

MIDDLE EVENTS CALENDAR

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, APRIL 17

- 10:00 a.m.: **EASTER Worship Celebration**
IN-PERSON at East End Temple!
- 10:00 a.m.: Kids Sunday Enrichment
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:00 a.m.: Voter Reform Project
- 11:00 a.m.: Children's Easter Eggstravaganza
- 11:45 a.m.: **EASTER Worship Celebration**
ONLINE and IN-PERSON at East End Temple!
- 12:45 p.m.: Virtual Chat & Chew

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30 p.m.: Acting Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 8:00 a.m.: Pray to Rise
- 7:00 p.m.: Ukuleliacs
- 7:00 p.m.: Freedom Rising Salon: Rising for Mother Earth

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 1:00 p.m.: New Adventures
- 6:00 p.m.: Young Adults Small Group
- 6:30 p.m.: Creative Writing Group
- 7:00 p.m.: Jerrise Johnson Gospel Choir

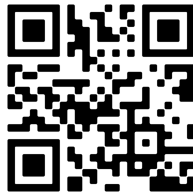
SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 10:00 a.m.: **FIERCE LOVE IN A HYBRID WORLD**
— *NO in-person sessions* — *ALL on ZOOM*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 10:00 a.m.: **FIERCE LOVE IN A HYBRID WORLD**
— *ONLINE and IN-PERSON at Fort Washington Collegiate Church*
- 10:00 a.m.: Kids Sunday Enrichment
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible in the Middle
- 10:00 a.m.: Voter Reform Project
- 11:00 a.m.: Children's Easter Eggstravaganza
- 11:45 a.m.: **Worship Celebration** — *ONLINE and IN-PERSON at Fort Washington Collegiate Church*
- 12:45 p.m.: Virtual Chat & Chew

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



GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

The votes have been cast and it has been decided that Middle WILL rebuild on our historic site! Glory be to God! You have been incredible stewards of your gifts with us to keep this movement of love and justice thriving during these last two years of pandemic and fire trauma. **To date, you have contributed \$769,894.18 toward our congregational goal of \$1,050,000 in contributions (that's 50% of our operating budget this year) to fund our ministry programming.** THANK YOU for your commitment to this movement! We do this together, to bring the KIN-dom of God to these streets and to cast our fierce love out into the world.

As we now move steadfastly into our season of resurrection, we will shift our resources into "One Fund" combined to achieve our operations and rebuilding needs for the years to come. In this moment, please continue to give in the generous way that you have been. **And plan to join us on May 15th for our Congregational Meeting where we'll discuss our One Fund in greater details and how to make your contributions most impactful.**

We're grateful for who you are as part of this community! Love— *Jacqui, Darren Johnston—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, operations, and rebuilding:

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

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

TO MAKE A DONATION TO MIDDLE CHURCH BY PHONE, scan the code at right with your smartphone camera.



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")

Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.



SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

APRIL 17, 2022 • 10:00 AM & 11:45 AM • EASTER

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

SELECTION "I Don't Know What You Come to Do" (Trad.; arr. John Del Cueto/Dionne McClain-Freeney)
Tina Owens, soloist
"We Magnify Your Name" (Richard Smallwood)

HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (Charles Wesley)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Ben Perry

"What'cha Gonna Call the Pretty Little Baby" (African American Trad.; arr. Ronald L. Stevens, Gina Simone Pemberton, soloist, John Del Cueto and Dionne McClain-Freeney)
"Wasn't That a Mighty Day" (Richard King)
Nathan Johnson, soloist

MIDDLE RISING

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Emmanuel"

(Norman Hutchins; Jason White)

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM “Nina Cried Power” (Andrew Hozier-Byrne)
Madge Dietrich, soloist

SCRIPTURE John 1.1–5, 9–14 THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SERMON “This Here Flesh” Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

(11:45 AM) **BAPTISM** Octavius Miles Janka Deveaux – Born February 22, 2020
Welcome to the friends and family of Octavius

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Roger Turner (10:00 AM)
Rabbi Joshua Stanton (11:45 AM)

OFFERTORY “Hallelujah” from *Handel’s Messiah: A Soulful Celebration*
(George F. Handel, arr. Mervyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson, Mark Kibble, adpt. by John Higgins)
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DEDICATION PRAYER Rev. Ben Perry

HYMN “Long as I Got King Jesus” (James Cleveland; arr. D. McClain-Freeney)
Deborah Berg-McCarthy, soloist

Lied on, cheated, talked about, mistreated,
Buked, scorned, talked about sure as you born.
Up, down, almost to the ground
But, long as I got king Jesus,
long as got king Jesus,
Long as I got king Jesus
I don’t need nobody else.

I don’t need nobody else
I don’t need nobody else
I don’t need nobody else
I don’t need nobody else.

Mother, father, sister, brother
Doctor, lawyer, Preacher, teacher.
But long as I got king Jesus,
long as got king Jesus,
Long long long as I got
I don’t need nobody else.

King Jesus
I got Him!
Long as I got king Jesus,
long as got king Jesus,
Long long as I got King Jesus
I don’t need nobody else.

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

POSTLUDE “You’re My Joy” (Tituss Burgess)
Art & Soul Chorus • Kristina Nicole Miller, soloist

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION • For all credits, visit YouTube.com/MiddleChurch.

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

Middle Church Band • Jeremy Price, keyboards; BAASSIK, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums

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.

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

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

SERMON IN ACTION

THIS WEEK: THIS HERE FLESH

- This greatest story ever told features God coming all the way down into human history as Word made flesh. How does that word live in you?
- How can you be the Rising?
- How can we -this here flesh-be the resurrection?

LAST WEEK: WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE WILL WE BE?

- Where do you see conflict between these two realms on the political stage? In the media? In your personal life?
- What can you do to enact the values God’s reign: in your family? in social media? in your everyday life?

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns. We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Rick Garrett; 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 Acquah Darrell Hamilton Ben Perry Cori Margolin Joy Rosenthal Dolly Catherine Vail Jessie Matei Darron and Marian Cunningham Ukraine 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/.

FIERCE LOVE IN A HYBRID WORLD

April 23–24 • Register at middlechurch.org/hybrid

MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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

Rev. Darrell Hamilton – *Executive Minister of Care and Operations*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Minister for Church Growth and Media Strategy*

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Director of Digital Ministry*

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