

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 27, 2008 9:00 AM • 11:15 AM

~ GATHERING ~

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION David Ralph, guest organist

INTROIT *Let Your Little Light Shine* Pamela Warrick-Smith
solo: Pamela Warrick-Smith

HYMN* *Joyful Joyful We Adore You*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING* Jacqui
Lewis

~ Worshippers May Be Seated ~

ANTHEM *Let There Be Light* Gilbert Martin

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel's day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light! Thou who didst come to bring, on the redeeming wing, healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind: O now, to all mankind, let there be light! Spirit of truth and love, lifegiving holy dove, speed forth thy flight; move o'er the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place, let there be light! Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity, grace, love, and might! Boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let there be light!
(J. Marriott, 1780-1825)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS Jacqui Lewis

MORNING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER
Brad Motta

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*

~Children go to Children's Worship ~

~ REFLECTING ~

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 9.1-6*

SERMON *Let There Be Light* Jacqui Lewis

~ RESPONDING ~

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Jesus, The Light of The World

Elderkin, arr. Charles S. Brown

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.

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. For more information visit www.middlechurch.org

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

MIDDLE CHURCH CHOIR

Gail Blache-Gill, Charles Brown, Kevin Burdette, Matthew Deming, Beth Hatton, Ann Hazen, Robert Hughes, Eric James, Joslyn King, Eric Lamp, Nedra Neal, Tami Petty, Junko Watanabe; Mark Rehnsstrom, guest director

SUNDAY CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 AM	Worship Celebration	Sanctuary
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
10:00 AM	Living the Word	Church Parlor
	Lectionary Bible Study By Charlie Haynes	Balcony A
	Church School	2nd Floor
	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
	Wee Care (under 4)	Downstairs Nursery
	MiddleCares	Social Hall
11:15 AM	Worship Celebration Children's Worship	Sanctuary 2nd Floor
12:30 PM	Middle Link Brunch	Social Hall
1:00 PM	The Bible for Dummies, by Dr. Charlie Haynes (cancelled today)	Balcony A
1:30 PM	Gulf Coast Meeting, at Marble Collegiate Church	3 West 29th Street.
	Power Posse	Church Parlor
6:00 PM	Jazzy Worship	Sanctuary

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. The next new members gathering are April 6, 13, 20 and then join on 27th

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** at 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. You may also email Melinda at 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.

MIDDLE CHURCH 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-5:00pm. Gail Blache-Gill, Coordinator

RECRUITING FRIENDLY, WARM AND WELCOMING PEOPLE

GREETERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

If you are interested in greeting, e-mail BradMotta@middlechurch.org or Melinda Cruz mcruz@middlechurch.org. Compassion, Training, Hugs.

7TH & 2ND GALLERY, SOCIAL HALL

RECENT SCULPTURAL WORKS IN PAPER BY CHARLES HAYNES

January 6-January 31

COMMUNION AND VISITATION

Would you like a visit from your Middle family? For more information, please contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

SUNDAY 'JAZZ ON HIGH' CELEBRATIONS AT 6:00 PM

JANUARY 27

Andrew Bemkey, pianist
"You Light Up My Life..."

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, worship leader

FEBRUARY 3

"Moving with the Spirit: The Sacred Jazz of Mary Lou Williams"

Deanna Witkowski, pianist, vocalist

Gregg August, Bass; Vince Cherico, Drums

Rev. Dr. Brad Motta, worship leader

FEBRUARY 10

Jorge Sylvester, tenor sax; Nora McCarthy, vocalist

"A Small Dream in Red"

Rev. Dr. Brad Motta, worship leader

FEBRUARY 17

Lew Soloff Trio

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, worship leader

FEBRUARY 24

Red Hook Ramblers Dixieland Band

John Del Cueto, worship leader

"DROP IN" FOR CARE THIRD SUNDAYS 1:00 PM

Have a problem you'd like to get off your chest? Need a listening ear? Stephen Ministry is sponsoring a "Drop In" hour. Stephen Ministers along with Stephen Leaders Judith Brown-Leigh and Heather Juby will be available to provide support and helpful resources in your time of need. No appointment necessary but you can make one if you wish. For more information, please contact Heather Juby at hjuby@middlechurch.org

GULF COAST TASK FORCE NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

Come with us to New Orleans in April 2008 as part of our Gulf Coast Mission. This will be the third congregational trip that Middle Church, along with members of its Collegiate and Reformed Church in America siblings, have undertaken. **There are slots available.** Cost: \$700 per person for transportation, lodging, and materials. **A deposit of \$300 is due by February 15.** For more information or to register, please contact Natalie Runyon at 212-477-0666 or nrunyon@middlechurch.org. **Gulf Coast Meeting at Marble Collegiate Church, Today at 1:30 PM, 3 West 29th Street. 212-686-2770**