

middle church



JUST LOVE

Sunday Worship Celebration

OCTOBER 30, 2022 • 11:45 AM • ALL SAINTS' DAY

• GATHERING •

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Perkins

HYMN

"It Is Good"

(Paul Wilbur)

Li li li ...

It is good to praise the Lord
And make music to the name of God most high
To proclaim your love and faithfulness
All the day and through the night

Li li li

May I dwell in Your courts, O Lord
There to flourish like the trees of Lebanon
Planted in the house of Adonai there to dwell forevermore

Li li li

All you people shout!

• REFLECTING •

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Alesha Borbo Kilayko

"Siyahamba"

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

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

“God, Turn It Around”

(Jon Reddick, Jess Cates, Anthony Skinner)

Men’s Chorus

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19.1–10

Jacqui Lewis

SERMON

“Changed, for Good”

Jacqui Lewis

BAPTISM

Jacqui Lewis, Natalie Perkins, & Mira Sawlani-Joyner

Solveig Emilia Stanley Murphy

Born August 19, 2021

Parents: Elizabeth Stanley and Charlie Murphy

Godparents: Carey Anderson and Alejandro Rodriguez

Charlie’s Mom: Viviane Curran

Spiritual Friends: Betsie Becker and Alexandra Silber

• **RESPONDING** •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Kaliswa Brewster

OFFERTORY

“For Good” from *Wicked*

(Stephen Schwartz)

Natalie Perkins and Elizabeth Stanley, duet

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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 Pamela Edgar

HYMN "God Be with You" medley (Trad.)

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
May the Shepherd's care enfold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you
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BENEDICTION Jacqui Lewis

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

Men's Chorus • John Del Cueto, Director of Music and Choirs

Middle Church Band • Sterling Cozza, piano; Bernice Brooks, drums.

We need ushers every Sunday!

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Sermon in Action

THIS WEEK: CHANGED, FOR GOOD

An encounter with the love of Jesus reclaims us as God's own. And God repairs us so we repair the world. This transformation might be difficult, but it will be for good.

LAST WEEK: "PERFECTION" POISONS PROGRESS

If faith becomes preoccupied with reassuring ourselves about our own righteousness, we miss God's call to justice — Humility isn't about negating our own worth, it's about seeing how our flourishing is interwoven with our neighbors' — Love is a process, not a destination. It's a story of continuous becoming we're invited to enter.

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

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 Acquah 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 Reverend Damaris Whittaker FWCC 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/.



The campaign to Rebuild, Reclaim, and Repair with Just Love

Middle Rising

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

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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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 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, OCTOBER 30

- 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](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Usher Training](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Children's Halloween Party](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 1:00 p.m.: [Queer Lunch Break](#)
- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Usher Training](#)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 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.: [Middle Rising: Rebuild, and Reclaim, Repair](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Queer Connection](#)

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