

# middle church

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JANUARY 15, 2023 • 9:30 A.M.; 11:45 A.M • MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.  
SUNDAY

• GATHERING •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

“Amazing Grace”

(John Newton)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved someone like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was bound but now I'm free

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

When we've been here ten thousand years  
Bright, shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun

• REFLECTING •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Parron Allen Edwards-Stimola

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rabbi Joshua Stanton

### LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Natalie Perkins

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

Rev. Natalie Perkins

### ANTHEM

"Rich Man's House"

(Anne Feeney)

Deborah Berg McCarthy, soloist

### SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9; Leviticus 19:18

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

### SERMON

"Love This Way"

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

## • RESPONDING •

### INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Rabbi Josh Stanton (9:30)

Allen Singleton (11:45)

### OFFERTORY

"Takin' It to the Streets"

(arr. Michael McDonald)

Ivan Anderson, soloist

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### DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let faith and hope with love arise.  
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.

(Trad.)

### DEDICATION PRAYER

Rev. Ben Perry

### HYMN

"We Shall Overcome"

(Traditional; arr. Tituss Burgess)

Madge Dietrich, soloist

We shall overcome.  
We shall overcome.  
We shall overcome.  
We shall overcome, some day.  
Oh, deep in my heart.

I do believe.  
We shall overcome, some day.

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Jacqui Lewis

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## PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

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

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freeney, piano; Booker King, bass; Jonathon Peretz, drums; Paul Shapiro, saxophone; Fred Kolikoff, harmonica.

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: LOVE THIS WAY

- These two texts are what Jesus quotes as the greatest commandments. Love God with all we have and neighbor as self. Implications abound for our ethics in the public square.
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### LAST WEEK: MAKING IT RIGHT

- What can you put in place to remind yourself daily of your recommitment?
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**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 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; Ruth Guerrero

**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/).

# 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

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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, JANUARY 15

- 9:30 a.m.: [Morning Worship Celebration](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [King Day Morning Teach-In](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Morning Meal](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Afternoon Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Afternoon Meal](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children and Youth](#)
- 1:30 p.m.: [King Day Afternoon Teach-In](#)
- 1:30 p.m.: [Children's MLK Day Program](#)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 16

- 7:00 p.m.: [Self-Care is Communal](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

- 1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)
  - 6:00 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)
  - 7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)
  - 9:00 p.m.: [Mountain Region Middle Church](#)
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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 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.: [Young Adults](#)

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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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