

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 3, 2006 • 9:00 | 11:15 AM

Familiar Hymns, Songs, and Spirituals Leon Edwards

— GATHERING —

**PRELUDE** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* Eric Thiman

**HYMN\*** *Now Is the Time Approaching* New Century Hymnal

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*** Freeman Palmer

— Worshippers may be seated —

**ADVENT EVENT** *But who may abide? (Messiah)* G. F. Handel

Theresa Duhon and Lutin Tanner

-- Children Dismissed for Children's Church --

**ANTHEM** *But who may abide? (Messiah)* G. F. Handel

Solo: Charles Brown

**WELCOME** Jacqui Lewis

**MORNING PRAYER** Freeman Palmer

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Ever-loving 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.

— REFLECTING —

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 21.25-36

**SERMON** *The Power and the Glory!* Jacqui Lewis

— RESPONDING —

**OFFERING** *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come* Paul Manz

**COMMUNION** *Call to Advent* Jerome Williams

**DOXOLOGY/DEDICATION\***

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\*** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* New Century Hymnal

**BENEDICTION\*** Jacqui Lewis

**PASSING OF THE PEACE\***

**POSTLUDE**

— \*Indicates please stand if you are able —

**COURTESY AND SAFETY IN THE SANCTUARY**

Please silence your cell phone and leave food or drink outside. Please help us comply with fire safety codes: fold strollers or carts and store them carefully under a pew. Thanks for your cooperation.

**MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR**

Gail Blache-Gill, Charles Brown, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Mark Rehnstrom, Elisabeth Rodgers, Kristin Sampson, Branch Woodman. Directed by Jonathan Dudley.

**WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH**

We are glad you are here today. If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to return often and make Middle Church a home for you, your family, and friends. Complete the card from the pew in front of you or sign the guest book in the narthex to receive our newsletter or listserv.

**MIDDLELINK GATHERING**

After the celebration, please join us in the social hall for a light snack and beverage. Meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

**MIDDLE CHURCH AT HOME**

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) to see what is going on, listen to a podcast, download the sermon and newsletters, and more. You can also sign up in the narthex to get a recorded CD of the sermon for a minimal cost.

**LAST WEEK'S OFFERING**

Last week's offering: \$ 1,780.59. Target weekly offering: \$4,327.00

**SUNDAY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

Under 4	9:00   11:15 AM	Wee Care	Nursery
Ages 4-7	9:30   11:45 AM	Children's Church	Performance Space
Ages 5-10	10:00 AM	Church School	After School Space
Youth	10:00 AM	Teen Space Bible Study	Teen Room
Adult	10:00 AM	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Office
Adult	10:00 AM	Living the Word: The Parables	Church Parlor
		Keith and Kevin Slatten-Poss	
Adult	1:30 PM	Living the Questions	
		Freeman Palmer	Church Parlor

**SUNDAY ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH**

Adult	10:00 AM & 12:45 PM	Brunch	Social Hall
All Ages	1:00 PM	Amahl...Rehearsal	3rd floor
Youth	1:00 PM	Teen Space: Art and Conversation	4th Floor

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

Dec. 4	7:00 PM	Holiday Cabaret	Pangea
Dec. 6		No Clothes Distribution	
Dec. 7	8:00 AM	Food Pantry	
Dec. 8	1000 AM-5:00 PM	Christmas Greening	Sanctuary