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 pew card to receive our newsletter or weekly emails. To join our movement, see staff after worship. Learn more at middlechurch.org. Please silence your mobile phone and leave food or drink outside. Please do not walk across the front of the sanctuary while worship is in progress. For the safety of all, no food or drink are permitted in the building. Thank you for your cooperation.

For best e-founders 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 telecast photographs or likeness of you and those with you taken of you 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

What is feminism, finding cures for breast cancer and AIDS, Planned Parenthood, the Pro

• WE CARE (INFANT-AGE 4) – 9:15 am-11:15 am • Inf Jr Nursery – Childcare
• WORSHIP CELEBRATION – 9:30-10:30 am • Sanctuary – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH • “Mary, Martha, You and Me” Jacqui Lewis and BETTY preaching • Luke 10.38-42 • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
• JOIN THE MOVEMENT – 10:45-10:50 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.
• WOMEN’S CHOIR REHEARSAL – 10:45-11:00 am – Prepare for a performance on Sunday, March 29. For more info, contact Dionne at dmccrain-freemey@middlechurch.org
• KIDS IN THE MIDDLE (GRADES K-5) – 10:45-11:30 am • 1st 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 • 1st FL Youth Room – Honest conversations, service-learning projects, and creative responses to connect faith and justice.
• BIBLE IN THE MIDDLE (ADULT) – 10:45-11:30 am • 4th FL Studio – Lively conversations exploring scripture for deeper meaning in our lives.
• REVOLUTIONARY PARENTING – 10:45-11:30 am • 3rd Fl Studio – Conversations and community at the intersection of parenting, faith, and belief that we can raise a just, liberated, and ethical generation.
• WORSHIP CELEBRATION – 11:45 am-12:25 pm • Sanctuary – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH • “Mary, Martha, You and Me” Jacqui Lewis and BETTY preaching • Luke 10.38-42 • Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir
• JOIN THE MOVEMENT – 12:25-1:15 pm • Sanctuary – Learn about Middle membership.
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• FREEDOM SCHOOL: VILLAGE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH – 10:00-12:00 pm • Community Room – For info, contact John at jdelcueto@middlechurch.org.
• “HABAMOS!” – 9:00-10:00 am • Conference Room – Explore our collective voice on the Study on Ibram X. Kendi’s Freedom School: Village Church for Children and Youth • New Members Welcomed
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• NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – 10:45-11:30 am • Room 201 – Middle clergy host member orientation. New members will be welcomed at both worship celebrations today.
• VOTER REFORM PROJECT – 10:45-11:30 am • 4th FL Classroom – Voter registration, Census 2020, and ending voter suppression. Join the team in votingproject@middlechurch.org.
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• MIDDLE OUT LOUD – 10:00-12:00 pm • Parlor – Conversation, social activities, and community that explores the experience of QIA+ persons
• RACIAL JUSTICE SMALL GROUP: HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACISM BOOK CLUB – PART 4 – 10:00-11:30 am • 4th FL Classroom – Study on Ibram Kendi’s How to Be an Antiracist
• MIDDLE PROJECT HOSTS BCG WALKING TOUR – 1:00-3:30 pm • Meet at 11:00 at 50 East 7th St, and lobby to travel downtown together “Coward’s Rebellion” is a look into slavery, colonial law, class, and politics. FREE – Reservation required: bit.ly/Cowards-Bellion

This Week at Middle Church

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

Monday, March 9

• MOMENTUM MEALS – Social Hall – Lunch: 11:30 am-1:00 pm • Dinner: 5:30-6:30 pm • Free, nutritious meal and food pantry for clients and the community.

Wednesday, March 11

• VIRTUAL NEW MEMBERS GATHERING – 7:00-8:00 pm • Register for ZOOM Meeting at http://bit.ly/NewMember11 – Learn more about what it means to be a member.

Thursday, March 12

• FOLLOW THE MONEY MARCH – 3:45-7:00 pm • Meet at 50 7th St Lobby – A delegation from Middle will join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers’ Follow the Money March.
• CREATIVE WRITING – 6:30-8:00 pm • 4th FL Studio – A supportive place to work on an idea you’ve always wanted to write. THIS WEEK: Inauguration

Saturday, March 13 and Sunday, March 14 – No Programming
I Lift My Voice

When I lift my voice, let it be in song
A defiant note in the face of wrong
I won’t stand alone, we’ll stand side by side
‘cause we know that love is always justified

CHORUS
When they try to divide us,
It will only unite us
I lift my voice, I lift my voice.

When I lift my voice, let it be for good
Let me care as much as I know I should
I won’t stand alone, we’ll stand side by side
‘cause we know that love is always justified.

CHORUS
When I lift my voice, let it heal all wounds
Let us lift each other to the sun and moon
I won’t stand alone, we’ll stand side by side
‘cause we know that love is always justified.

CHORUS

Midde Collegiate Church

• Is in this time of sisterhood, Mary “chooses the better part.” What did you hear in the sermon today that supports or challenges that idea?
• How can we dismantle the way patriarchy casts women in binary?

LAST WEEK: BELOVED COMMUNITY

• In this Middle community of chosen family, there is something strong about saying, “Can you help me?” And “Here is how you can help me.” What do you need? How can we help?

LAST WEEK: JESUS IS BAAD CUZ...

• Even Jesus could not do his ministry without love, assistance, and care! What does care look like to you?

JOIN A SPECIAL WOMEN’S CHOIR FOR MARCH 29

Love to sing but afraid to commit? Always wanted to sing with other women?

Special choir is forming to celebrate women during the worship celebrations on March 8, 15, and 22.

Sunday, March 29. Rehearsals will take place following both worships on Sundays, March 8, 15, and 22. For more information or to sign up, contact Dionne at dmaclean-foensy@middlechurch.org

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH IS ON LENAPE LAND ON TURTLE ISLAND.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Midde Collegiate Church is a multicultural, multibiblical, 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 in the world. 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

RISE

If one woman hurts, If one woman cries
If one man bleeds, Rise

CHORUS: Up get up dance
Up get up sing
Up get up change everything (2x)

Silence must stop violence must end
Broken body and spirit will rise again
Strength in numbers take a stand
Right the wrongs don’t ask demand

If one woman hurts, If one woman cries
If one man bleeds, Rise rise

CHORUS

Brothers sisters women girls
Time is now to change the world
No story forgotten no soul erased
No promise left empty we’re taking our place

If one woman hurts, If one woman cries
If one man bleeds, Rise rise

CHORUS

Get up get up / up up / ‘n’ get up get up (2x)
What time is it? Time to rise up (4x)
Get / Time to rise up / Up / Time to rise up (2x)
RISE! RISE!

If one woman hurts, If one woman cries
If one man bleeds, Rise rise

CHORUS

BETTY: What time is it?

ALL: TIME TO RISE UP!