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REV. DR. JACQUI LEWIS - SENIOR MINISTER

Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 4, 2024 • 11:45 AM • BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 [“Over My Head”](#) (trad. Spiritual)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Natalie Perkins

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.

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• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM	“Lord, Do It” Lead – Ivan Anderson and Rashad McPherson	(James Cleveland)
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis
SERMON	“Great Expectations”	Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis
COMMUNION		Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis Rev. Natalie Perkins

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT		Allen Singleton
OFFERTORY	“Leaning On Everlasting Arms” Leads – Tina Owens and Carmi Harris	(Rev. Timothy Wright)

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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		Allen Singleton
HYMN	<u>“Lift Every Voice and Sing”</u>	(James W. Johnson)
BENEDICTION		Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis



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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 (Sax), Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Sermon Focus: What's Next?

THIS 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?
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LAST WEEK: ASTONISHING LIBERATION

- There are unclean spirits today that threaten beloved community. Can we be amazed at a new way of being?

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.

Prayer for Chloe's journey of restoration of faith, openness to abundance and peace of mind.; 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 4

- 10: :00 a.m.: [Kids Sunday Enrichment](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:45 a.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)

MONDAY, FEB 5

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

TUESDAY, FEB 6

- 5:45 p.m.: [Reparations Task Force](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEB 7

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

THURSDAY, FEB 8

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

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](#)

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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.



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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OVER MY HEAD

1. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 2. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 3. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air. O-ver my head I hear mu - sic in the
 air. O-ver my head I hear sing - ing in the
 air. O-ver my head I see free - dom in the

air;
 air; There must be a God some - where!
 air;

Text: Traditional
Tune: OVER MY HEAD, 11 11 11 7; traditional; arr. by Nolan Williams, Jr., b.1969, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.

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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Ston - y the road we trod, Bit - ter the chas - t'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the lis - t'ning
 died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wea - ry
 way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us in - to the

skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet Come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 light, Keep us for ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee,

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun Of our new
 slaugh - tered; Out from the gloom - y past, Till now we
 get Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand, May we for

day be - gun, Let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last Where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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