

middle church

JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 • 11:45 AM • REIGN OF GOD SUNDAY
TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacqui Lewis

HYMN

“There’s a Lifting of the Hands”

(Tim Johnson)

There’s a lifting of the hands
There’s a lifting of the hearts
There’s a lifting of the eyes
Beyond the hills to where our help comes from.

There’s a lifting of the hands
There’s a lifting of the hearts
There’s a lifting of the eyes
Beyond the hills to where our help comes from.

Our help comes from You
We lift up our hands
Our helps comes from You
We lift up our hearts
Out help comes from You
We lift up our eyes
To where our help comes from.

There’s a lifting
We lift up our hands
There’s a lifting

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We lift up our hearts
There's a lifting
We lift up our eyes
To where our help comes from.

We realize
Where our help comes from
We realize
Where our help comes from
We realize
Where our help comes from

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Mira Sawlani-Joyner and Ben Perry

“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

Will Critzman

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

“Hold on a Little While Longer”

(African-American Spiritual)

L Morgan Lee, voice • Kendall Ramseur, cello

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17.20–21

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Re-membling Trans Day of Remembrance”

ALOK

BAPTISM

Jozeppi Angelo Morelli

Middle Clergy

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Jozeppi Morelli

OFFERTORY “Imagine Me”

(Kirk Franklin)

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DOXOLOGY From all that dwell below the skies

(Trad.)

Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

DEDICATION PRAYER

Ben Perry

HYMN “The Blessing”

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

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

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

Middle Church Band • Jacob Warren, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums.

Guest Preacher ALOK (they/them) is an internationally acclaimed author, poet, comedian, and public speaker. As a mixed-media artist their work explores themes of trauma, belonging, and the human condition. They are the author of *Femme in Public* (2017), *Beyond the Gender Binary* (2020), and *Your Wound/My Garden* (2021). They are the creator of #DeGenderFashion: a movement to degender fashion and beauty industries and have been honored as one of HuffPo’s Culture Shifters, NBC’s Pride 50, and Business Insider’s Doers. Over the past decade they have toured in more than 40 countries, most recently headlining the Vancouver Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and selling out their runs at the Soho Theatre in London and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. On screen, they will make their feature film debut in *Absolute Dominion*. On television, they have appeared on Netflix’s *Getting Curious with Jonathan Van Ness*, HBO’s *Random Acts of Flyness* and *The Trans List*.

Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: RE-MEMBERING TRANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

What if we treated coming out as non-binary, a spiritual act for all of us, all of us repenting of being stuck there and opening our hearts to our own complexity and the beautiful complexity of others?

LAST WEEK: WORTHY OF A BANQUET

Who can you identify as people at the intersection of social justice issues who have often had to survive on crumbs? What action can you participate in to center their needs?

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Sheri Draper and family; Gloria Cunningham Burgess Alicia Swain Janna Myers Amanda Ashcraft Jacqui Lewis Ben Perry Elsie Taralli Natalie Perkins Marc Aronson Cori Margolin Catherine Vail Devora Jones Pam Payne and family Connie Acquaah Louise Tatum Brittany Davis Drexel Cunningham Robert Cunningham Reddick Cunningham Darron and Marian Cunningham Valencia Armijio Vallory Leca Renee Cunningham Marshall Michael Bos Sandra Catena Sandra Cunningham Joy Rosenthal Dolly Linda Doria Laura Donovan Bridget Kelso Anthony Mia McClain Joe Tigner Jessi Matei Ukraine Puerto Rico Kevin Conroy 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/.

DECONSTRUCTING / MASCULINITY
DISMANTLING / PATRIARCHY

Monthly | 3rd Mondays | 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. ET

Cultivating vulnerable space for men and masc folks to discuss unlearning toxic masculinity & tearing down patriarchy.

Facilitated by:
Matthew Johnson Harris
Jorge Fontanez
Rev. Benjamin Perry



Info: middlechurch.org/men 

 **QUEER**
FRIENDSGIVING
NOV. 26TH

10 - 11 am est | zoom
middlechurch.org/events

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.

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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 visit middlechurch.org/middle-rising to hear more about your important role in the next phase of the Middle Rising campaign!**

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
- Venmo @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) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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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, NOVEMBER 20

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:30 p.m.: [Children's Multicultural Book Fair](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Deconstructing Masculinity/Dismantling Patriarchy](#)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — OFFICE HOLIDAY THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — OFFICE HOLIDAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 10:00 a.m.: [Queer Friendsgiving](#)
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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*

Rev. Mira Sawlani-Joyner – *Minister for Spiritual Development and Care*

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