



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**WORSHIP**  
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REV. DR. JACQUI LEWIS - SENIOR MINISTER

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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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JANUARY 14, 2024 • 11:45 AM • KING SUNDAY

**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**

[“Amazing Grace”](#)

(John Newton)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Rev. Natalie Perkins

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song, arr. Tereno Boroughs)

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.

• **REFLECTING** •

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Tammie Woods

“Deep River”

(trad. Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan)

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**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

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

**ANTHEM**

“Like A Tree”  
Soloist – Helen White

(Margaret Douroux)

**SCRIPTURE**

Amos 5: 18-24

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**SERMONIC PRAYER**

“Awaiting You”

Tituss Burgess

(Adam Guettel)

**SERMON**

“Let The River Run With Justice”

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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

Tituss Burgess

**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.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

Tituss Burgess



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**HYMN**

“Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around”

(trad.)

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,  
turn me 'round, turn me 'round,  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a-talkin',  
Marching up to freedom land.

- 2) Racism
- 3) Injustice
- 4) Segregation

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION**

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

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Jon Peretz (Drums), Booker King (Bass), Alfredo Colon (Saxophone)

**Sermon Focus: What’s Next?**

**THIS WEEK: LET THE RIVER RUN WITH JUSTICE**

- Yes, King Day is a celebration of a fallen leader; AND we are all called to create a more just society. What will you do?

**LAST WEEK: WWJD (WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?)**

- Jesus's baptism is a human moment; how do we humanely follow Jesus in the way?



**December 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 December 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 our IVF journey, God's grace and a miracle; A prayer for all those who Melvin holds in his heart and mind.



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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*



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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.  
18 W. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 02-147, New York, NY 10011

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, JAN 14

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [New Member Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [King Sunday 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, JAN 15

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 6:30 p.m.: Let's All Go to the Movies – I Heard it Through the Grapevine (209 W Houston St, New York, NY 10014)

### WEDNESDAY, JAN 17

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

### THURSDAY, JAN 18

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

### SUNDAY, JAN 21

- 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](#)
- 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).



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**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 Digital Strategy and Engagement*

Rev. Benjamin Perry – *Consulting Minister, Public Theology*

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

St. 1-4, John Newton,  
1779; alt.

St. 5, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 My God has prom - ised good to me, whose  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a **soul** like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; God will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, was **bound** but now **I'm free.**  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Columbia Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

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