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October 18, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness." - Mother Teresa,
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Order of Worship

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

Kathy Leslie

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Open My Eyes, That I May See

arr. Glenda Austin

*Call to Worship

Sara Leslie

Leader: For this reason we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

People: We come to the God who grants us, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in our inner being.

Leader: We pray that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend the breadth, length, height, and depth.

People: To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Leader: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us —

All: To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!

*Opening Hymn 17

O Worship the King

LYONS

Invocation

Rev. Will Horn

Musical Response 37

Glory Be to God

CLEMENS

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

Ephesians 3:14-20

Sara Leslie

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all

the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine... (NRSVUE)

Por esta razón me arrodillo delante del Padre, de quien recibe nombre toda familia en el cielo y en la tierra. Le pido que, por medio del Espíritu y con el poder que procede de sus gloriosas riquezas, los fortalezca a ustedes en lo íntimo de su ser, para que por fe Cristo habite en sus corazones. Y pido que, arraigados y cimentados en amor, puedan comprender, junto con todos los creyentes, cuán ancho y largo, alto y profundo es el amor de Cristo. En fin, que conozcan ese amor que sobrepasa nuestro conocimiento, para que sean llenos de la plenitud de Dios. Al que puede hacer muchísimo más que todo lo que podamos imaginarnos o pedir, por el poder que obra eficazmente en nosotros... (NVI)

Special Music

Sermon

"Abundant Imagination"

Rev. Will Horn

Musical Response 335

*Creating God,
Your Fingers Trace*

TALLIS' CANON

Prayers of the People

Carol Hargis-Nation

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

Val Cunningham

Responsive Hymn

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

♩=116 Easy acoustic feel

mp Op-en the eyes of my heart, Lord, op-en the eyes of my heart;

mf I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of your glo -

Chords: D, A/D D/C#, D9sus/C#, G9sus/B, G9sus/A, G9sus, D, G9sus, G9sus/A, A, Bm A/C# D, G, D/A

- ry; Lord, pour out your pow'r and love as we sing,
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."
 Op - en the eyes of my heart, Lord.

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Will Horn

Communion Hymn 254 *Breathe on Me Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Invitation to the Table

John Nation

Prayer over the Elements

John Nation

Words of Institution

Rev. Will Horn

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

John Nation

***Invitation Hymn 585**

*What a Friend
We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

***Benediction**

Rev. Will Horn

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Mark Patterson

*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 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.

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

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

We welcome Rev. Will Horn as guest preacher today.

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.

MHCC members are invited to stay for today's Board Meeting after worship.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend in person in community hall. An online option via Zoom is also available.

Meet at the Tree today after worship.

Join us at 12:30 p.m. to learn about Gather at the Table, a time to come together, share ideas, enjoy good food, and discover ways to be a part of this special community experience at Midway Hills Christian Church. Enjoy another opportunity Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Christian Adult Fellowship Lunch is Oct. 21 at noon in community hall.

The theme is orange or black. Bring food that is orange or black for Halloween! We will take a break in November, meeting again on December 16.

Join the Adult Sunday School Class.

We are discussing John Pavlovitz's writings about a Christian response to current U.S. events. Mary will email the exact column each week. Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendar:

Board Meeting - October 18, 12:15 p.m.
Elders Meeting - October 25, 12:30 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting - November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee - November 12, 7:00 p.m.
Regional Assembly - November 6-7, FCC Fort Worth
Finance Committee - November 12, 7:00 p.m.

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

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Dan Gaylord, Johnny Mercer, James Lackey

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Mary Ludwick's sister, Alice Collins; Robin Copeland's brother Wade Keller; Rev. Robert Schomp; Joan Hammons

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	Chris & Jayne Sparrer	Elaine & Don Manworren

Sympathy to:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- John O'Neal & Lowery Ferguson on beginning a new life in Mexico
- 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
- Muslim community
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- **Being inclusive, pursuing justice, embracing diversity**
- For our city, state, and nation, prayerful engagement & participation in our democratic process
- 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 OCTOBER 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:15 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall
- 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Tree, MHCC lawn

Tuesday

October 20

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 6:00 p.m. Meet at the Tree, MHCC lawn
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

October 21

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

Thursday

October 22

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

Friday

October 23

- 9:00 a.m. Oh My Nosh (until 4:00) kitchen

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:30 p.m. Elders Meeting

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