CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2019 AT 9:00 PM

PRELUDE  “The Little Drummer Boy”
(K. K. Davis; arr. D. McClain-Freeney and J. Peretz)

WELCOME  Jacqui Lewis

HYMN  “Jesus, the Light of the World”
(G. D. Elderkin; C. Wesley)

Hark the herald angels sing,
Jesus, the light of the world,
Glory to the newborn king,
Jesus, the light of the world.
We’ll walk in the light,
beautiful light.
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.
joyful, all ye nations, rise.
Jesus, the light of the world,
join the Triumph of the skies.
Jesus, the light of the world.
We’ll walk in the light,
beautiful light.
come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.

“Hark”  (I. Houghton, L. Hanes, arr. J. Watson)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES  The Carpenter Family

“Emmanuel”  (N. Hutchins, J. White)

“Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child”  (Trad.)
Ivan Anderson, soloist

“La Peregrinación / A la huella, a la huella
(The Pilgrimage)” from Navidad Nuestra  (A. Ramirez)

Follow the trail, follow the trail, Joseph and Mary
Across the frozen Pampas, Thistles and nettles.
Follow the trail, follow the trail, Cutting through the fields
There is no shelter, no inn, Keep on walking.
Little flower in the field, Carnation of the air
If no one puts you up, Where will you be born?
Where will you be born, little flower? Now that you are growing
Frightened dove, Sleepless cricket
Follow the trail, follow the trail, Joseph and Mary
With a hidden god, Nobody knew
Follow the trail, follow the trail, The pilgrims
Lend me a ruined house For my child
Follow the trail, follow the trail Through suns and moons
The little almond eyes, Olive skin.
Oh, little donkey in the field, Oh, reddish-grey ox
My child is coming, Make some space for him
A thatched hut Is the only shelter I have
Two friendly breaths, The bright moon
Follow the trail, follow the trail, Joseph and Mary
With a hidden god Nobody knew

HYMN  “Silent Night, Holy Night”  (Trad.)
Silent night! holy night!
All is calm All is bright
round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace!
Silent night! holy night!
Son of God, love’s pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

HOMILY  “Plenty Good Room”  Jacqui Lewis

OFFERING/OFFERTORY  “God Is Standing By”  (W. Hawkins)
Tina Owens, Deborah Berg McCarthy,
Oliver Demetrius, Janet Laing, soloists
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“Christmas Love Medley —
Love’s Holiday/Give Love on Christmas Day”
(D. Weatherspoon, D. Lawrence, F. Perren,
A. Mizzen, C. Varian, B. Gordy, D. Richards)

CEREMONY OF LIGHT  The People

HYMN  “Joy to the World”  (Trad.; arr. D. McClain-Freeney)
Thank you for taking the Light
into the world and the new year.

BENEDICTION  Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE  “Joy to the World”  (Trad.; arr. D. McClain-Freeney)

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION
Rev. Dr. Jacqueline J. Lewis, preacher
Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack, worship leader

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
John Del Cueto–Music Director
Matthew Ackerman, Ivan Anderson, Sandra Anderson, Momoyo Arai,
Don Arrington, Kashimi Asai, Jesse Baen, Kristin Bebeleaf,
Laci Becket, Deborah Berg McCarthy, Karen Brightly, Shari Carpenter,
Tina Cernero, Paul Chernosky, Cheryl Cochrane, Olive Demetrius,
Lisa Dent, Charles Dietrich, Linda Doria, Fabienne Doucet,
Michael Embry, Lisa Fenger, Rochelle Green, Elaine Guardo,
Miyuki Habiro, Jenny Holman, Natalie Hopson, Nathan Johnson,
Alejuan King, Liz Komar, Kendra Krueger, Janet Laing,
Penny Lane, Joy Lau, Beckett Logan, Mady Marantz, Natalie Maust,
Bianca Toscano Michalczak, Devon Mosely, Glory Moy,
Patrick Mulcahy, Tina Owens, Gina Simone Pemberton, Jim Pender,
Jana Quigley, Silvia Roccio, Elisabeth Reuters-Ward,
Sandra Santana, Naoto Sawaki, Ray Shah, Alison Schuettinger,
Roger Turner, Andreas Vaaht, Michael Vasquez-Siquenza, Riqi Velez,
Alexandra Verley, Samantha Waite, Alison Winter, Jennifer Wright Cook,
Kaede Zaitsu Helck, Cornelia Zelter

Middle Church Band
Dionne McClain-Freeney–Music Director, piano
Jonathan Peretz, drums; BAASSIK, bass guitar; Jeremy Price,
Hammond organ; Hajime Yoshida, guitar

SCRIPTURE  Luke 2.1–14  Chad Tanaka Pack
Advent at Middle Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
• A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP — 7:00–8:00 PM • Sanctuary — “Plenty Good Room” Jacqui Lewis, homily • Luke 2.1–14 • Middle Church Choir.
• A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP — 9:00–10:00 PM • Sanctuary — “Plenty Good Room” Jacqui Lewis, homily • Luke 2.1–14 • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir.
• A BOLD NEW LOVE: CHRISTMAS EVE WITH MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH — 11:00PM–12:00 AM • Watch online on middlechurch.org — Watch a rebroadcast of our Christmas Eve TV special from 2018 featuring Jacqui Lewis, homily • Middle Church Choir • Art & Soul Chorus • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth • Dance.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
• CELEBRATION! WORSHIP — 9:30–10:45 AM and 11:45 AM–1:00 PM • Sanctuary — FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS • “God’s IN IT” Wesley Rowell, preacher • Matthew 2.13–22 • Special Music

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
• JAZZY NEW YEAR WORSHIP — 6:00–7:00 PM • Sanctuary — “All Things New” Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, preacher • Revelation 21.1-6a • Music from Dionne McClain-Freeney and the Middle Church Band.

Welcome to Middle Collegiate 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. If you want to join our movement, see a clergy after worship. Complete the pew card to receive our newsletter or eblast. Please silence your cell phone and leave food or drink outside. Thank you for your cooperation. FOR BEST T-COIL ACCESS TO THE HEARING LOOP, sit by the side, front, and back aisles.

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Middle Collegiate Church is a multicultural, multiethnic, intergenerational movement of Spirit and justice, powered by Revolutionary Love, with room for all. Following in the Way of Jesus’ radical love, and inspired by the prophets, Middle Church is called by God to do a bold new thing on the earth. We aim to heal the soul and the world by dismantling racist, classist, sexist, and homophobic systems of oppression.

Because our God is still speaking in many languages, we work in inter-religious partnerships to uproot injustice, eradicate poverty, care for the brokenhearted, and build the Reign of God on earth. This activism is fueled by our faith; our faith is expressed in art; our art is an active prayer connecting us with the Holy Spirit. Middle Church affirms the transformative power of moral imagination, reclaiming and reframing Christianity inside our walls, on the street, and in virtual spaces around the globe.

A Bold New Love
A Gospel Christmas Worship

featuring the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
December 24, 2019 at 9:00 PM