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Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 9, 2025 • 3:00 PM • 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

“We’ve Come This far by Faith”

(Albert A. Goodson)

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Matthew Johnson Harris

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LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew Johnson Harris

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

Matthew Johnson Harris

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

REFLECTING

ANTHEM

"The Storm Is Passing Over"

(Charles Albert Tindley)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 8.22-25

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?"

SERMON

Passing Storms

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Allen Singleton

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

OFFERTORY "Precious Lord"

(Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Bert Cross II)

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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 "Here I Am, Lord"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band Booker King (bass), Jonathon Peretz (drums)

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

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 09

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 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](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:00 a.m.: [Pray To Rise](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [A Call to Courage: Interfaith Vigil for Sanctuary](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
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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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WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

Refrain



We've come this far by faith, Lean-ing on the

Lord; Trust-ing in God's ho-ly word,

God nev-er failed me yet. Oh

can't turn a-round, We've come this far by faith.

Verse 1

BACK



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Here I Am, Lord

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
I will give my life to them.

2. *Refrain*
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

BACK

