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

DO JUSTICE ...

love kindness ...

WALK HUMBLY

with our God.

MICAH 6:8

November 15, 2026

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"I was in darkness, but I took three steps and found myself in paradise. The first step was a good thought, the second, a good word; and the third, a good deed."

- Friedrich Nietzsche (QuotesAtoZ.com)

Order of Worship
Twenty-fourth 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 *We Are God's People* arr. Fred Bock

***Call to Worship** Dan Gaylord

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord! "Look, the Lord is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads on the heights of the earth. The mountains melt beneath him and the valleys split apart."

People: How shall we approach the Almighty? With what shall we bow before God on high?

Leader: Do we come with burnt offerings, with thousands of rams, or ten thousands of rivers of oil?

People: Does God look for empty ritual, or the fruit of our own striving?

Leader: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

People: From the little town of Bethlehem to the quiet corners of our daily lives, God raises up peace and calls us to a better way.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who does not demand our sacrifices, but our very lives.

People: We come to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn 680** *O God of Every Nation* NYLAND

Invocation Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Musical Response 546 *Amazing Grace* NEW BRITAIN
(verses 1, 3)

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 Micah 1:3-5, 5:2-5a, 6:6-8 Dan Gaylord

For the Lord is coming out of his place and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. Then the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will burst open like wax near the fire, like waters poured down a slope. All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the

transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace. "With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? (NRSVUE)

¡Miren! Ya sale el Señor de su morada; ya baja y se encamina hacia las alturas de la tierra. A su paso se derriten los montes como la cera junto al fuego; se agrietan los valles como partidos por el agua de un torrente. Y todo esto por la transgresión de Jacob, por los pecados del pueblo de Israel. ¿Acaso no representa Samaria la transgresión de Jacob? ¿Y no es acaso en Jerusalén donde están los altares paganos de Judá? Pero tú, Belén Efrata, pequeña entre los clanes de Judá, de ti saldrá el que gobernará a Israel; sus orígenes son de un pasado distante, desde tiempos antiguos. Por eso Dios los entregará al enemigo hasta que tenga su hijo la que va a ser madre y vuelva junto al pueblo de Israel el resto de sus hermanos. Él se establecerá y los pastoreará con el poder del Señor, con la majestad del nombre del Señor su Dios. Vivirán seguros, porque él dominará hasta los confines de la tierra. ¡Él será nuestra paz! ¿Con qué me presentaré ante el Señor y me postraré ante el Dios Altísimo? ¿Podré presentarme con holocaustos o con becerros de un año? ¿Se complacerá el Señor con miles de carneros o con diez mil arroyos de aceite? ¿Ofreceré a mi primogénito por mi delito, al fruto de mis entrañas por mi pecado? ¡Él te ha mostrado, oh mortal, lo que es bueno! ¿Y qué es lo que espera de ti el Señor?: Practicar la justicia, amar la misericordia y caminar humildemente ante tu Dios. (NVI)

Special Music	*Offertory*	John Ness Beck
Sermon	"Walk Humbly with God"	Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum
Musical Response 661	*What Does the Lord Require of You?*	MOON
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 James Lackey

Responsive Hymn 465 *We Are Called to Follow Jesus* WE ARE CALLED
(verse 3)

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum
During this time, please give your prayer requests to a choir member or Jeff Crouse at the piano. These will be placed on the table prior to communion.

Communion Hymn 602 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

Invitation to the Table Carol John

Prayer over the Elements Carol John

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 Carol John

***Invitation Hymn 609** *Take My Life* HENDON

***Benediction** Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum

Postlude *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* 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. Dr. Andy Mangum as guest preacher today.
He is Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in the Southwest.

Stay for the Board Meeting after worship today.
All MHCC members are invited to attend. A Zoom link was sent in The Echo.

Save the Date! All Church Potluck Thanksgiving is November 22!

Mike's Kids big bin is in the entry to the church through Dec. 6.
Now is the time to donate to improve the life of a child on the border. This year Mike's Kids is a family affair. The Celiz parents and children will be involved in set up, collection, packing up and delivering the bounty of toys, underwear, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste and more that fill the bin each year. We are so happy to get children involved in helping children.

First Tuesday Ladies' Lunch is Dec. 1, 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM.
Chocolate Angel Cafe & Tea Room, 635 W Campbell Rd, Ste 310, Richardson. Please RSVP to Carol Hargis-Nation.

North Texas Area Disciples Women Christmas Celebration and Brunch
Saturday, December 5 at First Christian Church, 1800 W. Hunt Street, McKinney, TX. Registration at 10:00 a.m. Lunch is $12. Service Project: Toys for Tots. Please bring toys! RSVP by Dec. 1 at 214-908-4721 or debbraclay@yahoo.com.

Be part of worship this Advent and Christmas.
We're looking for individuals, couples, families, and groups who would like to help light the Advent wreath or share other readings during Advent and our Christmas Eve service. You don't need any special experience to participate! We'll provide the readings and instructions ahead of time, so all you need to bring is yourself. Click the link in The Echo to let us know which opportunities interest you.

Mark your calendar:
Board Meeting - November 15, 12:15 p.m.
Elders Meeting - November 29, 12:30 p.m.
Cabinet Meeting - December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee - December 10, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1

Scan this QR code to make a financial contribution to Midway Hills Christian Church:

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

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

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:
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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 NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost — **November 15**

9:45 a.m. Choir practice
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday 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

Monday — **November 16**

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

Tuesday — **November 17**

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

Wednesday — **November 18**

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

Thursday — **November 19**

8:00 a.m. Chatterbox Academy (until 3:00) nursery, choir room
6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove, narthex
11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch Group
7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Friday — **November 20**

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

Saturday — **November 21**

10:00 a.m. Magdalen House Meal Prep (until 2:00) kitchen

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost — **November 22**

9:45 a.m. Choir practice
10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Book Discussion, room 1
11:00 a.m. Children's Church
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:15 p.m. All Church Thanksgiving Potluck, community hall

