

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 • 11:45 AM • HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

HYMN

“Come Ye”

(Nina Simone, arr. John Del Cueto)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Nathan Johnson, Kaede Helck,
Bianca Toscano Michalzak, Emilie O’Brien, soloists
Rod Rodgers Dance Company

Come ye, ye who would have peace
Hear me what I say now
Come ye, ye who would have peace
It’s time to learn how to pray

I say come ye, ye who have no fear
Of what tomorrow brings, child
Start praying for a better world
Or peace and all good things

I say come ye, ye who still have hope
That we can still survive now
Let’s work together as we should
Let’s fight to stay alive

I say come ye, ye who would have love
It’s time to take a stand

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Don't mind the dues it must be paid
For the love of your fellow man

I say come ye— Come ye
Or come ye— Come ye
Who would have hope— Come ye
Who would have peace— Come ye
Who would have joy— Come ye
Who would have faith— Come ye

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Ben Perry

MIDDLE RISING

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

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

Middle Family

Join your Middle family in break-out rooms to pass the peace.

ANTHEM

"Psalm 34"

(Shane Bernard, Joe Rigney)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Shari Gill and Roger Turner, soloists

SCRIPTURE

Mark 5.21–42

Darrell Hamilton

SERMON

"Girl Dad"

Darrell Hamilton

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Natalie Maust

OFFERTORY

"For Every Mountain"

(Kurt Carr)

Natalie Perkins, soloist

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or Text GIVE to 833-786-0733

DEDICATION PRAYER

Natalie Perkins



HYMN

“Total Praise”

(Richard Smallwood)

Middle Church Choir

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You.
Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.
You are the strength of my life.
I lift my hands in total praise to You.

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.

BENEDICTION

Darrell Hamilton

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: GIRL DAD

- In Mark 5:36, Jesus says to Jairus, “do not fear, only believe.” What are you being called/challenged to believe God about?
 - When are moments in your life you can recognize God bringing healing, wellness, and wholeness?
 - God’s desire for the world is that we should “be well and live.” How can you collaborate with God to bring wellness and life to yourself, your family, and your community?
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LAST WEEK: UNPRECEDENTED TIMES CALL FOR REVOLUTIONARY CARE

- Why is the need for collective care so essential?
 - How might the Church be a teaching agent for collective care?
 - How have you been a recipient of or a giver of collective care?
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PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Stephanie Rivera Ortiz; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Sheila Robinson
Renee Cunningham Marshall Drexel Cunningham Valencia Armijio Brittany Davis Reddick
Cunningham Sheila Harding Skip Reid Amanda Aschraft Jacqui Lewis Pam Payne Family Marc
Aronson Mia McClain Bridget Kelso Anthony Joe Tigner Robert Cunningham Vallory Leca Devora
Jones Louise Tatum Michael Bos Connie Acquah and The Raider Nation.

To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.

Welcome to Middle Church

We are glad you are worshipping with us 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. Sign up for updates or weekly emails at middlechurch.org.

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VIDEOS AND PODCASTS — Worship music and sermon videos: youtube.com/MiddleNYC.
Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch.
Middle Church Celebrations podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

DEAR MIDDLE FAMILY—

Giving at Middle — With summer in full bloom, we have turned the corner into our new fiscal and programming year at Middle Church (July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022). Our Consistory has approved our annual budget and we the congregation have a goal to raise \$1,000,000 in contributions this year to fund our ministry programming. This brings us in line with our agreed-upon target of funding 50% of our budget by 2022. We are SO excited about what is in store for this community of love and justice seekers this year as we continue to claim and reframe Christianity from a place of Love. Period.

Please take a moment to let us know how you plan to invest in powering this movement with your gifts this year by using the options below, or feel free to reach out to our Director of Development, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss your giving plans.

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations:

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch
- Text **GIVE** to **833-786-0733**

To support our Middle Rising rebuilding efforts as we continue plans for our future space:

- Visit middlechurch.org/rising
- Venmo @MiddleRising
- Text **GIVE** to **833-786-0733** (select **Middle Rising**)

To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
50 East 7th Street, New York, NY 10003

Charitable Giving may require use of Middle Collegiate Church's EIN: 13-5564117 (aka "Ministers, Elders and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York")

—In gratitude, Jacqui, Darren Johnston—Consistory Chair, and the Middle Church Consistory

Reparations Listening Circle

TODAY • SEP 26 • 12:45 PM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

Registration for all programming ends 1 hour before the event begins, so be sure to RSVP!

EVERY DAY: Prayer Phone—Call 212-477-0666

and press 4 for English or press 5 for Spanish

to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection

from a Middle pastor. Updated Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 10:30 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 11:30 a.m.: [Rev. Natalie on the Run Worship Watch Party: Fort Tryon Park, Manhattan](#)
(cancelled in the event of rain)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Interactive Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Reparations Listening Circle](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Middle Youth](#)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 7:00 p.m.: [Homecoming Volunteer Orientation Call](#)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Homecoming Worship Celebration](#)
Note Special Time!
- 1:00 p.m.: [Middle Out Loud](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Meal Program](#)



Middle
SUNDAY
Church
OCT. 3 | 11 AM ET

Homecoming
CLICK HERE for more information

Worship in the Street on 2nd Ave!
*Masks and vaccinations required

Registration is required to attend, and space is limited! RSVP at: middlechurch.org/homecoming

MIDDLE CHURCH ZOOM COVENANT

- Please take time before the meeting to download the Zoom app and/or familiarize yourself with zoom.us — it's easy and free to do so. **If you need help troubleshooting, [CLICK HERE](#).**
- Please visit this page at least 5 minutes before your meeting to ensure you are using the correct link for your intended meeting.
- Upon entering, confirm that you are in the right meeting.
- Please change your display name. Enter your Full Name, pronouns, and your city. i.e. "Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft (she/her, NYC)"
- Upon entering the meeting, please hit video, as we'd love to see you.
- Also, hit mute to avoid any audio issues. Unmute yourself when you'd like to weigh in on the conversation.
- Sometimes, the host of the meeting will mute and unmute everyone as the meeting requires.
- If you have a question related to the conversation but would prefer to just type it in, there is a "Chat" section on the Zoom video where you can type in a question. We'll be checking that chat box often to ensure we address all member comments before the meeting ends.
- Zoom participants will adhere to demonstrating Revolutionary Love at all times. If a participant's behavior is deemed inappropriate by the meeting host, they will be removed. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to: harassment, threats, bigotry of any kind, and not identifying themselves.
- For additional troubleshooting, see the sidebar.
- We are thrilled you are here and look forward to a wonderful time together.

TROUBLESHOOTING FAQ

Having trouble with the livestream or Zoom call? Try one (or all) of these tricks to see if it fixes the problem.



REFRESH THE PAGE



CHANGE THE VIDEO QUALITY IN THE VIDEO SETTINGS



PAUSE THE STREAM AND WATCH ON A DELAY

And, make sure you've powered down your device recently!
As Anne Lamott says, "Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- [AA Meetings](#) can be found [here](#).
- **Downtown Meditation** offers online [Wednesday Dharma Talk and Sitting at 7:00 pm](#)

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.

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister in Charge*

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