NEW YEAR’S EVE WORSHIP
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AT 6:00 PM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  Natalie Perkins

HYMN*  Natalie Perkins
“Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child”
(African-American traditional)
Jesus, Jesus,
ob, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus,
s, meek, and mild;
new life, new hope
the child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
“Glory, glory, glory,”
let the heavens ring!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  Natalie Perkins
“Standing in the Need”
(Trad.; arr. Dionne McClain-Freeney)

LORD’S PRAYER*  Natalie Perkins
Ever-loving and holy 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

SELECTION  Natalie Perkins
“Love Revolution”
(Dionne McClain-Freeney)

SCRIPTURE  Graham Ashcraft
Revelation 21.1–6a

HOMILY  Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft
“All Things New”

JOIN THE MOVEMENT  Natalie Perkins

OFFERING/OFFERTORY  Natalie Perkins
“Love’s in Need of Love Today”  (Stevie Wonder)
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HYMN*  Natalie Perkins
“Come and Go to That Land”
(Trad.)
Come and go to that land,
Come and go to that land where I’m bound
Come and go to that land,
Come and go to that land where I’m bound
Nothing but peace in that land,
nothing but peace in that land
Nothing but peace in that land where I’m bound
Nothing but peace in that land,
nothing but peace in that land
Nothing but peace in that land where I’m bound
No more hatred in that land…
Don’t you want to go to that land…
Come and go to that land…

BENEDICTION  Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, preacher
Natalie Perkins, worship leader
Graham Ashcraft, worship leader
Dionne McClain-Freeney–Music Director, pianist
Bernice Brooks, drums

*Indicates please stand if you are able.
THIS WEEK AT MIDDLE CHURCH

SUNDAY, 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. — Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

• WEE CARE (INFANT–AGE 4) — 9:15 AM–1:15 PM • 3rd Floor Nursery — Childcare.
• CELEBRATION! WORSHIP — 9:30–10:30 AM • Sanctuary — THREE KINGS DAY / DIA DE LOS REYES “Searching for that Baby” Jacqui Lewis, preacher • Matthew 2.1–12 • Special Music from Middle soloists • Communion. — Worship
• COMMUNITY HOUR — 10:35–11:40 AM • Social Hall — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation. — Community
• KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K–5) and BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT) — 10:45 AM • On hiatus — resumes on January 6.
• CELEBRATION! WORSHIP — 11:45 AM–12:45 PM • Sanctuary — THREE KINGS DAY / DIA DE LOS REYES “Searching for that Baby” Jacqui Lewis, preacher • Matthew 2.1–12 • Special Music from Middle soloists • Communion. — Worship
• COMMUNITY HOUR — 12:45–1:30 PM • Social Hall — Coffee and conversation.

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.

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