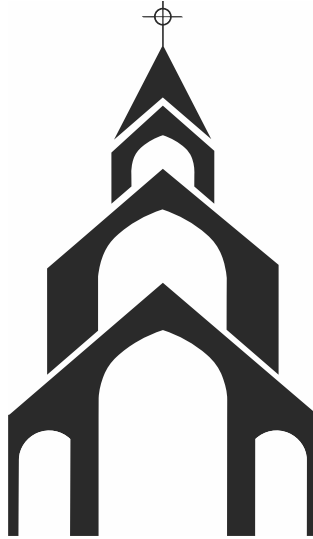


MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE *of* WORSHIP
& INSTALLATION

The LORD's Day
October 4th, 2026 at 5:30PM



INSTALLATION SERVICE OF REV. JONATHAN LANDRY CRUSE AS SENIOR PASTOR OF MIDWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome & Explanation of Proceedings

Rev. Clif Daniell

*Moderator, Northwest Georgia Presbytery
Senior Pastor, Cherokee Presbyterian Church, Canton, GA*

Prelude: "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus"

arr. J. Strong

*piano, Arie Motschman
violin, Eleanor Fish*

Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1–5

Rev. Chad Bailey

Associate Pastor, Midway Presbyterian Church

* Psalm of Praise: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

no. 53

* Invocation Prayer

* Hymn of Praise: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

no. 345

* Confession of Faith

Dr. Perry Westerman

Ruling Elder, Community Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo, MI

Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 158. By whom is the Word of God to be preached?

A. The Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted, and also duly approved and called to that office.

Q. 159. How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

A. They that are called to labor in the ministry of the word, are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

Q. 160. What is required of those that hear the word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 6:3–16

Mr. Russ Knight
Ruling Elder, Midway Presbyterian Church

Congregational Prayer

Mr. Bob Whitaker
Ruling Elder, Midway Presbyterian Church

Anthem: *I Am a Pilgrim*

J. Cruse/J. Bauder
Based on *The Pilgrim's Progress*

*I am a pilgrim on my way from earth to heav'n above.
God's Book will guide me, so I stay within the lines of love.
Though endless now the road may seem, and burdensome the strife,
My climb is onward, with this theme: "To life, eternal life!"
Lord, for my progress send me here a faithful, hopeful friend;
A fellow pilgrim who can cheer me on to journey's end.
But Christ, I need you most of all: for dark, despond, despair,
Would overwhelm me, and I'd fall, unless I'm in your care.
Celestial City! Here I come! Lord, may you open wide
The gates of heaven's happy Home, that I may there abide.
Then Christ, who set the burden free that used to weigh me down,
Will place a better weight on me: His glory and a crown.*

Sermon: "In His Right Hand He Held Seven Stars" | Revelation 1:9–20

Dr. David Strain
Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

* Hymn of Response: "Jesus, the Name High Over All"

1. Jesus, the Name high over all, in hell or earth or sky;
Angels and mortals prostrate fall, and devils fear and fly.
Jesus, the Name to sinners dear, the Name to sinners giv'n;
It scatters all their guilty fear, it turns their hell to heav'n.

2. O that the world might taste and see the riches of His grace!
The arms of love that compass me would all the world embrace.
Thee I shall constantly proclaim, tho' earth and hell oppose;
Bold to confess Thy glorious Name before a world of foes.

3. His only righteousness I show, His saving truth proclaim;
'tis all my business here below to cry, "Behold the Lamb!"
Content, if with my final breath I may but gasp His Name—
Preach Him to all, and cry in death, "Behold, behold the Lamb!"

Text: Charles Wesley; Tune: KINGSFOLD

Questions for the Minister

Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their minister, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?

Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?

Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a minister to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Questions for the Congregation

Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Jonathan Cruse, whom you have called to be your minister?

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your minister that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Prayer

Rev. Peter VanDoodewaard
Senior Pastor, Covenant Community OPC, Taylors, SC

Declaration

Dr. Guy M. Richard
President, Reformed Theological Seminary, Atlanta

Charge to the Minister

Rev. Neil Quinn
Senior Pastor, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo, MI

Charge to the Congregation

Rev. Joel Smit
Senior Pastor, Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Smyrna, GA

* Hymn of Thanksgiving: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

no. 469

* Benediction

Rev. Jonathan Landry Cruse
Senior Pastor, Midway Presbyterian Church

Postlude and Dismissal: "O God beyond All Praising"

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Thank you for worshiping with us on this special occasion. Please join us for a dinner reception after the service.