



RECLAIM REPAIR REBUILD  
**WORSHIP**  
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## Sunday Worship Celebration

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MARCH 9, 2025 • 3:00 PM • WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH • FIRST DAY OF 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. Natalie Renee Perkins

**HYMN**      ["Come All You People"](#)

(Alexander Gondo, John Bell)

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES**

Emma Foster

"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**

Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

## 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.**

## CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

(Trad.)

## 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

“Would You Harbor Me?”

(Ysaye M. Barnwell)

Dancer – Hannah Jew

Nucleus Dancers – Sophia Diehl,

Steph Mclsaac, Angélica Barbosa,

Juan Viveros

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 4.1-13

Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil<sup>Ⓜ</sup> led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil<sup>Ⓜ</sup> said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’ ”

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil<sup>Ⓜ</sup> led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,



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'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup> and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

**SERMON** Meeting the Moment with Conviction, Curiosity and Courage  
Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

• RESPONDING •

**INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT** Jillian Langford

*If you'd like to join our movement for love and justice, go to [middlechurch.org/join](http://middlechurch.org/join).*

**OFFERTORY** "From A Distance" (Julie Gold)

*Donate at [middlechurch.org/donate](http://middlechurch.org/donate) or Venmo @MiddleCollegiateChurch*

**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.

**DEDICATION PRAYER** Monique Fortuné

**HYMN** "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around" (trad.)

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round, turn me 'round  
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round  
I'm gonna keep on walking  
Keep on talking  
Marching up to freedom land.

- 2) Segregation
- 3) Division
- 4) Racism



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**PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION**

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**Director of Music and Choirs** • John Del Cueto

**Middle Church Band** • Dionne McClain-Freeney (piano)

**Lighting** • Lutin Tanner

**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.



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**PRAYER CORNER** *Please pray with us this week for these people and concerns.*  
**We are praying for all our Middle family every day.**

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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/](http://middlechurch.org/prayer/).**

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## Welcome to Middle Church

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**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](http://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.

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### GIVING AT MIDDLE—

*Dear Middle Family —*



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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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:stewardship@middlechurch.org))** to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

**DONATE BY PHONE**

To make a donation to Middle Church, scan this code with your smartphone camera.



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## Middle Events Calendar

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All events are listed in ET unless noted.

Visit [middlechurch.org](http://middlechurch.org) for details and the latest updates.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

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](#)

**MONDAY, MARCH 10**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

8:00 a.m.: [Pray to Rise](#)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13**

1:00 p.m.: [New Adventures](#)

6:30 p.m.: [Creative Writing](#)

7:00 p.m.: [Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir](#)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)

10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)

10:30 a.m.: [New Members Gathering](#)

**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.: [Film Screening & Discussion: Keepers of the Flame](#)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jlangford@middlechurch.org).



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## MIDDLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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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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online & in-person at: Judson Memorial  
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# Come All You People *Uyai mose*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom Ahom

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom Ahom

mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;  
peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom Ahom Ahom Ahom

u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.  
come now and wor-ship the Lord. Lord.

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