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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH • LUNAR NEW YEAR

**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**

“Let Your Little Light Shine”

(Pamela Warrick-Smith)

Let your little light shine, shine, shine  
Let your little light shine, oh my Lord.  
....Someone down in the valley  
Tryin' to get home.

It may be me and it may be you  
It might be my sister or my brother too,....  
Someone down in the valley  
Tryin' to get home.

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Jocelyn Lieu

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gloria Moy

**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.*

• REFLECTING •

<b>ANTHEM</b>	"Let It Shine" The Sockettes	(adapted Spiritual – John Del Cueto)
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Mark 9: 2-9	Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack
<b>SERMON</b>	"Shine, Shine, Shine"	Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT** Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**OFFERTORY** "One Day" (Phil Lawrence, Matthew Miller, Peter Hernandez, Ari Levine)

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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**

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

**HYMN** [“Help Us Accept Each Other”](#)

(Fred Kaan, John Ness Beck)

**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), Hajime Yoshida (Guitar), VCCY, Sockettes

**Village Chorus for Children & Youth** • Caelyn Osbern, Carlo Vizioli, Cerentha Cook, Dominick Vizioli, Ellington Tanner, Gabrielle Baen-Brook, Imani Passley, Miranda Oden, Teddy Baptiste, Yo Inaba, Louie Bengson



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## Sermon Focus: What's Next?

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### THIS WEEK: SHINE, SHINE, SHINE

- The light of the world is in you. When and where will you share the light to help bring about justice?

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### LAST WEEK: GREAT EXPECTATIONS

- There is no end to what God can do; how do we wait on God, expecting to participate in our own healing?

**January 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 January 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 Dr. Smith's historical firsts, community support while walking with God during this journey of faith; 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.  
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.**

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# Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

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## SUNDAY, FEB 11

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [February New Members Gathering](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Talk Back -- Origin](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

## MONDAY, FEB 12

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEB 14

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

## THURSDAY, FEB 15

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

## SUNDAY, FEB 18

- 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](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Lenten Book Study: Notes of a Native Son](#)

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Please reach out to our Director of Programs and Community Engagements, 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 Digital Strategy and Engagement*

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

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft – *Consulting Community Minister*

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# Help Us Accept Each Other

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974  
MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let your ac - cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en-coun-ter with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em-brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep-tance, for righ-teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac-tice your ac - cep-tance, un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

we are our - selves ac - cept-ed and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give-ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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