

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 10, 2017 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GOD’S DREAM OF PEACE

~ GATHERING ~

PRELUDE++ “Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child” (Traditional; arr. Jeremy Price)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS++ Jacqui Lewis

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (9:30) Middle Clergy and Shanta Thake, Chair
Hadaryah Morgan
Natalie Runyon

HYMN*++ “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”

GIVING THANKS FOR PEACE*
Johanna Goepel, Jason Enlow, Michelle Enlow, & Maya Enlow (9:30)
Natalie Runyon, Gary Vizioli, Dominick Vizioli, & Carlo Vizioli (11:45)

~ REFLECTING ~

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Marte Samuelstuen
“Siyahamba”—We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

MOMENT OF SILENCE
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER*
Ever-loving and holy God, hallowed be your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the reign, and the power, and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE/WELCOMING GUESTS++

ANTHEM “Glory” (Lonnie Lynn, Che Smith, and John Stephens)
Alex Bertrand, soloist

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40.1–11 Jacqui Lewis

SERMON “One Day, When the Glory Comes” Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Edna Benitez (9:30)
Susan Davis & Claudia Slacik (11:45)

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OFFERTORY/OFFERING “Sing Joy” (John Del Cueto)
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DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION PRAYER* Michael Piazza
From all that dwell below the skies / Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung / Through every land, by every tongue.

HYMN* “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah”

BENEDICTION* Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE “Deck the Halls” (NOS GALAN Traditional Welsh Carol)

*Indicates please stand if you are able

++ You may find a seat—an Usher may assist you—or take a bio break at this time.

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • John Del Cueto, Director — Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ; BAASSIK, bass; Bernice Brooks, drums.

WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH

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TODAY AT MIDDLE CHURCH

- **WEE CARE (INFANT–AGE 4)** — 8:30 AM–2:30 PM • *3rd Floor Nursery* — Childcare.
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- **JOIN THE MOVEMENT** — 10:45–11:15 AM • *Sanctuary* — Learn about Middle membership.
- **WINTER COAT AND SOCK DRIVE** — 10:45–11:30 AM • *Social Hall* — Bring new or dry-cleaned coats and new socks. Contact Rob at rstephens@middlechurch.org. — *Give Help*
- **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION—PART 1** — 10:50–11:30 AM • *Parlor* — A special Advent two-part member orientation. RSVP to Rob at rstephens@middlechurch.org.
- **BRUNCH IN THE MIDDLE** — 10:45–11:40 AM • *Social Hall* — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share brunch. — *Community*
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- **YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6–12)** — 10:50–11:40 AM • *4th Floor Classroom* — Enjoy breakfast and discover ways that the Bible intersects our lives. — *Youth Education*
- **ADVENT BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT)** — 10:50–11:40 AM • *4th Floor Studio* — “From Ashes to Garlands, from Mourning to Gladness...” A study of *Isaiah*. — *Adult Education*
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- **SECURITY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION TRAINING** — 1:00–2:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Ushers, greeters, congregational leaders, and Consistory members are invited to this important security and violence prevention training as we prepare to welcome many holiday visitors. — *Community*
- **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — 1:15–2:30 PM • *Community Room* — Contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

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DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY—Together, we are building a movement toward God’s dream for a healed, whole, and just world. Our offering goal is \$625,000 for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Already, you have given \$193,611.12 since July 1. We are 30.98% on our way to our goal at 44% of the program year. We can do it! **To donate NOW—visit bit.ly/power-love or text to donate: “[Amount]” to 917-924-4666. For convenience, consider a recurring donation!**
In gratitude, Shanta Thake and Middle Consistory

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*
Harold Butler; Marie Savoyan; Pete & Taina Ramos, the Ramos family and friends, Puerto Rico; Dr. Karimah & husband, Umi, Judy, Gidon, Abdul Malik, Dad, Cousin Jim, Morris family; Mark; Caitlyn, Kaylah, Cathy & Jessica; Release the rest of our girls, Peace & sanity world-wide, release the people of Libya sold as slaves, restore those affected all the recent disasters.

THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

Check middlechurch.org for full details of all events, including AA, NA, and Alanon.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

• **MOMENTUM MEAL** — *Social Hall* — 5:30–6:30 PM • Free, nutritious dinner for clients and the community. — *Get Help*

• **ACTING CLASS** — *Resumes in January*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 — NO PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

• **MOVE YOUR PRAYERS** — 7:00–9:00 PM • *Community Room* — Whole-bodied prayer—Yoga + Praying Dangerously. **RSVP to Christina at cfleming@middlechurch.org**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

• **CREATIVE WRITING** — *Resumes in January*

• **JJ GOSPEL CHOIR** — 7:00–9:00 PM • *Community Room* — Weekly rehearsal. For more information, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 — NO PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 — NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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- **FAMILY ROOM (ALL AGES)** — 8:30–9:30 AM • *3rd Floor Studio* — A space for kids.
- **IN-THE-MIDDLE CHOIR REHEARSAL** — 8:30–9:20 AM • *Community Room* — Attend rehearsal and sing in worship the same day. Contact tpetty@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*
- **CELEBRATION! WORSHIP** — 9:30–10:45 AM • *Sanctuary* — **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GIFT TO BRING SUNDAY “The Flesh Became Word” Jacqui Lewis, preacher** • John 1.1–8 • In-the-Middle Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth • Advent Candle of Love. — *Worship*
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- **SERMON TALKBACK** — 1:15–2:15 PM • *4th Floor Studio* — Explore this Sunday’s text and sermon themes. — *Adult Education*
- **A MOSAIC CHRISTMAS** — 2:30–4:00 PM • *Sanctuary* — Music and poetry of of the holiday season, as well as popular Broadway and pop music. \$20 suggested admission. All proceeds will benefit the Muslim Community Network. — *Arts*
- **FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** — 1:15–2:30 PM • *Community Room* — Contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org. — *Arts*

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

(James W. Johnson; J. Rosamund Johnson)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way
that with tears has been watered;
We have come, treading our path
through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, Till we now stand at last,
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places,
our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine
of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

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THIS WEEK: ONE DAY, WHEN THE GLORY COMES

- What new insight about John's gospel did you glean today?
- Since you are flesh made word, how will you work on God's dream between now and year end?
- Where do your dreams and God's dreams intersect?
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LAST WEEK: WAITING FOR THE VERY GOOD NEWS

- As you wait for the "very good news," how do you spend your time? How do you live your hope?

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As a teaching congregation that celebrates the arts, our ministries include rich and meaningful worship, care, and education that nurture the mind, body, and spirit, social action which embraces the global community, and participation in interfaith dialogue for the purpose of justice and reconciliation. :: middlechurch.org

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah

(Negro Spiritual)

Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down!

I feel better, so much better
Since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better
Since I laid my burdens down!

I won't treat you like I used to
Since I laid my burdens down.
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Since I laid my burdens down!

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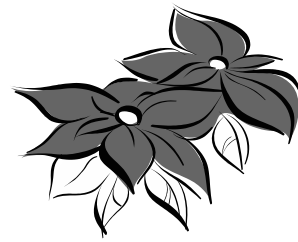
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MIDDLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, December 10 and 17 • 10:50–11:40 AM • Parlor

Whether you worship at 9:30 or 11:45, join Jacqui and Rob for a special two-part New Member Orientation between the two morning worship celebrations. New members will be welcomed at both worship celebrations on December 17. For more information and to RSVP, contact Rob at rstephens@middlechurch.org.

WINTER COAT AND SOCK DRIVE—SUNDAY, DEC. 10 & 17!

Please bring a winter coat and new socks for Middle’s Winter Coat and Sock Drive! We are accepting coats that are either new or dry-cleaned, and new socks to distribute later in the month. Larger sizes—both male and female—are the most in-demand. **Bring your donations to the Social Hall on Sundays, December 10 and 17 from 10:45–11:30 AM and 1:00–1:30 PM.**

To volunteer to sort donations, please contact Rob at rstephens@middlechurch.org.

MOVE YOUR PRAYERS — FLEX YOUR BODY AND SPIRIT!

Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00–9:00 PM • Community Room

Nurture your body, mind, and spirit at a yoga class for all levels followed by a session of Praying Dangerously. **Please bring a yoga mat.** RSVP to Christina at cfleming@middlechurch.org.



MIDDLE LITERARY MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU

Submit your writing and/or art to our 7th annual Literary Magazine! The theme will be “Complete the Dream: Finish and Start.” Poetry, fiction, essay, art, photos, children’s work—even a video clip—are all welcome! Send your submissions to editor Carol Wierzbicki at litmag@middlechurch.org by January 14.

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meet our mid-year goal of
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