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Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH •

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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

“Hold Everybody Up”

(Melanie DeMore/John Del Cueto)

Chorus

We’re gonna hold everybody, we’re gonna hold everybody up.
We’re gonna hold everybody, we’re gonna hold everybody up.
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up, up, up
Hold everybody up.

Just because you look like you,
and I look like me
Doesn’t mean we can’t be friends,
you’re not my enemy.

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Chorus

People all around the world,
Sometimes feel so sad
But when others show they care
They don't feel so bad.

Chorus

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

“Siyahamba”

(Tereno Burroughs)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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 •

ANTHEM

“Safe in His Arms”
Soloist – Carla Stewart

(Darius Brooks)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9: 8-17

Rev. Natalie Perkins

SERMON

““Next Time” is Now”

Rev. Natalie Perkins



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Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS WEEK: "NEXT TIME" IS NOW

- We didn't start the fire, but it is our responsibility.

LAST 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?



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.

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/.

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



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Welcome to Middle Church

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.

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GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family —

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are in the 2nd 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** 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
- Venmo [@MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://www.venmo.com/@MiddleCollegiateChurch)

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

- Middle Collegiate Church, Attn: Stewardship Dept.
18 W. 18th 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) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

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Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

SUNDAY, FEB 18

- 9:30 a.m.: [Young Adults Leadership Lab Recruitment & Mixer](#)
- 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](#)
- 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](#)

MONDAY, FEB 19

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB 21

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

THURSDAY, FEB 22

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

SUNDAY, FEB 25

- 10:00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- **11:45 a.m.:** [Worship Celebration](#)
- 1:00 p.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- **3:00 p.m.:** [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Interfaith Family Dinner with Asylum Seekers from Children's Workshop School](#)
- 5:00 p.m.: [A Season of Bright Sadness: Sharing the Lenten Journey through Poetry and Visual Art.](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Lenten Book Study: Notes of a Native Son](#)



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 Community Engagements, Elise Tiralli, with any questions regarding programming— 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 to get plugged in; for digital ushering, please email Rev. Natalie at nperkins@middlechurch.org.



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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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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Come, We Who Love the Lord

*Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.
Refrain by Robert Lowry, 1867; alt.*

1 Come, we who love the Lord, and let our joys be known; To -
2 God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glo - ry sown; Ce -
3 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry; We're

geth - er God's great love pro - claim, to - geth - er God's great love pro -
les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground, ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly
trav - eling through Em - man - uel's ground, we're trav - eling through Em - man - uel's

claim, and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
ground from faith and hope have grown, from faith and hope have grown.
ground to great - er worlds on high, to great-er worlds on high.

Refrain And thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.

We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful Zi - on; We're

We're march-ing on to Zi - on,
march-ing on-ward to Zi - on, the beau-ti-ful cit-y of God.

Zi - on, Zi - on, the

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Tune: MARCHING TO ZION S.M. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1867

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