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Sunday Worship Celebration

DECEMBER 15, 2024 • 11:45 AM • ADVENT – TRANSFORMED BY LOVE

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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (John Francis Wade)

CANDLE LIGHTING Frog and Toad

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

LORD’S PRAYER Macky Alston

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.**

CHORAL AMEN Congregation

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REFLECTING

ANTHEM "Winter Song" (Ingrid Michaelson, Sara Bareilles)

READING Luke 1.46b-55 Gabriela De Golia

SERMON Love's Song Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

RESPONDING

OFFERTORY "For Good" (Stephen Schwartz)
Duet - Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins & Elizabeth Stanley
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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 Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

HYMN "Put A Little Love In Your Heart" (Randy Myers, Jimmy Holiday, Jackie Deshannon)

BENEDICTION

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs John Del Cueto

Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir

Village Chorus for Children & Youth

November 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

To make a prayer request, speak to a minister, 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.



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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—Consistory Chair, and the entire Middle Church Consistory*

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

- Visit middlechurch.org/donate
- Venmo [@MiddleCollegiateChurch](https://www.venmo.com/@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, DEC 15

- 10:30 a.m.: [Bible in the Middle](#)
- 11:00 a.m.: [Young Adult Leadership Lab](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 12:45 p.m.: [Virtual Chat & Chew](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)

MONDAY, DEC 16

- 6:30 p.m.: [Acting Class](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Queer Connections](#)
- 7:00 p.m.: [Fierce Urgency of Now Task Force Meeting](#)

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18

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

THURSDAY, DEC 19

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

SATURDAY, DEC 21

- 11:00 a.m.: [Young Adults Social - Union Square Market](#)
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SUNDAY, DEC 22

- 10:00 a.m.: [Voter Reform Group](#)
- 11:45 a.m.: [Online Worship Celebration](#)
- 3:00 p.m.: [Hybrid Worship Celebration](#)

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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