



**MIDWAY HILLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.

November 10, 2024
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time." - Angela Davis

Order of Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Blessed Assurance

arr. Fred Bock

*Call to Worship (in unison)

Jeff Tobin

Strangers meet.

Oil and grain turn to bread.

The sick are healed.

The weary are lifted up.

The prisoners are set free.

The everyday becomes a miracle.

This is God's work.

We are its witnesses.

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn 25

Praise to Lord, the Almighty
(verses 1, 4, 5)

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

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

Stewardship

Val Cunningham

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Jeff Tobin

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me

a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. (NRSVUE)

Entonces la palabra del Señor vino a él con este mensaje: «Ve ahora a Sarepta en Sidón y permanece allí. A una viuda de ese lugar le he ordenado darte de comer». Así que Elías se fue a Sarepta. Al llegar a la puerta de la ciudad, encontró a una viuda que recogía leña. La llamó y le dijo: —Por favor, tráeme una vasija con un poco de agua para beber. Mientras ella iba por el agua, él volvió a llamarla y le pidió: —Tráeme también, por favor, un pedazo de pan. —Tan cierto como el Señor tu Dios vive —respondió ella—, no me queda ni un pedazo de pan; solo tengo un puñado de harina en la tinaja y un poco de aceite en el jarro. Precisamente estaba recogiendo unos leños para llevármelos a casa y hacer una comida para mi hijo y para mí. ¡Será nuestra última comida antes de morirnos de hambre! —No temas —le dijo Elías—. Vuelve a casa y haz lo que pensabas hacer. Pero antes prepárame un panecillo con lo que tienes y tráemelo; luego haz algo para ti y para tu hijo. Porque así dice el Señor, Dios de Israel: “No se agotará la harina de la tinaja ni se acabará el aceite del jarro, hasta el día en que el Señor haga llover sobre la tierra”. Ella fue e hizo lo que había dicho Elías, de modo que cada día hubo comida para ella y su hijo, como también para Elías. Y tal como la palabra del Señor lo había anunciado por medio de Elías, no se agotó la harina de la tinaja ni se acabó el aceite del jarro. (NVI)

Special Music

Meditation on Simple Gifts

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Psalm 146

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord! (NRSVUE)

¡Aleluya! Alaba, alma mía, al Señor. Alabaré al Señor toda mi vida; mientras haya aliento en mí, cantaré salmos a mi Dios. No pongan su confianza en gente poderosa, en simples mortales, que no pueden salvar. Exhalan el espíritu y vuelven al polvo, y ese mismo día se arruinan sus planes. Dichoso aquel cuya ayuda es el Dios de Jacob, cuya esperanza está en el Señor su Dios, que hizo el cielo y la tierra, el mar y todo lo que hay en ellos y que siempre mantiene la verdad. El Señor hace justicia a los oprimidos, da de comer a los hambrientos y pone en libertad a los cautivos. El Señor da vista a los ciegos, el Señor levanta a los agobiados, el Señor ama a los justos. El Señor protege al extranjero y sostiene al huérfano y a la viuda, pero frustra los planes de los malvados. ¡Oh Sión, que el Señor reine para siempre! ¡Que tu Dios reine por todas las generaciones! ¡Aleluya!
(NVI)

Sermon "Make a Little Cake" Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

Institution of the Table Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Communion Prayer Amanda Hendrickson

Communion Hymn 280 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH
(verses 1 and 3)

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

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Closing Hymn 24** *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

***Benediction** Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

***Benediction Hymn 448** *May the Blessing of God* BLESSING SONG

Postlude *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Mark Patterson

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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Special Music: *Meditation on Simple Gifts*, arr. Mark Hayes. ©1988 GlorySound.

Postlude: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, by Mark Patterson. ©2009 Birnamwood Publications.

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

GRAPHICS, WEBSITE
Emily Adams
Kate Lynch

NOVEMBER ELDERS
Amanda Hendrickson
Laura Mitchell

NOVEMBER DEACONS
Leisha Celiz, Christy Horn
Mark Holmgren

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

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

Mike's Kids donations collected now 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.

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

All Church BreakThrough Conversation is November 17 after worship.

Join us in community hall.

All Church Thanksgiving Dinner is Sunday, November 24 after worship.

Alternative Christmas Gift Market is Sunday, December 8 after worship.

Blue Christmas Sound Bath Service is December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.

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

BreakThrough Task Force – November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Worship Committee – November 13, 7:30 p.m.

Mission & Outreach Committee – November 14, 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – November 15, 12:00 p.m.

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

Men's Lunch Group – November 21, 1:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting – November 26, 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, 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; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Jayne Sparrer
Robin Swindle

Elaine Manworren
Emily Adams

Cathy Parker

Sympathy:

❖ David Hammons and family on the death of his father, Donald G. Hammons

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:

- Post Election peaceful response
- 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 NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Sunday

November 10

- 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

Monday

November 11

- Church office closed for Veterans Day observance.
- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen

Tuesday

November 12

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

Wednesday

November 13

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, conference room
- 7:00 p.m. BreakThrough Task Force (Zoom)
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday

November 14

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall
- 7:30 p.m. Finance Team

Saturday

November 16

- 10:00 a.m. Refugee Apartment Setup

Sunday

November 17

- 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. All Church BreakThrough Conversation, community hall

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