

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 20, 2022 • 11:45 AM •
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

“Lord, You’re Mighty”

(J. J. Hairston)

Jerrriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Lord You’re mighty
Lord You’re mighty

Oh Lord how excellent is your name in all the earth
You set your glories above the heavens and the earth
When I think of all you made, the sun, the moon and the stars
No praise is high enough to express how great you are.

What a mighty God we serve
Mighty God we serve
Angels they bow before the mighty God we serve.

What a mighty God we serve
Mighty God we serve
Heaven and earth adore the mighty God we serve

Lord You’re mighty
Lord You’re mighty

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• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Adwoa Asare

“Siyahamba”

(South African Traditional Song)

Tereno Burroughs

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

MIDDLE RISING

Natalie Perkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Available to You”

(Carlis Moody, Jr.; arr. Jeremy Price)

Jeremy Price, organist

*Lord, I’m available to you,
My will I give to you, I’ll do what you say do
Use me Lord, to show someone the way
and enable me to say
My storage is empty and I am available to you*

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

Ensemble

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Middle Family

ANTHEM

“Make Them Hear You”

(Stephen Flaherty, Lynn Ahrens)

Elijah Caldwell, soloist

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6.27–38

Darrell Hamilton

SERMON

“They Call Me Mr. Tibbs!”

A gospel according to Sir Sidney Poitier

Darrell Hamilton

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Lisa and Tammy Heilig

OFFERTORY “The Color Purple Reprise”

(Brenda Russell, Allee Willis, Stephen Bray)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir •

Cheryl Cochran, speaker • Natalie Perkins, soloist

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DEDICATION PRAYER

Darrell Hamilton

HYMN

“The Blessing”

(Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe Carnes, Steven Furtick)

Gospel Ensemble

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make their face shine upon you
And be gracious to you

The Lord turn their
Face towards you
And give you peace.

Amen.

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

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: THEY CALL ME MR. TIBBS!

- Where in your life are you wrestling between what you are hearing from God versus what you are feeling within yourself?
- God is not calling us to take mistreatment. God is calling us to not recycle the behaviors of evil, oppression, violence, and hate from our perceived enemies. Where in your life can you end a cycle of evil, oppression, violence, and hate?
- Fierce Love is rooted in a deep love of self, community, and world. Where are you being challenged to love the difficult parts of yourself, community, and world better?

LAST 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?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Charlie Haynes; Phil Chavez, Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Seve, Aunt Jackie; 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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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 podcast: middlechurch.org/podcasts.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

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 well beyond the half-way mark in our programming and fiscal year and, to date, we have received \$641,683.73.** 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:

- Visit middlechurch.org/rising
- Venmo @MiddleRising

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 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](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

PRESIDENTS' DAY—STAFF HOLIDAY

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [For the Love of Black Stories](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
 - 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Revolutionary Parenting](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Digital Worship Celebration](#) —
NO in-person worship celebration
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)

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Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Executive Minister for Justice and Community Development*

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Rev. Natalie Perkins – *Director of Digital Ministry*

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