

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 24, 2006 · 9:00 | 11:15 AM

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Kendall Thomas

— GATHERING —

INTROIT HYMN*

Fanfare for Christmas Eve
Joy to the World

Martin Shaw
New Century Hymnal

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING*

Morine Bowen -9:00a
Freeman Palmer- 11:15a

~Worshippers may be seated~

ANTHEM

Ave Maria
Solo: Edlyn de Oliveria

Mark Rehnstrom

ARTS MINISTRY

Frog and Toad

WELCOME

Jacqui Lewis

MORNING PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

Jacqui Lewis

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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-14

JERRIESE JOHNSON EAST VILLAGE GOSPEL CHOIR

SERMON

Blessed to be a Blessing

Jacqui Lewis

— RESPONDING —

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

A Child is Born

Thad Jones/Alec Wilder

DOXOLOGY HYMN/DEDICATION PRAYER*

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*

Angels We Have Heard on High

New Century Hymnal
Freeman Palmer

BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Adeste fideles

Eric Thirman

*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.

GOSPEL CHOIR MUSICIANS

The following are musicians for this Sunday with the Gospel Choir: Rev. Freeman Palmer, Director; John Del Cueto, Assistant Director and Pianist; Jason Wildman, Drums; Seth Okrend, Bass

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Gail Blache-Gill, Charles Brown, Beth Hatton, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson. 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.

MIDDLE CHURCH AT HOME

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://www.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.

FREE KIDS' TICKETS FOR BROADWAY SHOWS!

Selected Broadway performances are offering one free child's ticket for each paid adult ticket! Please visit <http://www.kidsnightonbroadway.com/kids.php> for information.

SUNDAY CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Under 4	9:00 & 11:15 am	Wee Care	Nursery
Ages 4-7	9:00 & 11:15 am	Children's Church	Performance
		Space	
Ages 5-10	10:00 am	Church School	After School Space
Youth	10:00 am	Teen Space	Teen Room
Adult	10:00 am	Bible Study: Charlie Haynes	Third Floor
Adult	10:00 am	The Parables	Church Parlor

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

Adult	10:00 am	Parents' Meeting	After School
Adult	10:00 am	Living the Word	Church Parlor
Adult	10:15 am	Celebrating Freeman Palmer	Social Hall

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

The office will be closed Monday and Tuesday
Special Kwanzaa Soul Care at 7:30p; preceded by Pot luck supper at 6:00p

PREVIOUS WEEKS OFFERING

\$ 7,746