

## Confidence

~ Matthew Ross Armstrong / Jordan Michael Bailey / Tony W. Wood

I'm not a warrior  
I'm too afraid to lose  
I feel unqualified for what you're calling me to  
But Lord with your strength  
I've got no excuse  
'Cause broken people are exactly who you use

So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy  
And made him a King  
So I'm gonna trust you and give you everything  
I'll be a conquerer  
'Cause you fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming your victory

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I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up, step out when you call  
Jesus, Jesus

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## calendar of events

**All activities inside the church building are cancelled until further notice!**

**We are open virtually.**

## worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Senior Pastor, Charles A. Tapp, challenges us with the idea that things aren't always as they appear, even when it comes to God's Word, with his message titled, "The Stillness of God."

## profile of giving - November 14

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering pays for the outreach and nurture ministries of the church and the church school, along with necessary expenses such as utilities and maintenance of the church building.

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 16	\$ 9,857	Nov. 14	\$ 7,237
Nov. 16 YTD	\$ 450,622	Nov. 14 YTD	\$ 426,317

**BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 14 YTD:** \$ 472,455

## CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:

Nov. 14 YTD \$ 14,729

## BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:

Aug. 2019 - Nov. 14 \$ 29,259

**TITHE:** All of these funds are sent to the Potomac Conference to help expand the Kingdom of God throughout our region and the world.

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 16	\$ 53,547	Nov. 14	\$ 75,114
Nov. 16 YTD	\$2,092,688	Nov. 14 YTD	\$2,076,666

Today's designated offering goes to Local Church Budget. Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

## welcome



Welcome to Sligo today. It goes without saying that 2020 has been by far the most, or at least one of the most challenging years that we have experienced in this country, and possibly the world, in many years. If I had to choose one word that I believed best articulated what many are feeling today it would have to be the word loss. In many people's minds, this year has been the

year when we have lost the values of truth and honesty in our country. Then there has been a record loss of employment, as well as a sense of loss of the standards for justice and righteousness. And sadly there has been an unprecedented loss of precious human life due to a global pandemic that has caused the deaths of over a million innocent lives worldwide. But among the many things that we have lost this year there is one thing that we stand to lose if we are not careful and that is the loss of a thankful spirit. But how can we truly be thankful when by all accounts there appears to be very little to be thankful for? Today we turn to God's word for the answer to this all-important question in our message titled, "In ALL Things: The Discipline of Gratitude."  
- Charles A. Tapp

## what we believe

We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and our only rule of faith and practice. As Scripture teaches, we believe God became man in the person of Jesus Christ, saving us from sin by grace through faith. We believe the seventh-day Sabbath was established by God at Creation and honored by Jesus in His earthly ministry as a gift of rest and rejuvenation for all. We celebrate the church as the diverse "new community" forged through the death and resurrection of Jesus, in which all are called, all are gifted, and all are valued. We anticipate Jesus' personal and visible return to earth to raise the righteous dead, make the earth new, and dwell with His faithful children throughout eternity. We live out our love for Jesus by growing in His likeness and by serving our fellowmen.

## how you connect

- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Do life together: Join a Journey Group
- Fill out a pew menu card and place it in the offering plate
- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry

## who can help

PHONE: 301.270.6777 EMERGENCY: 301.980.1009  
FAX: 301.270.3518 www.sligochurch.org  
Domestic Violence Hotline: 240.777.4000  
National Suicide Hotline: 1.800.273.8255

**SENIOR PASTOR**  
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Hazel Marroquin, ext. 136 hmarroquin@sligochurch.org

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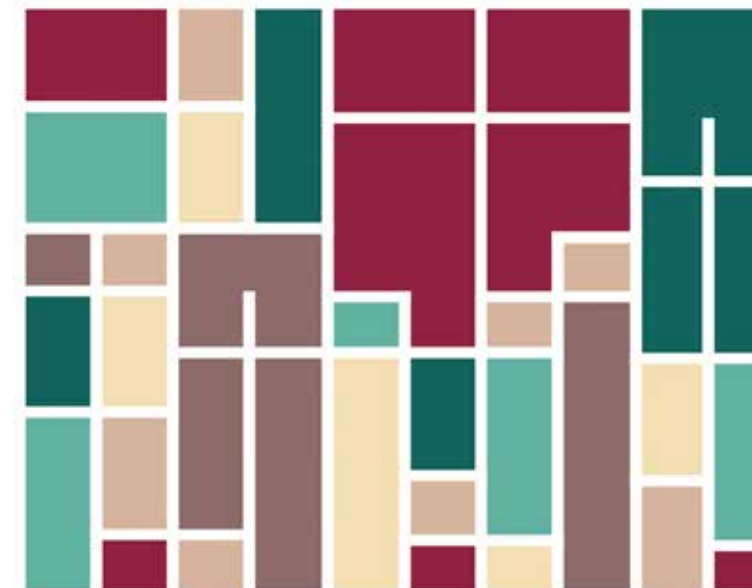
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**HEAD DEACONESS**  
Carol Hooker

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# THE CHURCH at worship



## CHRIST FIRST

NOVEMBER 21, 2020  
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.



The Washington Adventist University Church

## OUR MISSION

We seek to grow passionate disciples of Jesus through worship of God, nurture of one another, and outreach to the world.

# Festival of Praise

**we gather in his name**

- Prelude**  
Now Thank We All Our God / arr. David J. Miller
- Song of Gathering**  
Indescribable / J. Reeves & L. Story
- Sligo Live** Hazel Marroquin  
Sligo Kid's Activities
- Welcome & Church Life** Don McFarlane
- Celebration of Ministry** Don McFarlane  
Sligo Frontline Workers
- Caring Heart Award** Erwin Mack

**we honor and praise him**

- Hymn of Praise**  
Praise The Lord, His Glories Show / No. 25
- Prayer** Usha Khandagle
- Anthem**  
Festival Hymn of Thanksgiving / Paul Sjolund

**we reflect**

- Children's Message** Hazel Marroquin
- Scripture Reading** Flor Balay  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 (NKJV)
- Music for Meditation**  
Do It Again / S. Furtick, M. Redman, C. Brown
- Pre-Sermon Video**  
Thank You God
- Sermon** Charles A. Tapp  
"In ALL Things: The Discipline of Gratitude"
- Thanksgiving Give and Go**  
Forever / Chris Tomlin
- Invitation to Give** Charles A. Tapp

**we go to serve**

- Benediction** Charles A. Tapp
- Postlude**  
Sinfonia Cantat 29 with We Gather Together / arr. Bach/Alston

**Leading our music today are:**

- Patrick Alston, organist
- Paul Byssainthe, Jr., chorister
- Sligo Band**  
Paul Byssainthe, Jr., pianist; Ross Patterson, guitarist; Jon Mark, bass guitarist; William Brew, drummer

**Sligo Singers**

Naomy Rodrigues, Sara Devaraj, Arely Reyes

**Barclay Brass**

Amy McCabe, trumpetist; Nathan Clark, trumpetist; David Miller, trombonist; Willie Clark, tubist

**Combined Sligo Sanctuary Choir, Spencerville Church Choir, Takoma Park Choir, and Columbia Collegiate Chorale**

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., Anwar Ottley, Michael Patterson - directors  
Tamara Simpson, timpanist

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“The work you do today may be difficult and tiring, but we should still thank God for it because it is His gift to us - the ability to provide for our needs.”  
- Dr. David Jeremiah

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Happy moments, PRAISE GOD

Difficult moments, SEEK GOD

Quiet moments, WORSHIP GOD

Painful moments, TRUST GOD

Every moment, THANK GOD

– Rick Warren

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“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us—and He has given us everything.”

- Thomas Merton

## Wise Men and Women:

The words for school, study, and education are clearly understood in our time, but they are not common in the Bible. There is one word, wisdom or wise, which is much more common. For example, the Old Testament makes mention of wise men and women.

King Solomon is singled out as a very wise man who spoke about animal and plant life and uttered proverbs with great wisdom, meaning as a man of education (1 Kings 4:29–34). The books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes contain many wise teachings on numerous subjects, attributed to Solomon, as well as to other wise teachers in ancient times.

According to the Bible, wisdom is very much like our education today. It is something one learns from parents and teachers, especially while young (Eccles. 12:1), but actually a person accumulates wisdom all through life. Second, wisdom generally has a practical side to it; for example, learn from the ants that save in the summer in order to have enough for the winter.

Yet, wisdom is not only practical, but it also has a theoretical side to it, for it begins with faith in God and follows certain foundational principles (Prov. 1:7). Wisdom helps us live responsibly and for the benefit of others, and it also helps protect us from misfortune. Finally, just like education today, wisdom does not answer all the questions we may pose, but it enables us to be content with what we know while continuing to search for what is still unknown, and that is a good position from which we can learn to know God and to trust in His grace. According to Jeremiah 18:18, the role of the wise teacher is considered on par with the roles of priest and prophet. All three convey messages from God to His people, in the form of instruction in the law, educational counsel, and special messages from God.



**sabbath devotional**

“Because we cannot see just what God is saving us from, we vent our foolish reproaches; if we could see this, we would often kneel down and thank God for certain trials as the richest of His mercies.”

- Author Unknown



**Simple Truths for Life:** Sligo's Radio Ministry, can be heard each Sabbath morning from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. on WGTS 91.9 FM. Listen with friends, then invite them to come to church in person at 11:00 a.m. Download past episodes or subscribe to future episodes for free from Simple Truths for Life by Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church from the iTunes Store. You can also go to [simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast](http://simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast).

**Prayer Requests:**

**Families of these deceased:**

Betty Ann Stant, Estella Parker, Betty Stant, Patricia Hazelton

**For Healing:**

Marlin Curameng, Geri Reid, Cacilda Couto

**The Sligo Young Adults GLOW ministry** is sponsoring a “drive thru” winter clothing drive! Hats, gloves, scarves, or other warm winter clothing in new or like new condition for males or females will be collected and provided to the less fortunate in our community. The collection will take place on Sabbath, December 5, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Sligo Church Greenwood Avenue parking lot. Thank you for your support!

**Digital Workshop: For all of you who would like to learn**

how to increase your Digital Skills, HeartLifters has scheduled three ZOOM workshops on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m. Please register on the Sligo website at [sligochurch.org](http://sligochurch.org)

**Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering** – Contact Pr. Cheryl Wilson-Bridges at [cbridges@sligochurch.org](mailto:cbridges@sligochurch.org) for access to the Zoom link. Invite your family and friends for this additional prayer time to claim God's power and peace over the giants we are currently facing. Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. & Sundays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Supporting Ministry** - Please continue to support the ministries of Sligo Church during the absence of in-sanctuary worship. You can give your tithe and offerings online via the Sligo Church website ([sligochurch.org](http://sligochurch.org)), by mail to 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, 20912, or in person at the church office. If the office is closed, please use the mailbox on the left wall at the entrance.

**Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington**

remains open to help families: PLEASE help replenish ACSGW's pantry. Drop off at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Thank you!

**Caring for One Another** is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. Please share with Congregational Care Pastor, Pranitha Fielder [pfielder@sligochurch.org](mailto:pfielder@sligochurch.org) the names of any elderly members who need the support of the church during these challenging times.