



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



LOVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH
ALL YOUR *heart*
& WITH ALL YOUR *soul*
AND WITH ALL YOUR
mind.

MATTHEW 22:37

October 25, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"Love Is the Answer," - Todd Rundgren (a song originally performed by his band Utopia and the closing track on their 1977 album *Oops! Wrong Planet.*)

Order of Worship

Twenty-second 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

Antiphonal Praise

arr. Tom Fettke

*Call to Worship

Gary Springer

Leader: Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?

People: Jesus answered: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Leader: This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it:

People: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

People: Lord, open our hearts to love you completely, and our hands to serve our neighbors faithfully.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who is love, and let us walk in His way today.

People: Amen.

*Opening Hymn 2

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Invocation

Rev. Derek Wilkerson

Musical Response 294

*Here We Gather
as God's People*

NETTLETON

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 22:34-46

Gary Springer

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by

the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. (NRSVUE)

Los fariseos se reunieron al oír que Jesús había hecho callar a los saduceos. Uno de ellos, experto en la Ley, le tendió una trampa con esta pregunta: —Maestro, ¿cuál es el mandamiento más importante de la Ley? —"Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con toda tu alma y con toda tu mente" —respondió Jesús—. Este es el primero y el más importante de los mandamientos. El segundo se parece a este: "Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo". De estos dos mandamientos dependen toda la Ley y los Profetas. Mientras estaban reunidos los fariseos, Jesús preguntó: —¿Qué piensan ustedes acerca del Cristo? ¿De quién es descendiente? —De David —respondieron ellos. Jesús les dijo: —Entonces, ¿cómo es que David, hablando por el Espíritu, lo llama "Señor"? Él afirma: »"Dijo el Señor a mi Señor: 'Siéntate a mi derecha, hasta que ponga a tus enemigos debajo de tus pies' ". Si David lo llama "Señor", ¿cómo puede entonces ser su descendiente?». Nadie pudo responderle ni una sola palabra y desde ese día ninguno se atrevía a hacerle más preguntas. (NVI)

Special Music

Sermon "The Greatest Commandment" Rev. Derek Wilkerson

Musical Response 263 *Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Roger Wedell

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 Clayton Cunningham

Responsive Hymn 714 *For the Fruits of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace Rev. Derek Wilkerson

Communion Hymn 265 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

Invitation to the Table Carol Hargis-Nation

Prayer over the Elements Carol Hargis-Nation

Words of Institution Rev. Derek Wilkerson

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

Carol Hargis-Nation

***Invitation Hymn 195**

*When I Survey
the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

***Benediction**

Rev. Derek Wilkerson

Postlude

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

arr. Michael Larkin

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

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

We welcome Rev. Derek Wilkerson as guest preacher today.

Rev. Derek is a Disciples of Christ ordained minister, who has served congregational and specialized settings throughout North Texas.

Gather at the Table: A Fall Family-Style Dinner, October 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Your presence and participation helps support Midway Hills Christian Church while bringing our community together for a meaningful evening. Join us for a delicious, family-style dinner featuring a full three-course meal, hosted and served by Chef Dorisa Jenea of Julia V Flowers & Decor (aka The Life Tour Club), with contributions from Dallas County Master Gardeners and Raincatcher's Garden of Midway Hills. Scan QR codes in posted flyers or The Echo to purchase tickets: \$20 for church members, \$35 general admission.

First Tuesday Ladies Who Lunch meets Nov. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

El Fenix, 6811 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas 75225. PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT our usual El Fenix. This one is more centrally located. RSVP to Carol Hargis-Nation.

Mark your calendar:

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



JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Lynne Stokes and her daughter Claire; 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:

- Val Cunningham's brother was released from the hospital
- 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
- 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**
- 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 25, 2026

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

Monday

October 26

- 8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room

Tuesday

October 27

- 8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room
- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 9:00 a.m. Raincatchers (until 1:00) kitchen
- 10:30 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

October 28

- 8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room
- 10:30 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall

Thursday

October 29

- 8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room
- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove, narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Gather at the Table, west lawn, courtyard, kitchen
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Friday

October 30

- 8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room
- 8:30 a.m. Dallas Cooperative Preschool (until 12:00) community hall

All Saints Day

November 1

- 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

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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