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Sunday Worship Celebration

NOVEMBER 3, 2024 • 3:00 PM • JUST LOVE. PERIOD.

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 “Humble Thyself in the Sight of The Lord” (Bob Hudson, John Del Cueto)

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

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

REFLECTING

ANTHEM “Love God Love People” (Colby Wedgeworth, Danny Gokey, Benjamin Glover)
Soloist – Rashad McPherson

SCRIPTURE Mark 12: 28-34 Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

SERMON Just Love. Period. Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

INVITATION TO REFLECT

COMMUNION Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins, Jillian Langford, Macky Alston

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT Beth Ellor

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

OFFERTORY “Love Theory” (Kirk Franklin)

Donate at 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.



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DEDICATION PRAYER

Beth Ellor

HYMN "Draw The Circle Wide"

(Gordon Light, Mark Miller)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto

Middle Church Band Dionne McClain-Freeney (Piano), Booker King (bass), Jonathon Peretz (drums)

October 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 last month 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.

For all those Melvin holds in his heart; for Kany to find the inspiration and focus in faith to push through an overburdened month's challenges

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.

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.



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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—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*

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.
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, NOV 3

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible In The Middle](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [Mini Middlers](#)
- 2:30 p.m.: [Clothing Drive for New New Yorkers](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Worship Hybrid Celebration](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Community Social Hour](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Congregational Meeting](#)
- 4:00 p.m.: [Village Chorus for Children & Youth](#)

MONDAY, NOV 4

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 8:00 p.m.: [Pre Election Vigil](#)

TUESDAY, NOV 5

- 7:00 p.m.: [Election Day Care and Share](#)

WEDNESDAY, NOV 6

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

THURSDAY, NOV 7

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

SUNDAY, NOV 10

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
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- 2:00 p.m.: [Butterfly Outreach Ministry](#)
- 2:00 p.m.: [J.H.A.M. Sessions](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Worship Hybrid Celebration](#)
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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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WORSHIP Sundays at 11:45 AM online & 3:00 PM
online & in-person at: Judson Memorial
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Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And God will lift you up, higher and higher
And God will lift you up.

You are God who hears our cries
You know our hearts, you know our hearts.
You are God who hears our cries,
Be with us now, be with us now.(chorus)

You set our feet on holy ground
You are Alpha and Omega
You set our feet on holy ground
Be with us now, be with us now.(chorus)

And so to you we lift our voice
You are our God, you are our all
And so to you we lift our voice
Be with us now, be with us now. (chorus)

BACK



Draw the Circle Wide

WORDS: Gordon Light
MUSIC: Mark A. Miller

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the
 cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by
 side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the
 wide. Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this
 be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,
 draw the cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

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