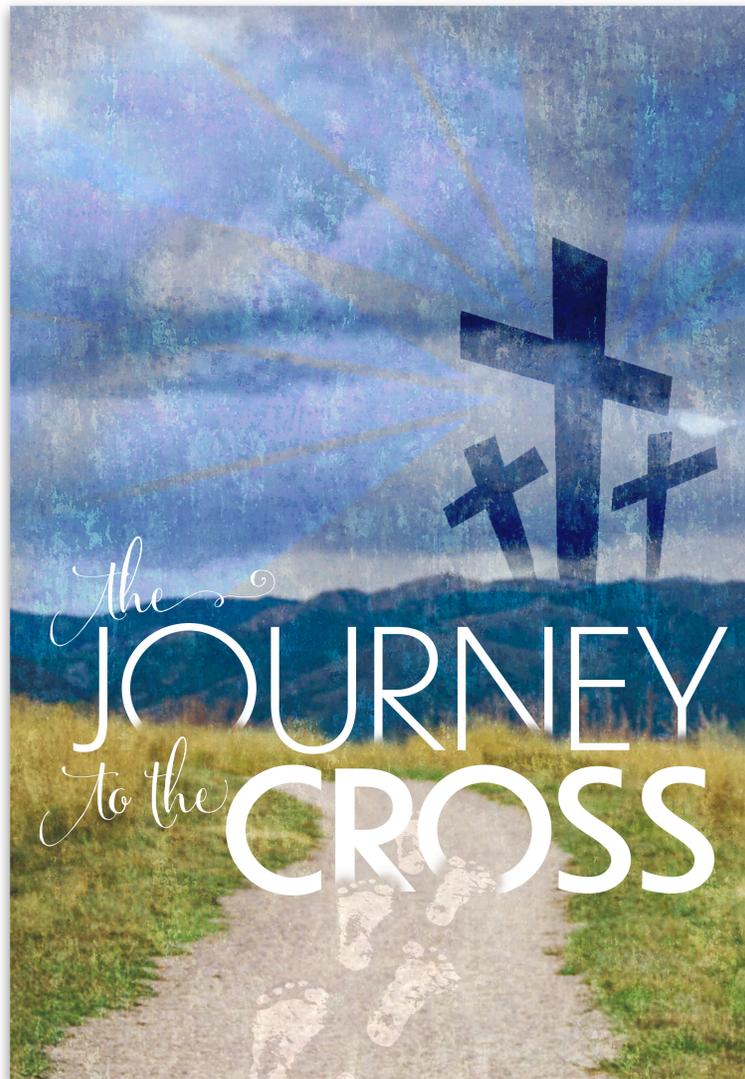




**MIDWAY HILLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.



March 15, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"We are a box of crayons, Each one of us unique.
But when we get together... The picture is complete."

from The Crayon Box that That Talked, by Shane DeRolf

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Kathy Leslie

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Blest Be the Tie that Binds Us Together

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Val Cunningham

One: We gather as one body in Christ.

Many: Though we are many members, we belong to one another.

One: Not all are the same, not all serve alike.

Many: Yet each is created with purpose and care.

One: No part is unnecessary, no voice is unimportant.

Many: Together we reflect the fullness of God's design.

One: Come, let us worship the God who joins us together as we share our joys, sufferings and hopes.

Many: As one body, with many members, we worship in unity. Amen.

*Opening Hymn 272

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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.

Confession and Kyrie

Prayer of Confession

Rev. John O'Neal

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not always lived your way of love.

We have heard the voices of those pushed to the margins.

We have watched, feeling powerless against systems that harm, exclude, or diminish your children.

We long for reconciliation in those things that we have done and left undone.

Forgive us. Reconcile us to one another and to you.

Strengthen us to resist injustice,

to honor the beauty of every person,

and to walk in the freedom of your power and grace. Amen.

Kyrie Refrain

LET US BREAK BREAD

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord have Mercy on Me.

Assurance

Rev. John O'Neal

Beloved of God,
You are forgiven, empowered, renewed, and called again into the work
of healing and hope.
May the Spirit strengthen you to live with courage, compassion, and joy.

Thanks be to God.

Offering Moment

James Lackey

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Val Cunningham

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (NRSVUE)

De hecho, aunque el cuerpo es uno solo, tiene muchos miembros y todos los miembros, no obstante ser muchos, forman un solo cuerpo. Así sucede con Cristo. Todos fuimos bautizados por un solo Espíritu para constituir un solo cuerpo —ya seamos judíos o no, esclavos o libres—, y a todos se nos dio a beber de un mismo Espíritu. Ahora bien, el cuerpo no consta de un solo miembro, sino de muchos. Si el pie dijera: «Como no soy mano, no soy del cuerpo», no por eso dejaría de ser parte del cuerpo. Y si la oreja dijera: «Como no soy ojo, no soy del cuerpo», no por eso dejaría de ser parte del cuerpo. Si todo el cuerpo fuera ojo, ¿qué sería del oído? Si todo el cuerpo fuera oído, ¿qué sería del olfato? En realidad, Dios colocó cada miembro del cuerpo como mejor le pareció. Si todos ellos fueran un solo miembro, ¿qué sería del cuerpo? Lo cierto es que hay muchos miembros, pero el cuerpo es uno solo. El ojo no puede decirle a la mano: «No te necesito». Ni puede la cabeza decirles a los pies: «No los necesito». Al contrario, los miembros

del cuerpo que parecen más débiles son indispensables, y a los que nos parecen menos honrosos los tratamos con honra especial. Además, se trata con especial modestia a los miembros que nos parecen menos presentables, mientras que los más presentables no requieren trato especial. Así Dios ha dispuesto los miembros de nuestro cuerpo, dando mayor honra a los que menos tenían, a fin de que no haya división en el cuerpo, sino que sus miembros se preocupen por igual unos por otros. Si uno de los miembros sufre, los demás comparten su sufrimiento; y si uno de ellos recibe honor, los demás se alegran con él. Ahora bien, ustedes son el cuerpo de Cristo y cada uno es miembro de ese cuerpo. (NVI)

Special Music *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Allen Pote

Sermon "Spiritual Body Aches" Rev. Will Horn

Sung Prayers of the People *One in Love* Susan Esserwein, Kevin Keil
(see insert)

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.

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Reconciliation and Passing of the Peace Rev. Will Horn

Invitation to the Table Tinker Miller

This table is open to all — without exception.
Here Christ meets us in shared bread and cup,
uniting us across every boundary we create.
Come, for all is ready.

Great Thanksgiving Tinker Miller

Leader: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer over the Elements Tinker Miller

Institution of the Table Rev. Will Horn

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Those who are able are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive the elements and partake by intinction. Those serving will tear a piece of bread and dip

it in the cup. You may return to your seat via the side aisles. The Table of the Lord is open to all. Christ invites us into communion.

Communion Hymn 414

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Rev. Will Horn

**Gracious God,
You have fed us with love and strengthened us for the journey.
Send us out to do justice, embrace diversity,
and embody your reconciling peace in the world. Amen.**

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Closing Hymn 433**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

***Blessing**

Rev. Will Horn

Postlude

The Church's One Foundation

arr. Cindy Berry

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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 social issues that affect our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter and Friday Flash for details and more.)

We welcome Rev. Will Horn as our guest preacher this morning.

He is the Founder and pastor of the Cosmopolitan Congregation in Dallas, Texas, and CEO of Will Horn Ministries. Rev. Horn is host of the Shake the Table YouTube channel and Podcast and the recruiter and admissions counselor at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. He is also a member of the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. Rev. Horn holds a Master of Theological Studies degree with a certificate in History, Theology and Ethics from Brite Divinity School at TCU.

Today is the last day to order flowers for Easter Sunday.

See the order form insert in this bulletin or pick up a form in the gathering area.

War on Iran Protest, March 15, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Where: Repkon USA Ordnance Facility, 1200 N Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX. Hosted by DFW Anti-War Committee (Jo Hargis, co-coordinator).

Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch is March 18.

RSVP for Tables of Eight to Megan Mercer.

Continue the conversation started at a recent Town Halls, in a relaxed atmosphere.
March 28 at 7:00 p.m. - Dinner at Clayton and Val Cunningham's. Four spots available.
April 18 at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner hosted by Mia Martin and Lynne Stokes at the church.

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch will meet April 7 at 11:30.

Maple Leaf Diner, south side of shopping center at LBJ and Preston Road. Let Carol Hargis-Nation know if you plan to attend.

Mark your calendar:

Worship Committee - March 16, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee - March 19, 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting - March 22, 12:15 p.m. (updated)
Elders Meeting - March 29, 12:15 p.m.
All Church Prayer - Thursdays on Zoom, 8:30 a.m.
Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Frank Martin, Dan Gaylord, Lydia Bare, Jim Gilmore, Gay Gilmore, Judy Mank, James Lackey, Bryen Lackey, Jose Columbo

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Dan Gaylord's parents, Linda and Larrie Gaylord; Mary Ludwick's nephew, David Harris; online viewer Kathy Nida's friend Diane; Laura Mitchell's sister, Mercedes Alcazar; Mary Ludwick's sister, Alice Collins; Christy Horn's mother-in-law, Barbara Horn; David Hammons' wife, Joan

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Elaine Manworren Nina Boothe
Frank & Millie Martin Jeryl Crawford
Lynne Stokes
Christy Horn and children Betsy, Fletcher, Cameron

Sympathy:

- ❖ Madeline Cotton and family, on the death of her brother Roger Allen Cotton, January 19.
- ❖ Robin Copeland and family on the passing of her mother, Dorothy "Dottie" Keller, on January 4 in Buffalo, New York.
- ❖ Christy Horn's friend Lorana Clark and her family upon the death of her son on New Year's Day.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Muslim community
- Religious freedom legislation
- Legislative sessions
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine and Venezuela
- Starvation in Gaza and solidarity with Palestinian people
- Anti trans legislation around the nation
- Disappearance and deportation of immigrant siblings
- Health care and women's reproductive rights
- 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 MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday

March 15

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. War on Iran Protest, 1200 N Glenbrook Dr., Garland, TX

Monday

March 16

- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

Tuesday

March 17

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

Wednesday

March 18

- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch, community hall

Thursday

March 19

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch Group
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Team
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Sunday

March 22

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

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.

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