



Middle Church New Year's Eve Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022 • 7:00 PM

• GATHERING •

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Natalie Renee Perkins and Mira Sawlani-Joyner

HYMN

“Jesus, What a Wonderful Child”

(Trad.; arr. John Del Cueto,

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir • Shari Gill, soloist

Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Jonathon Peretz, drums;

BAASSIK, bass; Jeremy Price, Hammond organ

Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.

Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek, and mild;

new life, new hope to all he brings.

Listen to the angels sing,

“Glory, glory, glory,” to the newborn King!

• REFLECTING •

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Devon Mosley

Natalie Perkins

Mira Sawlani-Joyner

LORD'S PRAYER

Dionne McClain-Freeney

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

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Happy Holidays!

ANTHEM "O Holy Night" (Adolphe Adam)
Madge Dietrich, soloist • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano

SCRIPTURE John 19.28-30 Jacqui Lewis

HOMILY "Let's Finish It!" Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

JOIN THE MOVEMENT Devon Mosley

OFFERTORY "A Million Dreams" (Benj Pasek and Justin Paul)
Madge Dietrich, soloist • Drew Wutke, piano

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DEDICATION PRAYER Ben Perry

HYMN "Lovely Day" (Bill Withers; arr. John Del Cueto and Dionne McClain-Freeney)

Ooo

Lovely Day

When I wake you in the morning, love
And my heart is filled with pain
The smile I had upon my face is gone
Can't see the sunshine from the rain

When I think of you
Then the world's alright with me
Lord, just one thought of you
And I know it's gonna be

A lovely day [repeat]

Jesus you're the lover of my soul
The fire that burns deep within
You are the joy this world can't take away
This spiritual love affair it will never end.

When I think of you
Then the worlds alright with me
Lord, When I think of you
Then the worlds alright with me
Lord, just one thought of you
And I know it's gonna be

A lovely day [repeat]

BENEDICTION

Natalie Perkins
Mira Sawlani-Joyner
Devon Mosley

POSTLUDE "Higher Ground"

Dionne McClain-Freeney, singer/pianist

(Stevie Wonder)

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

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

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

Callie Jo Slattery and Leigh; 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 FWCC and The Raider Nation; Phil Chavez, Lorraine, Joe, Uncle Steve, and Aunt Jackie.

To make a prayer request, request a call from a Middle pastor, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.

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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By entering the Sanctuary, you grant Middle Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit, or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. You agree that all such material will be the sole property of Middle Collegiate Church. If you are uncomfortable, you are welcome to worship in the Sanctuary balcony.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in our rebuilding campaign and have 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. The fire that destroyed Middle’s historic East Village site has not stopped us from putting our Fierce Love out in the world.

Please visit www.middlechurch.org/rising to make your **Pledge** to our **Middle Rising** campaign (**which can be given over three years**) so that we can count on your support toward our ongoing operations, programming, and fundraising for our new building. 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.

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.

DONATE BY PHONE

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

- 7:00 p.m.: [Virtual New Year's Eve Worship Celebration](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Queer Connection](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
 - 6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing Group](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
 - 7:00 p.m.: [Eastern Region Middle Church Gathering](#)
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

- 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 & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

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



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