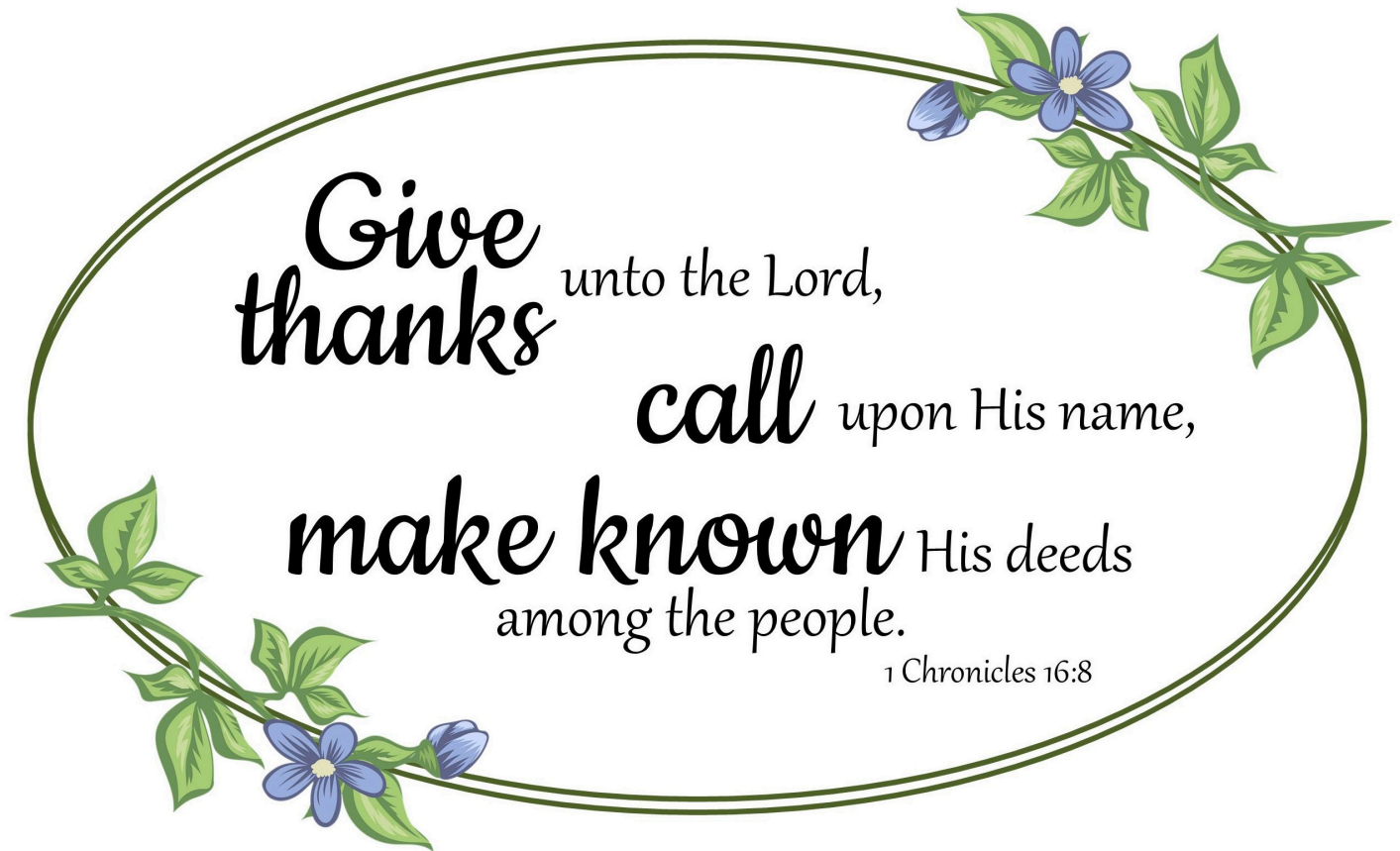




August 30, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Prayer is not so much a way to find God as a way of resting in him... who loves us, who is near to us." ~ Thomas Merton (AtoZQuotes.com)

Order of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Val Cunningham

The Community Gathers

Prelude

God Will Take Care of You

arr. Glenda Austin

*Call to Worship

Clayton Cunningham

Leader: In a world full of noise, performance, and rushing crowds, our God calls us away to a quiet place.

People: We leave behind the need to be seen, and we come to seek the One who sees us in secret.

Leader: God does not look for grand speeches or empty words, but for honest hearts. Our Father already knows what we need before we even ask.

People: So let us quiet our minds, close the door to our anxieties, and turn our faces toward our Father.

Leader: With one voice and humble spirits, let us pray as Christ taught us:

**All: "Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one."**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit, in truth, and in quiet devotion.

*Opening Hymn 668

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Musical Response 305

*Lord, Listen to Your
Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

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 Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:5-15

Clayton Cunningham

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (NRSVUE)

»Cuando oren, no sean como los hipócritas, porque a ellos les encanta orar de pie en las sinagogas y en las esquinas de las plazas para que la gente los vea. Les aseguro que ya han obtenido toda su recompensa. Pero tú, cuando te pongas a orar, entra en tu cuarto, cierra la puerta y ora a tu Padre, que está en lo secreto. Así tu Padre, que ve lo que se hace en secreto, te recompensará. Y al orar, no hablen solo por hablar como hacen los gentiles, porque ellos se imaginan que serán escuchados por sus muchas palabras. No sean como ellos, porque su Padre sabe lo que ustedes necesitan antes de que se lo pidan. »Ustedes deben orar así: »"Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan cotidiano. Perdónanos nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros hemos perdonado a nuestros ofensores. Y no nos dejes caer en tentación, sino líbranos del maligno". »Porque si perdonan a otros sus ofensas, también los perdonará a ustedes su Padre celestial. Pero si no perdonan a otros sus ofensas, tampoco su Padre perdonará a ustedes las suyas. (NVI)

Special Music	<i>Prayer of St. Francis</i>	Allen Pote
Sermon	"When We Pray"	Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum
Musical Response 594	<i>Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind</i> (verse 1)	REST
Prayers of the People		Rev. John O'Neal
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.		
Call to Giving		John Nation

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Communion Hymn 570

Sweet Hour of Prayer!

SWEET HOUR

Invitation to the Table

Mark Holmgren

Prayer over the Elements

Mark Holmgren

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the 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. You will 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.

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

Mark Holmgren

***Invitation Hymn 585**

What a Friend
We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Postlude

Seek Ye First

arr. Mark Zeeman

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

Lowery Ferguson, guest organist

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 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 emails for details and more.)

We welcome Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum as guest preacher today.

He is Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in the Southwest.

Going Away Reception for Rev. John O'Neal & Lowery Ferguson.

Today after worship in the gathering area. We will show our appreciation and recognize and celebrate their amazing contributions to Midway Hills over the years.

Help us stay connected.

Please review the contact information Midway Hills has for you and your household. Visit <https://midwayhills.churchcenter.com/me>, sign in if prompted, and select Profile & Household. Keeping your email address, phone number, and household information current helps us stay connected with you.

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch meets September 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us at Casa Navarro, 11742-A Marsh Lane, at Forest Lane.

Have you heard about the family internment camps in Texas?

Adult Sunday School is reading and discussing *The Train to Crystal City*, by Joe Jarboe Russell, which describes the motivations of our government and the lives of those impacted by this 1942 era program. Learn about parallels with our present time, and possible responses, both then and now. Join us in Room 1 at 10:00 a.m. Sundays.

Mark your calendar:

Elders Meeting - August 30, 12:30 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting - September 3, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee - September 10, 7:00 p.m.
Board Meeting - September 20, 12:15 p.m.

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Midway Hills
Christian Church:

All Church Prayer - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. on Zoom
Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1



JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Don and Elaine Manworren; Chris and Jayne Sparrer; Dan Gaylord—upcoming surgery

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

James Lackey's sister Jessica; Robin Copeland's brother Wade Keller; Jack van Wunnik—surgery recovery; Mary Ludwick's sister, Alice Collins—hospitalized; Rev. Robert Schomp; David Hammons' wife, Joan

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Nina Boothe	Gay and Jim Gilmore	Bryen Lackey
Frank and Millie Martin	Jeryl Crawford	Lynne Stokes
Judy Mank		

Sympathy to:

- ❖ Mary Ludwick and family on the death of her brother, John Croix.
- ❖ Roger Wedell and family on the passing of his nephew, Brett Wedell.
- ❖ Dan Gaylord and family on the passing of his aunt and uncle.
- ❖ Laura Mitchell and family on the passing of her sister, Mercedes Alcazar, June 20.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Our guests/visitors in worship in the sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Those facing the difficulties of losing their employment
- Administrators, teachers and students returning to the classroom
- Muslim community
- Religious freedom legislation
- Legislative sessions
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- **Being inclusive, pursuing justice, embracing diversity**
- Those working for peace in places of conflict and those caught in the cycles of violence
- Justice for the people of Ukraine and others struggling against oppression
- Justice for the Palestinian people
- Those who have limited access to health care and those working to expand access
- Those experiencing discrimination and oppression because of their gender identity, sexual orientation or gender expression
- Those struggling with food insecurity and those working to overcome it
- Those who work to create a larger Welcome Table

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:15 p.m. John O'Neal & Lowery Ferguson Going Away Party, gathering area
- 12:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

Tuesday

September 1

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 11:30 a.m. First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch, Casa Navarro, 11742-A Marsh at Forest
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Thursday

September 3

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Saturday

September 5

- 6:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group Birthdays Celebration, community hall

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet after worship with the Elder offering the invitation,
or contact the church office any time.

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