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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH •  
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY AT FORT WASHINGTON CHURCH

• GATHERING •

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

Natalie Perkins

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

**HYMN**

“Woke Up This Morning”

(Trad.)

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom  
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ain't no harm to keep your mind stayed on freedom  
Ain't no harm to keep your mind stayed on freedom  
Ain't no harm to keep your mind stayed on freedom  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Walk walk, walk walk, walk walk with your mind on freedom ...

Talk talk, talk talk, talk talk with your mind on freedom ...

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• REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Darrell Hamilton

**MIDDLE RISING**

Darrell Hamilton

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** “Total Praise”

(Richard Smallwood)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel 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.

**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**

(Richard Smallwood)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Middle Family

**ANTHEM**

“Changed”

(Walter Hawkins)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Shari Gill, soloist • Amethyst Rose, dancer

**SCRIPTURE**

Exodus 34.29–35

Jacqui Lewis

**SERMON**

“Changed”

Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Antwayn Hopper

**OFFERTORY** “Lovely Day”

(Kirk Franklin)

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

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**HYMN****"Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing"**

(James W. Johnson; J. Rosamund Johnson)

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith  
that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope  
that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way  
that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path  
through the blood of the slaughtered;  
Out from the gloomy past, Till we now stand at last,  
Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us for ever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine  
of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

**BENEDICTION**

Jacqui Lewis

**Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir •** John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs

**Musicians •** Chris Whittaker, piano; Jonathon Peretz, drums; BAASSIK, bass guitar.

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## Sermon in Action

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### THIS WEEK: CHANGED

- When you think about transformation and change, what needs to change in your people, and what might those changes transform in the world?
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### LAST 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?

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

**We are praying for all our Middle family every day.**

Mother of Tere Blessings; 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 Acquaah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei and The Raider Nation; For an abundant outpouring of God's love, grace and mercy on the church, for me and my loved ones; the power of the Holy Spirit, for faith, freedom, healing, salvation, deliverance and restoration and revival; zeal and love for God and things of God; greater understanding and knowledge of God and his ways; Jesus come and heal our land; everyone who is struggling with understanding God's will regarding sexual identity; God's spirit to redirect and align the church with his will in this area so there would be no division among believers; faith; God reveal himself; against all the lies and subtlety of the enemy; listen to God's voice only and that the voice of the enemy be revealed and silenced in Jesus name; for more workers and prayer warriors for God's kingdom and for supernatural persistence in prayer in all these things.

**To make a prayer request,** request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit [middlechurch.org/prayer/](https://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

# Welcome to Middle Church

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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](https://middlechurch.org).

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**VIDEOS AND PODCASTS** — Worship music and sermon videos: [youtube.com/MiddleNYC](https://youtube.com/MiddleNYC).

Re-watch the Worship Celebration livestream: [facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://facebook.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch).

Middle Church podcast: [middlechurch.org/podcasts](https://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## 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 \$654,106.59.** 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](mailto: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](https://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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

- Visit [middlechurch.org/rising](https://middlechurch.org/rising)
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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

**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")

### DONATE BY PHONE

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# Middle Events Calendar

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**All events are listed in ET unless noted.**

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

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**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.

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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](#)
- 12:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration with Fort Washington Collegiate Church](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Young Adults Small Group](#)

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 1

- 1:00 p.m.: [Queer Lunch Break](#)
- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [#bellhookstaughtme: a five-week celebration of her work](#)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

### ASH WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise: Ash Wednesday](#)
- 12:00 p.m.: [Ash Wednesday on the Steps](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

## THURSDAY, MARCH 3

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 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.: [Middle Out Loud](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Daughters of Eve Film Screening & Panel Conversation](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Dinner Party](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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

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

Rev. Darrell Hamilton – *Executive Minister for Operations and Resource Development*

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