Welcome to Middle Church

Come again next week, and bring a friend. Art & Soul is The Word Made Art.

• Pablo Picasso once said, “A powerful pause from the busy, and a way to jumpstart your heart. Sermons that are bold, meaningful, and make you think.

• Worship at night, outside and in between the lines. A safe space to be unsure of Spirit, but to lean into it anyway.

• A cool drink of art for your soul, and a chance to bathe in Love.

What is art?

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Please respect this sacred time by not moving during prayers, preaching, and choral singing.

- Please do not walk across the front of the sanctuary while worship is in progress. For best T-COIL access to the hearing loop, sit by the side, front, and back aisles. By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or broadcast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Collegiate Church. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the sanctuary balcony.

Today at Middle Church

- WE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4) — 9:15 am-11:55 am • 3rd Fl Nursery — Childcare.

- CELEBRATION WORSHIP — 9:30-10:30 am • Sanctuary — REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY Jacqui Lewis, preacher • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth.

- JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 10:30-10:45 am • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

- COMMUNITY HOUR — 10:35-11:40 am • Social Hall — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation.

- KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K-5) — 10:45-11:30 am • 3rd Fl Studio — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch.

- BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULTS) — 10:45-11:30 am • 6th Fl Studio — Weekly lively conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

- NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION — 10:45-11:30 am • Room 2-01 — Join Middle clergy for a two-part orientation between the worship celebrations. New members will be welcomed at both worship celebrations on TODAY.

- CELEBRATION WORSHIP — 11:45 am-12:45 pm • Sanctuary — REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY Jacqui Lewis, preacher • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Village Chorus for Children and Youth.

- JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 12:45-1:15 pm • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

- COMMUNITY HOUR — 12:45-1:30 pm • Social Hall — Coffee and conversation.

- MIDDLE OUT LOAD — Attend the Teach-in!

- MEET-AND-REPAIR — 1:30-3:00 pm • Sanctuary — Join the discussion, “Keep God in the Middle of H. St. Anthony’s: From the Southern Freedom Movement” with Rabbi Sales and Jacqui Lewis.

- MIDDLE PROJECT HOSTS BGC WALKING TOUR — 3:00-4:30 pm • Meet at 50 East 7th Street Lobby at 3:00 pm • Join the Middle for the “Other Side of Wall Street” led by Kathy Wain, founder of the Black Gotham Experience (BGE), FREE — Registration required. Space is limited; to reserve, visit bit.ly/middlegoth

- FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — 3:00-5:00 pm • Sanctuary — Registration required. Space is limited; to reserve, visit bit.ly/middlegoth

- MLK TEACH-IN — 3:05–11:40 AM • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

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Check middlecurch.org for full details of all events, including AA, NA, and Al-Anon.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 — NO PROGRAMMING

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

- MOMENTUM MEALS — on hiatus.

- ACTING CLASS — on hiatus.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 — NO PROGRAMMING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- QUEER BLACK MEN SMALL GROUP — 6:30-8:00 pm • 4th Fl Studio — Through spiritual lenses, examine issues that affect queer black male lives, and all our lives. — Small Group

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- MOM’S MIXER — 6:30–8:00 pm • 3rd Fl Studio — A supportive place to work on an idea you’ve always wanted to write. — This Week: Biblical

- JERIese Johnson Gospel Choir — 7:00-9:00 pm • Community Room — Weekly rehearsal. For more information, contact John at jdeCUETO@middlecurch.org.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 — NO PROGRAMMING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 — NO PROGRAMMING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- WE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4) — 9:15 am-11:55 am • 3rd Fl Nursery — Childcare.

- CELEBRATION WORSHIP — 9:30-10:30 am • Sanctuary — CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR “Mending Filial Piety” Dr. Su Yon Pak, guest preacher • Special music from Ken Medema and the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir.

- JOIN THE MOVEMENT — 10:30-10:45 am • Sanctuary — Learn about Middle membership.

- COMMUNITY HOUR — 10:35-11:40 am • Social Hall — 9:30 worshippers and those arriving for 11:45 worship share coffee and conversation.

- CENSUS 2020 INFORMATION SESSION — 10:45–11:30 am • Social Hall — The census only happens every decade. The data decides Congressional districts, funding, and more. Join us for an informational session and to make sure all communities are counted in the census. Employment opportunity information will also be available.

- KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K-5) — 10:45-11:30 am • 3rd Fl Studio — Explore the Bible with the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch.

- YOUTH IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES 6-12) — 10:45-11:30 am • 3rd Fl Youth Room — Honest conversations, service-learning projects, and creative responses to connect faith and justice.

- BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULTS) — 10:45–11:30 am • 6th Fl Studio — Weekly lively conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.

- YOUNG ADULTS SMALL GROUP — 10:45-11:30 am • 4th Fl Studio — 20-30-something conversations exploring deeper meaning in our lives.

- VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — 12:45–1:15 PM • Sanctuary — Explore the arts—singing, acting, drawing—and brunch.

- COMMUNITY HOUR — 12:45-1:30 pm • Social Hall — Coffee and conversation.

- SING, PLAY, MOVE: AN INTEGRATED MUSICAL EXPERIENCE (AGES 3-5) — 1:00–1:45 pm • Community Room — Designed for children who have never attended a church before as well as children who have attended church with their Parent/guadians.

- FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHORUS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH — on hiatus.

- SANCTUARY SOCIAL HALL — 3:00–4:00 pm • Social Hall — Our Nation, This impeachment silliness, which distracts us from true conversations, service-learning projects, and creative responses to connect faith and justice.

- SPIRITUAL SOUNDS OF THE EAST VILLAGE — 4:00-6:00 pm • Most Holy Redeemer-Nativity, 173 East 3rd St between Avenues B and E — Join the Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir at this annual evening of interfaith music and sharing presented by Local Faith Communities of the East Village. FREE — Open to all!

SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

JANUARY 19, 2020 • 9:30 & 11:45 AM

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

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- Indicates you may find a seat—an Usher may assist you—or take a bio break.

- Indicates please stand if you are able.

- Indicates no moving, no judgments made. That’s the beauty of this place.

- Indicates safe here, Minds can renew here. Come in and you’ll find out.

HYMN++ “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

- Indicates MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES “Syiahamba” — We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS++

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**Come and Go to That Land**

Come and go to that land, 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

No more hatred in that land...

Don’t you want to go to that land...

Come and go to that land....

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**MLK DAY FLASH SALE $119!**

**MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH**

Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – Senior Minister
Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack – Interim Exec. Minister for Care & Membership
Natalie Perkins – Digital Minister

**LAST WEEK: STILL SPEAKING**

• When have you heard the voice of God? How can we discern gods voice?

• How is God’s voice #inthemiddleofit with us?

**MIDDLE LITERARY MAGAZINE NEEDS YOU!**

Submit your writing and/or art to our 9th annual Literary Magazine! The theme is “Practicing Ethical Politics.” Poetry, fiction, essay, art, photos, children’s work—even a video clip—are all welcome! Send your submissions to editor Carol Wierzbicki at litmag@middlechurch.org by February 9.

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**MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.**

**MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

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, xenophobic, 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.