

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 13, 2022 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

"Jesus I'll Never Forget/Done So Much for Me"

(Trad.)

Gospel Ensemble

Jesus I'll never forget what you've done for me.
Jesus I'll never forget how you set me free.
Jesus I'll never forget how you brought me out.
Jesus I'll never forget, no never.

How can I forget what you've done for me.
How can I forget how you set me free.
How can I forget how you brought me out.
How can I forget, no never.

God's done so much for me,
I cannot tell it all
I cannot tell it all
I cannot tell it all.
God's done so much for me,
I cannot tell it all
God has taken all my sins away.

Never, never forget!

Text BULLETIN to 833-786-0733 to receive this week's bulletin to your smart device.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

“Siyahamba”

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

Danita Branam

(South African Traditional Song)

MIDDLE RISING

Darrell Hamilton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

Darrell Hamilton

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Gospel Ensemble

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Middle Family

When the God in us sees the God in our neighbor, we bow to them, and say, Namaste.
Please place your palms together and share a sign of peace and acknowledgement with your neighbors (a none-touch passing of the peace). Thank you!

ANTHEM

“F.A.V.O.R”

Gospel Ensemble

(Kirk Franklin)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6.17–22

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Just Blessed”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Tina Owens

OFFERTORY

“Thankful”

(Kelly Clarkson, Damon Thomas, Harvey Mason Jr. and Kenneth Edmonds)

Gospel Ensemble • Shari Gill, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

HYMN

“Jesus Be a Fence”

(Trad.)

Gospel Ensemble

CHORUS

Jesus be a fence
 All around me every day.
 Jesus I want you to protect me
 As I travel along the way.
 Yes Lord, Yes Lord
 Yes Lord, Yes Lord
 Lord be a fence all around me
 Everyday.

This is my prayer Lord,
 That I pray each and every day.
 Lord, guide my footsteps
 As I travel day by day.
 And Lord keep your arms all around me
 Keep me day by day.
 But wait a minute,
 And be a fence all around me
 Every, every, every, every day.

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • For all credits, visit [YouTube.com/MiddleNYC](https://www.youtube.com/MiddleNYC).

Gospel Ensemble • Shari Gill, Tina Owens, Deborah Berg McCarthy, John Del Cueto
Musicians • Keyboard: Jeremy Price; Electric Guitar: Ann Klein

**BLESSED ARE THE ANTIRACIST:
 FOR THEY SHALL DISMANTLE THE SYSTEM**

Sunday | Feb. 13 | 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET

Join Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft & Rev. John Janka for a conversation about why Black history is essential for all people (especially white folks who ignore it).

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: JUST BLESSED

- They came with dis-ease, troubled, powerless--to hear and to be healed. What do you want God to do for you?
- Blessed were the poor, the hungry, the weeping. Where is your poverty, your hunger, what makes you weep? Why is that a blessing?
- Why are we to leap with joy when hated or reviled? How does that translate to our current socio-political context?

LAST WEEK: I JUST CALLED TO SAY. . .

- Prayer Life Check-in! Take some time this week to examine what your prayer life looks like. Do you set aside specific times to pray? What is your conversation with God like? If you haven't been setting aside time, create a routine this week.

PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Charity Purvis; Zoe Troy; 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 Ashcraft 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 Acquaaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei Stacey Cameron and The Raider Nation

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JACQUI LEWIS**

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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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Middle Church podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

Happy New Year! We're making good strides on achieving our congregational goal of \$1,050,000 in contributions (that's 50% of our operating budget) this year to fund our ministry programming. **We're at the half-way mark in our programming and fiscal year and, to date, we have received \$616,647.** We are so grateful for the ways you show up to power this ministry which allows us to continue being love in action to heal our world!

Please take a moment to let us know how you plan to invest in this movement this year by using the options below, or by contacting our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss your giving plan.

We are SO excited about what is in store for this community in 2022 as we continue to claim and reframe Christianity from a place of Love. Period.

Love—

Jacqui, Darren Johnston—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, and operations:

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
240 East 10th Street—Suite 8C, New York, NY 10003

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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, FEBRUARY 13

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) — **NO in-person worship celebration**
- 1:00 p.m.: [Blessed Are the Antiracist: For They Shall Dismantle the System](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 1:00 p.m.: [Rejoice and Rise '22: A Body Love Uprising](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [For the Love of Black Stories](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Freedom Rising Salon: Rising to Freedom](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Project](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) — **NO in-person worship celebration**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

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