come, My Soul, thy Suit Prepare” #628

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

SERMON “The Power of Prayer” Dr. Guy Richard

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” #331

***BENEDICTION**

We welcome to our pulpit and give our thanks to Dr. Guy Richard, President of Reformed Theological Seminary of Atlanta.

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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