



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

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NOVEMBER 26, 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 Of The Ages"](#)

(Daniel Crane Roberts)

• **REFLECTING** •

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. John Janka and Children

"This Is Me"

(Benj Pasek & Justin Paul)

Caelyn Osbern and Madge Dietrich, Soloists

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      "O, Divine Redeemer"  
Soloist – Tammie Woods

(Gounod)

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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

**ANTHEM**

"My God is Real"  
Soloist – Tanisha Anderson

(Kenneth Morris)

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 139: The Message Version

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**SERMON**

"When the Façade Comes Tumbling Down"

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**• RESPONDING •****INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Laura Kogel and Tom Smucker

**OFFERTORY**

"There is A Balm in Gilead"

(trad Spiritual)

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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.

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Laura Kogel and Tom Smucker

**HYMN**

["Let There Be Peace On Earth"](#)

(Sy Miller, Jill Jackson)



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**HYMN REPRISE** “[Let There Be Peace On Earth](#)”

(Sy Miller, Jill Jackson)

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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), Jared Beckstead-Craan (Double Bass)

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: WHEN THE FAÇADE COMES TUMBLING DOWN

- Healing the world also means healing ourselves. We got to get real to heal.
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### LAST WEEK: TO SAVE YOUR LIFE

- Who do people say you are? Honor God by being yourself.

**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 relationship for Phil.; Prayers for Patti's Aunt healing, strength and restoration.; Prayers for Betsy's health and upcoming surgery.; 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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## 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

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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 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](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

## MONDAY, NOV 27

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 29

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

## THURSDAY, NOV 30

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

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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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# God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

Daniel Crane  
Roberts, 1876

1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand  
2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;  
3 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;

brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,  
Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—  
With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, notes, rests, and dynamic markings. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, second, and fourth systems.

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George William Warren, 1892

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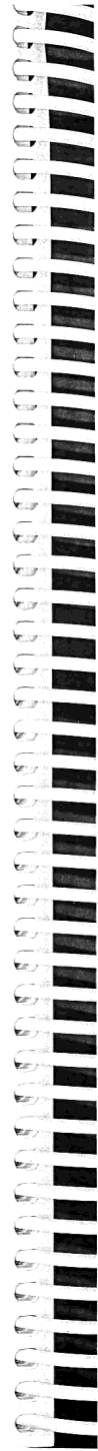
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# 498 LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

*Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.  
Hebrews 12:14*

*Unison*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with  
me. Let there be peace on earth, the  
peace that was meant to be. With God as our  
Fa - ther, broth - ers all are we.  
fam - 'ly  
Let me walk with my broth-er in per - fect har - mo -  
us each oth - er



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ny. Let peace be - gin with me; let

this be the mo - ment now. With ev - 'ry

step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow; To

take each mo - ment, and live each mo - ment in peace e -

ter - nal - ly! Let there be

peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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