



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD
WORSHIP
CELEBRATION
REFRAME

Sunday Worship Celebration

MARCH 23, 2025 • 11:45 AM • WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

PRELUDE *We invite you to use this time for prayer or silent meditation to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

• **GATHERING** •

AS WE ENTER

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

HYMN

“Sweet Sweet Spirit”
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

(Doris Akers)

LITTLE THOUGHTS

Jillian Langford, MTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ann Quintero (soloist)

LORD'S PRAYER

Emma Foster

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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CHORAL AMEN

Congregation

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Middle Family

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“Warrior”

(Kim Baryluck)

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 55. 1-9

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

1 ¹All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! ²Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. ³Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, the steadfast loyalty promised to David. ⁴As I made him a witness to peoples, a leader and commander of peoples, ⁵So shall you summon a nation you knew not, and a nation that knew you not shall run to you, because of the lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. ⁶Seek the lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts; Let them turn to the lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways-oracle of the lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

SERMON

An Everlasting Love

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Shari Carpenter

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

DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let faith and hope with love arise.
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.



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DEDICATION PRAYER

Shari Carpenter

HYMN "Imperfect Me"

(from This One Girl's Story Book
Additional Lyrics: Bil Wright
Music & Lyrics: Dionne McClain-Freeney)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Village Chorus for Children & Youth

February 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.



Prayers for Matthew Giannone and family through their cancer journey; for all those Melvin holds in his heart; for the health and healing of Sierra Goodale.

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 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. 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")

DONATE BY PHONE

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Please reach out to our Stewardship Director, Devon Mosley (stewardship@middlechurch.org) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

Middle Events Calendar

All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit middlechurch.org for details and the latest updates.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)
4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)
4:30 p.m.: ["Mississippi Turning" Screening & Launch Party](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

6:30 p.m.: [Young Adults Social: Craft Night](#)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)
7:00 p.m.: [Mapping Strengths for Collective Action](#)

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group - Middle Church](#)
10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle - Middle Church](#)
11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)
4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)
4:15 p.m.: [Mapping Strengths for Collective Action](#)

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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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