



MIDWAY HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.

November 17, 2024
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"I will not take any more crumbs. No more crumbs. I'm done with begging for a place at the table. In fact, I don't want just a place at the table. We've got to throw this table out. We need a whole new table." – Rev. Israel I. Alvaran

Order of Worship

Twenty-sixth 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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus arr. Vicki Tucker Courtney

*Call to Worship (in unison)

Rosianny Vicciña

Tú eres nuestra seguridad, oh Señor, en Ti encontramos refugio.

¡Todo lo que es bueno viene de Ti, Señor!

Tú me das guía y alegras mi corazón,

Tú me conduces por el camino de la vida.

En tu presencia hay plenitud de gozo,

¡En Tu reino hay cumplimiento para siempre! ¡Amén!

You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

Everything that is good comes from You Lord!

You give me guidance and make my heart glad,

You lead me on the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever! Amen!

*Opening Hymn 628

Precious Lord Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

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. Laurie Anderson

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

James Lackey

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

Rosianny Vicciña

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise.

There shall be a time of anguish such as has never occurred since nations first

came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. (NRSVUE)

»"Entonces se levantará Miguel, el gran príncipe protector de tu pueblo. Habrá un período de angustia, como no lo ha habido jamás desde que las naciones existen. Pero tu pueblo será liberado; todos los que están inscritos en el libro. Del polvo de la tierra se levantarán las multitudes de los que duermen, algunos de ellos para vida eterna; pero otros para quedar en la vergüenza y el desprecio eternos. Los sabios resplandecerán con el brillo del cielo; los que guían a muchos en el camino de la justicia brillarán como las estrellas por toda la eternidad. (NVI)

Special Music

On Eagle's Wings
Carol Hargis-Nation, soloist

arr. Mark Hayes

Scripture Reading

Psalm 16

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight. Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the Lord, who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (NRSVUE)

Protégeme, oh Dios, porque en ti busco refugio. Yo le he dicho al Señor: «Mi Señor eres tú. Fuera de ti, no poseo bien alguno». En cuanto a los santos que están en la tierra, son los nobles en quienes está toda mi delicia. Aumentarán los dolores de los que corren tras otros dioses. ¡Jamás derramaré sus ofrendas de sangre ni con mis labios pronunciaré sus nombres! Tú, Señor, eres mi herencia y mi copa; eres tú quien ha afirmado mi porción. Bellos lugares me han tocado; ¡preciosa herencia me ha correspondido! Bendeciré al Señor, quien me aconseja; aun de noche mi corazón se instruye. Siempre tengo presente al Señor; con él a mi derecha, nada me hará caer. Por eso mi corazón se alegra y se regocijan mis entrañas; mi cuerpo también vivirá confiado. No me abandonarás en los dominios de la muerte; no permitirás que sufra corrupción tu siervo fiel. Me has dado a conocer el camino de la vida; me llenarás de alegría en tu presencia y de dicha eterna a tu derecha. (NVI)

Sermon

"In God We Trust"

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Institution of the Table

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Communion Prayer

Laura Mitchell

Communion Hymn 280

God Is Here!
(verses 1 and 3)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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 420**

I Come with Joy
(verses 1, 3, 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 448**

May the Blessing of God

BLESSING SONG

Postlude

*My Hope is Built
on Nothing Less*

arr. Pamela M. Robertson

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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Special Music: *On Eagle's Wings*, arr. Mark Hayes. ©2000 Alfred Music.

Postlude: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*, arr. Pamela M. Robertson. ©2020 Hope Publishing.

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

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Director of Music Ministries

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

Stay for the BreakThrough Congregational Meeting today after worship.

The MHCC Board at the July meeting gave a mandate to create a small group to take into consideration how we increase ministry involvement utilizing the book Breakthrough by Dawn Darwin Weaks, with a reviewing of current financial concerns of MHCC. The team has met the last four months every other week. The time has come to share their findings from a neighborhood exegesis and visionary ideas with the congregation. Let us come together for a one hour meeting with a lite pizza lunch. Join us in community hall.

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

Turn in completed forms to Frank Martin.

Mike's Kids donations collected now through December 8.

We need volunteers to help box up donations on Monday morning, December 9 to get them ready to be picked up by Mike's Kids, which in turn will be sent to the border. See The Echo for more information.

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

Turkey and ham will be provided. Please bring desserts and sides.

Church office closed Thursday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving Day observance.

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

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.

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.

Board Meeting – December 15, 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, John Wyatt, Emily Adams, Peggy Dowdey

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

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
Emily Adams

Elaine Manworren
Millie & Frank Martin

Cathy Parker

Sympathy:

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

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Returning health of many in our church family and extended family
- 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 serving immigrants
- Peaceful transitions for elected administrations
- 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
- All who are suffering from climate disasters nationally and worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- End gun violence.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2024

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. BreakThrough Congregational Meeting, community hall

Monday

November 18

- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Book Study

Tuesday

November 19

- 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 20

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lundh, community hall
- 7:00 p.m. BreakThrough Task Force (Zoom)

Thursday

November 21

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen
- 1:00 p.m. Men's Lunch Group, Garden Tea Room, 5330 Forest Lane, Dallas
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

Friday

November 22

- 9:00 a.m. Butterfield Gourmet (until 4:00) kitchen

Sunday

November 24

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Class
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. All Church Thanksgiving Dinner, community hall

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