

RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**ADVENT:**  
**REVITALIZE US!**  
REFRAME

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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DECEMBER 10, 2023 • 11:45 AM • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

Matthew Johnson Harris

**HYMN**

["Hark The Herald Angels Sing"](#)

(Felix Mendelssohn)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

The Sockettes Puppet Gospel Choir

• REFLECTING •

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

"Lead, Kindly Light"  
Soloist - Richard Tschudy

(John B. Dykes)

**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,

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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**        "Sudden Peace"  
Soloist - Charles Duke

(Charles Duke)

**SCRIPTURE**     Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Ben Perry

**SERMON**        "Repair Peace"

Rev. Ben Perry

• **RESPONDING** •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT**

Matthew Johnson Harris

**OFFERTORY**     "People Get Ready"  
Soloist - Madge Dietrich

(Curtis Mayfield)

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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**

Matthew Johnson Harris

**HYMN**            "[This Little Light Of Mine](#)"

(Trad. Spiritual)

**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), Leon Zhu (Guitar), Jon Peretz (Drummer)

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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: REPAIR PEACE

- God's birth is proclaimed by a prophet from the margins, and calls us to follow a pacificism that has too often been marginalized.
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### LAST WEEK: RECLAIM HOPE

- Hope can feel elusive in times like these. How can we lean into the kind of hope that offers comfort in this text?

**November 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 November 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 Cynthia's financial stability and God's blessing.; 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, DEC 10

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Advent Bible Study](#)
- 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.: [Let Peace Start with Us](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

## MONDAY, DEC 11

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [7th Anniversary Mosaic Concert](#)

## TUESDAY, DEC 12

- 8:00 p.m.: [Listen. Learn. Lean into Peace.](#)

## WEDNESDAY, DEC 13

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 6:00 p.m.: [¡Hablamos! Otra Vez!](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

## THURSDAY, DEC 14

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

## SUNDAY, DEC 17

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Advent Bible Study](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [December New Members Gathering](#)
- 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](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Young Adults](#)

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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Join **The Mosaic Series for its 7th Anniversary Concert** in a vibrant celebration of music, interfaith holiday joy and activism to support Middle Rising. This year, the concert will be held on **Monday, December 11th, at East End Temple.**

Get ready to groove, sing along, and be moved by the incredible talent on stage!

**Featuring:** Sidney Dupont (Paradise Square - Tony Nomination, Soul Train The Musical), Hailee Kaleem Wright (6 The Musical, Paradise Square), Jenny Mollet ( The Color Purple) , Antwayn Hopper (A Strange Loop, The Life), Cameron Mitchell Bell (Beauty & The Beast, Annie), Ashley Jenkins (The Color Purple), Madge Dietrich (Kinky Boots), Blanca DiSarro (Great American Trailer Park Musical, In The Heights), Nyseli Vega (Illa : The Hip Hop Musical, Latine Board of Directors), Brie Zimmer (Happy Birthday Wanda June) and MORE!



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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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# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.  
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 \*3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"  
 Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man-u - el.  
 Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

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**BACK**

HYMN

“This Little Light Of Mine”

(Trad. Spiritual)

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 3. Shine all over the world, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 4. Shine, shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh

This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Shine all over the world, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Shine, shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it shine.

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This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Shine all over the world, I'm gon-na let it shine.  
 Shine, shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it shine.

oh oh

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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