



November 24, 2024
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Nature has poured forth all things for all people for common use. God has ordered all things to be produced, so that there should be food in common to all, and that the earth should be a common possession for all. Nature, therefore, has produced a common right for all, but greed has made it a right for a few." – St. Ambrose of Milan

Order of Worship

Reign of Christ / Twenty-seventh 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Mark Patterson

*Call to Worship

Rev. Jan Sullivan

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon their name.

**Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples!
God blesses us with gifts of love:
with food and clothing, home and family.**

One: God blesses us with daily work:
and all we need from day to day.

**Many: God protects us in time of danger:
and guards us from every evil.
God calls us into relationship
and forms us into one holy people,**

One: the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

**Many: We offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

***Opening Hymn 718** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Children's Church on break

Children's Church takes a break today, the fourth Sunday of the month; the nursery remains open. Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents. An activity table is also available at the back of the sanctuary.

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

Thankfulness

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Rev. Jan Sullivan

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. (NRSVUE)

»Mientras yo observaba esto, »se colocaron unos tronos y tomó asiento un Anciano de días. Su ropa era blanca como la nieve, y su cabello, blanco como la lana. Su trono con sus ruedas centelleaban como el fuego. De su presencia brotaba un torrente de fuego. Miles y millares le servían; centenares de miles estaban delante de él. Al iniciarse el juicio, los libros fueron abiertos. »En esa visión nocturna, vi que alguien con el aspecto de un hijo de hombre venía entre las nubes del cielo. Se acercó al Anciano de días, fue llevado a su presencia y se le dio autoridad, poder y reino. Todos los pueblos, naciones y lenguas lo adoraron. Su dominio es eterno y no pasará; su reino jamás será destruido. (NVI)

Special Music

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Scripture Reading

Psalm 93

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore. (NRSVUE)

El Señor reina, revestido de esplendor; el Señor se ha revestido de grandeza y ha desplegado su poder. Ha establecido el mundo con firmeza; jamás caerá. Desde el principio se estableció tu trono y tú desde siempre has existido. Se levantan las aguas, Señor; se levantan las aguas con estruendo; se levantan las aguas y sus batientes olas. Pero el Señor, en las alturas, se muestra poderoso: más poderoso que el estruendo de las muchas aguas, más poderoso que los embates del mar. Dignos de confianza son, Señor, tus mandatos; la santidad es para siempre el adorno de tu casa! (NVI)

Sermon

"Majesty & Judgement"

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

Amanda Hendrickson

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 714**

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYD Y NOS

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 448**

May the Blessing of God

BLESSING SONG

Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Pamela M. Robertson

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

Stay for Thanksgiving Dinner today after worship in community hall.

All are welcome!

The Echo newsletter will take a break this week, resuming on December 4.

Order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas.

Find forms in this bulletin and in the Echo newsletter last week and next week. The order deadline is December 9.

Church office closed November 27-28 for Thanksgiving holiday.

Help the Worship Committee decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

All are welcome to join us Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m.

Mike's Kids donations collected now through December 8.

We also 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.

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

The online Market will launch on Black Friday, Nov. 29. See the link in The Echo.

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. November 25 the last meeting for this book. 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. (Nov. 25 last meeting)

Staff Meeting – November 26, 12:00 p.m.

Worship Committee – November 30, 10:00 a.m.

Elders Meeting – December 2, 7:00 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:

Jeryl Crawford, Chris Sparrer, John Wyatt, Emily Adams, Peggy Dowdey, Christy Horn and children Betsy, Fletcher, Cameron

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Christy Horn's mother-in-law Barbara Horn; 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	Elaine Manworren	Cathy Parker
Emily Adams	Millie & Frank Martin	

Sympathy:

❖ Robin Swindle and family on the death of her father, Bob Bare

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 24, 2024

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

Monday

November 25

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

Tuesday

November 26

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

Wednesday

November 27

Church office closed. Echo newsletter on break.

Thanksgiving Day

November 28

- Church office closed.
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

Saturday

November 30

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Committee, sanctuary

First Sunday of Advent

December 1

- 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

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