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## Christmas Eve with Middle Church

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 • 9:00 PM

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Middle Church Band
<b>INVITATION TO WORSHIP / OPENING PRAYER</b>	Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis
<b>LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES</b>	Rev. Benjamin Perry Erin Mayer

**HYMN**      “Jesus, the Light of the World”      (George D. Elderkin; Charles Wesley)  
Gina Simone Pemberton, Shari Gill and Layke Jones, trio

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Glory to the newborn King,  
Jesus, the light of the world.

REFRAIN

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.  
O, shine all around us by day and by night.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise.  
Jesus, the light of the world.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
Jesus, the light of the world.

REFRAIN

**“Joy Bells”**

Darius Harper, soloist

(Traditional)

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**“I Will Bless the Lord”**

(Isaiah Donnell Thomas)

Tina Owens, soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1.46–55

Rev. Benjamin Perry

**“My Soul Doth Magnify”**

(O’landa Draper)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD’S PRAYER**

Rev. Benjamin Perry

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.**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2.3–7

Monique Fortuné, M.Div.

**“A La Huella/A La Nanita Nana”**

(Ariel Ramirez/Felix Luna/Jose Ramon Gomis)

Ai Ra, soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 9.2–7

Rev. John Janka

**HOMILY** “This One Child . . . and Every Child”

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**“A Child Is Born”**

(Thad Jones, arr. Sharon Broadley)

Shari Gill, soloist

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Andrij Dobriansky  
Pamela Edgar

**OFFERTORY** “Hark the Herald (Sing Out Loud)”

(Junior Garr, Niiella Dankwah-Coffie)

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**SONGS OF THANKS** O come let us adore You  
O come let us adore You  
O come let us adore You  
Christ, the Lord

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Monique Fortuné, M.Div.

**“Rise Up Shepherds”**

(African American Spiritual, arr. John Del Cueto)

Deborah Berg McCarthy and Wayne Wilson, soloists



## CEREMONY OF LIGHT

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis and Rev. John Janka

### HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

(Joseph Mohr)

Silent night! holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace!

Silent night! holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

### POSTLUDE

Middle Church Band

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

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**JERRIESE JOHNSON GOSPEL CHOIR** • John Del Cueto, Director • **Alto:** Bianca Michalczak, Collin Marerro, Denise Pappas, Doria Notarnicola, Janet Laing, Jennifer Coleman, Jennifer Wright Cook, Jenny Holman, Joy Lau, Karen Brightly, Karen Katz, Karen Wallace, Kendra Krueger, Lisa Fenger, Mady Marantz, Marie Dantoni, Sandra Anderson, Sandra Santana, Shari Gill, Tina Cernero. **Bass:** Charles 'Skip' Dietrich, Dean Hubbard, Don Arrington, Ellington Tanner, Geoffrey Perry Jim Pender, Patrick Mulcahy, Lutin Tanner, Ryan McNally. **Soprano:** Adrienne Hurd, Deborah Berg McCarthy, Elaine Guardo, Fabienne Doucet, Gina Simone Pemberton, Jessica Baen, Leslie Davis, Madeline Youngs, Maeve McBride, Rochelle Doctor, Samantha Waite, Tina Owens, Zoya Coleman. **Tenor:** Ai Ra, Darius Harper, Ivan Anderson, Kaede Helck, Layke Jones, Matthew Ackerman, Nathan Johnson, Penny Lane, Ray Shah, Stephen Eckelmann, Wayne Wilson.

**MIDDLE CHURCH BAND** • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Booker King, Bass guitar; Jonathon Peretz, drums.

# 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).

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## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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

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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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## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:00 p.m.: [Middle Church Christmas Eve Worship Celebration at Marble Church](#)

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

### CHRISTMAS

- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [A Very Special Online Christmas](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 6:00 p.m.: [How to Handle the Holidays](#)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

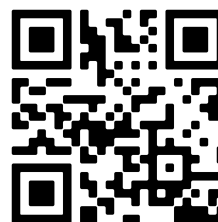
- 7:00 p.m.: [Virtual New Year's Eve Worship Celebration – Livestream ONLY](#)

## 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](#)

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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*

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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