

# middle church



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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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AUGUST 28, 2022 • 11:45 AM

**IT'S NAME TAG SUNDAY!**

To share a virtual name tag with the Middle community, scan the code at right with your smartphone camera.



• GATHERING •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

“Welcome into This Place”

(Gary Oliver; John Del Cueto)

John Del Cueto, leader

Welcome into this place,  
welcome into this broken vessel.  
You desire to abide  
in the praises of Your people;  
so we lift our hands,  
and we lift our hearts,  
as we offer up this praise unto Your name.

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Alesha Borbo Kilayko

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

(Trad.)

PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel”

(Trad. Spiritual)

Men’s Ensemble

SCRIPTURE

Daniel 6.1–16

Rachael Ward

SERMON

“The Vessels God Gives Us”

Rachael Ward

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Pat Deeney and Jim Weber

OFFERTORY

“Nobody But God”

(Dorinda Clark-Coles)

Men’s Ensemble • Ivan Anderson, lead

Donate at [middlechurch.org/donate](https://middlechurch.org/donate) or Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch

DEDICATION PRAYER

Gloria Moy

HYMN

“Freedom”

(Brett Younker, Hank Bentley, Jordan Frye, Kristian Stanfill, Mia Fildes, arr. Dan Galbraith)

Step out of the shadows,  
step out of the grave

Break into the wild  
and don't be afraid

Run into wide open spaces,  
grace is waiting for you  
Dance like the weight has been lifted,  
grace is waiting

CHORUS

Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom, there is freedom  
Where the Spirit of the Lord is  
There is freedom, there is freedom  
Come out of the dark, just as you are  
Into the fullness of His love  
Oh, the Spirit is here, let there be freedom  
Let there be freedom

Bring all of your burdens,  
bring all of your scars  
Come back to communion,  
come back to the start

Run into wide open spaces,  
grace is waiting for you  
Dance like the weight has been lifted,  
grace is waiting

CHORUS

**BENEDICTION**

Karen Blacks

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

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**Men's Ensemble** • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs • Ray Shah, Collin Marerro, Skip Dietrich, Wayne Lane, Roger Turner, Matt Ackerman, Ryan McNally, Don Arrington, Ivan Anderson, Patrick Mulcahy, Stephen Eckelman, Sam Lerma

**Middle Church Band** • Ivan Danylets, piano; Jonathon Peretz, drums; Booker King, bass.

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# Sermon in Action

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## THIS WEEK: THE VESSELS GOD GIVES US

What is your upper room? Where do we go to be held and reminded who we are?  
How do we mirror to ourselves and others this movement of love and justice?

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## LAST WEEK: GRAB YOUR LIBERATION WHENEVER YOU CAN

When you have the spirit of no-strength, where do you go (or could you go) to find the wind at your back?

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

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

Joan Kroto; Mady; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Sheila Robinson Sheila Harding Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Marc Aronson Pam Payne and family Devora Jones Connie Acquaaah Louise Tatum Natalie Perkins Ben Perry Elisi Taralli Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Brittany Davis Robert Cunningham Drexel Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Renee Cunningham Marshall Darron and Marian Cunningham Joy Rosenthal Dolly Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Chris Whittaker (He is starting law school today) Joe Tigner Jessi Matei 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/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).

## MIDDLE CHURCH HOMECOMING 2022

Sept 25 | 10:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. ET



Hybird | East End Temple

Reclaim & Reframe

Repair & Rebuild

# 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](http://middlechurch.org).

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

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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](http://middlechurch.org/podcasts).

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## GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family* —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! As we kicked-off our new fiscal year on July 1st, we have launched our rebuilding campaign and shifted our giving goals with you, the congregation, to embrace our exciting future. Your donations to Middle now go to our “ONE FUND” to support Middle’s operations, staff, programming, and fundraising for our new building. This streamlined giving process helps Middle plan, grow, and rise from the ashes stronger to achieve our budget needs and help endow the future of this movement. In this moment, please continue to give in the generous way that you have been. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for and together, with you onboard, we will have enough!

We’re grateful for who you are as part of this community! **Please plan to join us as a congregation to hear more about your role in the next phase of the Middle Rising campaign on Sunday, October 2nd!**

Love— *Jacqui, Vickie Burns—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*

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

- Visit [middlechurch.org/donate](http://middlechurch.org/donate)
- Venmo @[MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://venmo.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch)

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.  
PO Box 1400, New York, NY 10276

**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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org)) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.**

### DONATE BY PHONE

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# Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for details and the latest updates.

**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, AUGUST 28

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: **Worship Celebration**
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship with Middle South \(Atlanta area\)](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

## MONDAY, AUGUST 29

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: **Worship Celebration**
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Middle Out Loud](#)

**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. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Minister for Worship and Online Community*

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

Dr. Karen Blacks, D.Min. – *Minister for Operations and Executive Management*

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