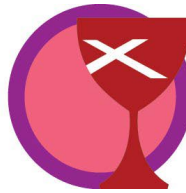


Midway Hills
Christian Church



October 27, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive." – Dalai Lama

Order of Worship

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Gathers

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Mary McDonald

*Call to Worship (in unison)

Amanda Hendrickson

**Reconciling God,
we ask you to help us open to compassion,
for we are a divided world,
and the conflict is waging even within us in this moment.
Empower us, and invite us
to "do unto ourselves and others" in ways that build up
your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Center That Holds,
and in the power of the Spirit That Transforms.**

*Opening Hymn 487

Help Us Accept Each Other
(verses 1-3)

ACCEPTANCE

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their Parents.

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Responsive Hymn 523

Live in Charity
(sing twice)

UBI CARITAS

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering Moment

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:6-9

Amanda Hendrickson

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the

bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. (NRSVUE)

El lobo vivirá con el cordero, el leopardo se echará con el cabrito, juntos andarán el ternero y el cachorro de león y un niño pequeño los guiará. La vaca pastará con la osa, sus crías se echarán juntas y el león comerá paja como el buey. Jugará el niño de pecho junto a la cueva de la cobra y el recién destetado meterá la mano en el nido de la víbora. No harán ningún daño ni estrago en todo mi monte santo, porque se llenará la tierra con el conocimiento del Señor así como las aguas cubren los mares. (NVI)

Special Music

Ubi Caritas

Greg Gilpin

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Rejoice!

Sermon

"Compassion"

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

(Please see insert)

Communion Hymn 424

*I'm Gonna Eat
at the Welcome Table
(verses 1, 3, 4)*

WELCOME TABLE

Communion

Please eat the "bread" as it comes to you, recognizing your connection with Christ.

Please hold the "cup" until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.

Place empty cups in the receptacle on the left side of the hymnbook rack.

Passing of the Peace

Welcome New Members

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Closing Hymn 284**

*Gather Us In
(verses 1-3)*

GATHER US IN

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 614**

*I'm Gonna Live So
God Can Use Me
(verses 1 and 3)*

I'M GONNA LIVE

Postlude

Praise Be to Jesus

arr. Carol McMillen

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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Postlude: *Praise Be to Jesus*, arr. Carol McMillen. ©1979 Gaither Music Co.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

"Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God's universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God's spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another."

BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to **be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity**. We are an Open and Affirming congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Senior Minister

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes
Minister of Church Life

Kathy Corporon
Coordinator of
Children's Programs

Jeff Crouse
Director of Music Ministries

David Hammons
Administrative Assistant

TECH CREW
DC Ciccone, John Leslie
James Lackey

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Emily Adams
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Carol John
Frank Martin

OCTOBER DEACONS
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Rob Hendrickson, John O'Neal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

MHCC Board meets today after morning worship in community hall.

Leadership nominations now accepted. Please see the form in this bulletin.

All Saints Sunday is November 3. It's also Time Change Day.

We will remember in worship those who have passed away in the past year. And don't forget to set your clocks back one hour the night before as we "fall back" for time change.

Mike's Kids donations will be collected November 3 through December 8.

We will need volunteers to help box up donations on Monday morning, December 9th to get them ready to be picked up by Mike's Kids, which in turn will be sent to the border. Please let us know if you can help.

All Church BreakThrough Conversation is November 17 after worship.

Join us in community hall.

Monday Evening Book Study meets at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for a discussion of "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr. Find chapter dates and Zoom connection in The Echo.

Sunday Morning Class and Wednesday Bible Study resume in November.

Mark you calendar for Sunday Morning Class at 9:30 a.m. November 3 and Wednesday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. November 6.

Church office closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day observance.

Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar:

Thursdays on Zoom – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m.

Monday Evening Book Study – 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – October 27, 12:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee – November 3, 12:00 p.m.

BreakThrough Task Force – October 30, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting – November 13, 12:00 p.m.

BreakThrough Conversation – November 17, 12:00 p.m.

Scan this QR code to make a financial contribution to Midway Hills Christian Church:



JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Chris Sparrer, Millie Martim, Ean Sullivan, John Wyatt

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Timothy Stephens; Christy Horn's friend Kate Ryer; Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; David Hammons' father, Don; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Jayne Sparrer
Robin Swindle

Elaine Manworren
Emily Adams

Cathy Parker

Sympathy:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- New members
- Incoming refugees settling in Dallas
- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Threat to the work of Annunciation House in El Paso and other Texas faith-based non-profits
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety

Please pray for our nation and world:

- 2024 Election
- Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine
- People in the path of hurricanes Helene and Milton and all who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- End gun violence, those impacted by mass shootings.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2024

Sunday

October 27

9:30 a.m. Choir practice
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

Monday

October 28

9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Book Study

Tuesday

October 29

9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
11:00 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

October 30

8:30 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
1:00 p.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
7:00 p.m. BreakThrough Task Force

Thursday

October 31

8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

All Saints Day

November 1

Saturday

November 2

Inauguration of Brite Divinity School president

All Saints Sunday

November 3

9:30 a.m. Choir practice
9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Class
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
11:00 a.m. Children's Church
12:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, conference room

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