

# SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 18, 2007 • 9:00AM

~ GATHERING~

INTROIT *We Gather Together* Dutch hymn arr. Kremser

HYMN\* *Come O Thankful People Come*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\* Brad Motta

~Worshippers May Be Seated~

ANTHEM *I Want To Thank You Lord*  
Moses Hogan solo: Junko Watanabe

FROG AND TOAD *A Gecko in Need is a Friend Indeed*  
By Joel Peterson and Mary Ain Sykes

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS /

**Danita Branam** MORNING PRAYER / 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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 4:4-9*

SERMON *Just Do It!* Brad Motta

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING / OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts*  
solo: Matthew Deming Stephen Schwartz

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\* *This Little Light of Mine*

BENEDICTION\*

POSTLUDE

\*Indicates Please Stand If You Are Able.

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## WELCOME TO MIDDLE CHURCH

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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. For more information visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org).

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## MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

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Gail Blache-Gill, Charles Brown, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Ann Hazen, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Vaughn Lindquist, Tami Petty, Mark Rehnstrom, Kristin Sampson, Stephen Vaughan, Junko Watanabe Jonathan Dudley, Director

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## COURTESY AND SAFETY IN THE SANCTUARY

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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. For the additional comfort of parents with restless young ones, the worship celebration can also be heard real time in our social hall.

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## SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

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9:00 AM	Butterfly Lunch Preparation	Downstairs
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
10:00 AM	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Lectionary Bible Study By Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Church School	2nd Floor
11:15 AM	Children's Worship	2nd Floor
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
12:30 PM	Audio Copies of Celebration	Media Room
	Butterfly Lunch Distribution	Tompkins Sq. Park
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Meet NOLA Students	Social Hall
1:00 PM	New Orleans Students	Sanctuary
	Bible 101, Learner-friendly Bible Class	Balcony A

Middle Prays/ Stephen Ministry

2nd Floor

Putting the Plan into Action

3rd Floor

### NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS

If you say Middle Church is your church, then it is. And if you have been wondering when you can officially become a Middle member, now is the time. For additional information, please contact Jacqui Lewis at 212.477.0666 or [jlewis@middlechurch.org](mailto:jlewis@middlechurch.org)

#### NEW MEMBER GATHERINGS IN 2007

December 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00 AM

Join the congregation on December 23 at 11:15 AM celebration

#### VOLUNTEER AT THE CELEBRATE LIFE MEAL

We need your hands and your hearts as we welcome those persons living with HIV/AIDS into our community every Monday. You can help with set-up, serving, registration, clean-up, or just making our guests feel welcome. Sign-up sheet is on the community table in the Social Hall for those interested.

#### MIDDLE PRAYS

##### IS LOOKING FOR PRAYER VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested, please contact Malia Blake a [myprayercircle@yahoo.com](mailto:myprayercircle@yahoo.com)

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY

We will be open on Monday evenings from 4pm-6pm and are in need of volunteers. If interested please put your information on the sign-up sheet on the community table in the Social Hall. Our Food Pantry which feeds 65 people each week can also use volunteers to distribute food each Wednesday morning at 8:00 am. If you are interested, please email Melinda at [mcruz@middlechurch.org](mailto:mcruz@middlechurch.org)

Donations are needed for the Middle Church clothing closet. All gently used items and sizes are accepted, but we especially need men's clothing of all sizes, larger women's sizes, work attire, new packages of under garments and socks and winter coats. All items should be clean, unsoiled, and folded neatly. Donations can be dropped at the main office daily.

#### MIDDLECHURCH COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Come join us as we begin a community children's chorus. Learn singing technique, movement through music, music reading and writing, multicultural music and so much more for free! Training is held Saturdays from 3:30pm-5:30pm

#### SOULCARE

A Midweek Respite for your Spirit Wednesday's 7:00pm

RECRUITING FRIENDLY, WARM AND WELCOMING PEOPLE

GREETERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

If you are interested in greeting, e-mail Brad Motta [bmotta@middlechurch.org](mailto:bmotta@middlechurch.org) or Melinda Cruz [mcruz@middlechurch.org](mailto:mcruz@middlechurch.org). Compassion, Training, Hugs

#### SAVE THE DATE

Sunday December 2	Becky Bliss and Nathan Cooke	3:00pm
	New Member Gathering	10:00am
	Brunch Workshop Bring the Light Home	1:00pm
Tuesday December 4	Advent congregational community event	6:00pm
Wednesday December 5	Advent congregational event	6:00pm
Sunday December 9	A mission Christmas celebration	1:30pm
Monday December 10	Volunteer Christmas Cheer	5:00pm
Wednesday December 12	SoulCare event "A Blue Christmas"	7:00pm
Sunday December 16	Special Funky Advent Concert	3:00pm

#### 7<sup>th</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup> GALLERY

"Portraits on Paper Plates" by Ilana Simons