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Sunday Worship Celebration

FEBRUARY 23, 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

“This Is The Day”

(Trad.)

This This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made
That the Lord has made
I will rejoice, I will rejoice
And be glad in it, glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Monique Fortuné

“Siyahamba”

(Based on a South African Traditional Song)

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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

“My Song”

(Marsha Ambrosius/Gabriella Wilson)

Soloist – Helen White

Dancer – Rayan Lecurieux-Durival

LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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

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

• REFLECTING •

ANTHEM

“I Will Give Thanks To Thee”

(Rossini)

Soloist – Cassandra Douglas

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6.27-38

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²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what



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credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.³⁶ Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

SERMON What To Do About Others

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

• RESPONDING •

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Majora Carter

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

OFFERTORY “God Is Good”
Lead – Tina Owens

(Chester T.D. Baldwin)

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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

Majora Carter

HYMN [“Total Praise”](#)

(Richard Smallwood)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION

Director of Music and Choirs • John Del Cueto



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Middle Church Band • Booker King (bass), Mike Veny (drums), Dionne McClain-Freeney (piano), Alfredo Colon (sax)

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 Melvin holds in his heart; For the eternal rest of Sam Nordquist; 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/.

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**



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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](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) to discuss any questions about your giving plan.

DONATE BY PHONE

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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 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](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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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



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interested in serving as an usher or sponsoring snacks for the community, please reach out to our Care Minister, **Jillian Langford** – jlangford@middlechurch.org.

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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TOTAL PRAISE

Text: Richard Smallwood
Tune: Richard Smallwood; arr. by Stephen Key

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills

know - ing my help is com - ing from You.

Your peace You give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength.

You are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in to - tal praise to You.

1. A - men.

You. A - men, a - men. A - men.

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

men. A - men, a - men.

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