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Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025 • 3:00 PM • 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 “How Great Thou Art”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gloria Moy

LORD’S PRAYER Rev. Natalie Renee 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.**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM "This Little Light of Mine" (trad., arr. John Del Cueto)
Soloist – Giovanna Yang

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-18 David K. Kim

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; ¹¹ put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, ¹² for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness ¹⁵ and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

SERMON Everyday Insistence David K. Kim

COMMUNION Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Gloria Moy

RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Jocelyn Lieu

If you'd like to join our movement for love and justice, go to middlechurch.org/join.

OFFERTORY "As" (Stevie Wonder)
Soloist - Shari Gill

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

Jocelyn Lieu

HYMN

“May the Love of the Lord”

(Maria Poh Choo Ling)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band • Hajime Yoshida (guitar), Tsung-Yu Tsai Ben (cello)

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 them again or share the playlist with friends.



PRAYER CORNER *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*

We are praying for all our Middle family every day.

For all those Melvin holds in his heart, Prayers for Matthew Giannone & family in their cancer battle

To make a prayer request, speak to a minister, or inquire about financial assistance, visit middlechurch.org/prayer/.



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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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Sunday Worship and programs happen thanks to our clergy, staff, musicians, volunteers, and all of you who participate in-person and online. We can't do it without you.

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 carpeted area. If hearing is an issue, the best place to sit in the sanctuary is front left.

GIVING AT MIDDLE—

Dear Middle Family—

We are called to the Rising—Middle Rising! We are now in the 3RD and FINAL YEAR of PHASE 1 of our rebuilding campaign that takes us through 2025!

Your pledges, recurring contributions and one-time donations to Middle land in 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. We are in construction on our 50 E. 7th Street building as Phase 1 and aim to have us back in that building in early 2025. We still 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—Board Chair, and the entire Middle Church Board*

To support our ongoing ministry, programs, operations, and rebuilding:

- Visit 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.
PO Box 1400 New York NY 10276

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, FEBRUARY 02

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 1:30 p.m.: [Young Adults Coffee Social at Irving Farm Coffee](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Lunar New Year Potluck](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 03

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 05

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Ukuleliacs](#)
- 7:30 p.m.: [Queer Black Men](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 06

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

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- 1:00 p.m.: [From Survival to Sanctuary Community First Aid](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)

FOR MORE INFORMATION about Middle Church events, activities, and the latest updates, scan this code with your smartphone camera.

Want to get more involved?

Please reach out to our Director of Programs, Events, and Community Engagement, **Elise Tiralli**, to learn more about programming – etiralli@middlechurch.org.



We warmly invite you to join our ushering and hospitality ministries! Every Sunday, we need ushers to offer radical welcome and volunteers to host our Community Social Hour after worship. If you're interested in serving as an usher or sponsoring snacks for the community, please reach out to our Care Minister, **Jillian Langford** – jlangford@middlechurch.org.



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MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Senior Minister
Macky Alston, M.Div. Executive Minister
Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Executive Minister for Digital Church
Jillian Langford, MTS ABD, Minister for Care & Congregational Life
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft, Consulting Minister for Justice & Community Organizing
And Team Middle

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WORSHIP Sundays at 11:45 AM online & 3:00 PM
online & in-person at: Judson Memorial
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York, NY 10012

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HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I

won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the

made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain

thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

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BACK

May the Love of the Lord

May the love of the Lord
Rest upon your soul
May God's love dwell with you
Throughout every day.

BACK

AS

Chorus 1

Until the rainbow burns the stars out of the sky
Until the ocean covers every mountain high
Until the day that eight times eight
times eight is four
Until the day that it's the day that I'm no more

Chorus 2 and 3

Until the rainbow burns the stars out of the sky
Until the ocean covers every mountain high
Until the dolphins fly and parrots live at
sea
Until we dream of life and life becomes a dream

Until the day is night and night becomes the day
Until the trees and seas just up and fly away
Until the day that eight times eight times
eight is four
Until the day that it's the day that I'm no more

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