



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**WORSHIP**  
**CELEBRATION**  
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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 • 11:45 AM

**PRELUDE**      *We invite you to use this time for prayer or silent meditation to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

• **GATHERING** •

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN**

[“God Is Here”](#)

(Meleasa Houghton, Israel Houghton, and Martha Munizzi)

• **REFLECTING** •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Alesha Borbo Kilayko

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

We are marching in the Light of God  
We are marching in the Light of God

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Ben Perry

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**LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Ben 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.

**CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**

(Trad.)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Rev. Ben Perry

*As you are able, please make your way to the microphone to also greet those worshipping with us online.*

**ANTHEM** "Faithful Over A Few Things"  
Lead – Carla Stewart

(Glenn Burleigh)

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 8: 27-36

Jay Hulme

**SERMON** "To Save Your Life"

Jay Hulme  
Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis**• RESPONDING •****INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**OFFERTORY** "Jesus Promised"

(Tim Carpenter)

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**DOXOLOGY** Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Parent, Child and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN** "[Draw The Circle Wide](#)"

(Mark Miller, Gordon Light)

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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## PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

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**Director of Music and Choirs** • John Del Cueto

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Booker King (Bass), Bernice Brooks (Drums)

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: TO SAVE YOUR LIFE

- Who do people say you are? Honor God by being yourself.
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### LAST WEEK: IT'S UNCOMFORTABLE. AND?

- How is a life of faith enriched by nuance and ambiguity? What do you need to cultivate those characteristics, especially in times of division and hate?

**October Playlist:** Did you miss anything at Middle last month? Check out our monthly recap for a selection of moving musical performances and a touching sermon. Watch it back again or share the playlist with a friend to let them see what October was like at Middle Church.



**PRAYER CORNER** *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*  
**We are praying for all our Middle family every day.**

Prayers for Lisa's sister and mother providing them the comfort of home, joy and health.; A prayer for all those who Melvin holds in his heart and mind.

**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/).

**Butterfly Outreach Ministry, our food justice ministry, invites you to volunteer on Sundays at 2:00pm!** Please email Patrick at [Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com](mailto:Ptmulcahy21@gmail.com) or Deborah at [Bergamotmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Bergamotmusic@gmail.com) for more info on what to bring and expect.



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# 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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**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.

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## GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family —*

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025. Your donations to Middle 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.

In Year One of our campaign, we saw incredible commitment to this project, and we need everyone who calls this their movement to help invest so that we can build it back to its glory for our future. **Please visit [www.middlechurch.org/rising](http://www.middlechurch.org/rising)** to make your Pledge to our Middle Rising campaign (which can be paid through 2025) so that we can plan around 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](https://venmo.com/MiddleCollegiateChurch)

**To mail contributions to Middle Church, please address them to:**

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.  
50 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10003

**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.



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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.

**EVERY DAY: Prayer Phone**—Call 212-477-0666 and press 4 for English

to hear a weekly prayer, scripture, and reflection from a Middle pastor. Updated Mondays, 8:30 a.m.

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## SUNDAY, NOV 19

- 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](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Children's Multicultural Book Fair](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

## MONDAY, NOV 20

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 22

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

## THURSDAY, NOV 23

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

## SUNDAY, NOV 26

- 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](#)
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan the code below with your smartphone camera.



Please reach out to our Director of Programs and Congregational Life, Elise Tiralli, with any questions regarding programming—[etiralli@middlechurch.org](mailto:etiralli@middlechurch.org).

**Our ushers ministry isn't complete without you!** We need in-person and digital ushers to help usher in Middle's radical welcome. Learning is easy for this mission-critical volunteer opportunity. For in-person ushering please email Elise at [etiralli@middlechurch.org](mailto:etiralli@middlechurch.org) to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at [nperkins@middlechurch.org](mailto:nperkins@middlechurch.org).



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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Rev. Jacqueline J. Lewis, Ph.D. – *Senior Minister and Public Theologian*

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins – *Minister for Worship and Online Community*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Minister for Church Growth and Media Strategy*

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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### HYMN

["God Is Here"](#)

(Meleasa Houghton, Israel Houghton, and Martha Munizzi)

There is a sweet anointing in the sanctuary.  
There is a stillness in the atmosphere.  
Come and lay down the burdens you have carried  
For in the sanctuary God is here.

God is here,  
God is here  
To break the yoke and lift the heavy burden  
God is here,  
God is here  
To heal the hopeless heart and bless the broken.

Come and lay down the burdens you have carried  
For in the sanctuary God is here.

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# Draw the Circle Wide

WORDS: Gordon Light  
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the  
cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by  
side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the  
wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this  
be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,  
draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a bass line and a treble line. There are first and second endings marked with '1' and '2' respectively. The word 'div.' (diviso) is used in the piano accompaniment to indicate a change in texture. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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