

The Gate of the Year

- Minnie Louise Haskins

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”

And he replied:

“Go out into the darkness and

put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light

and safer than a known way.”

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:

What need our little life

Our human life to know,

If God hath comprehension?

In all the dizzy strife

Of things both high and low,

God hideth His intention.

God knows. His will is best.

The stretch of years

Which wind ahead, so dim

To our imperfect vision,

Are clear to God. Our fears

Are premature; In Him,

All time hath full provision.

Then rest: until

God moves to lift the veil

From our impatient eyes,

When, as the sweeter features

Of Life’s stern face we hail,

Fair beyond all surmise

God’s thought around His creatures

Our mind shall fill.

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

profile of giving - December 26

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:
Dec. 31 YTD \$ 605,339 (\$27,849 Budget Booster included)	Dec. 31 YTD \$562,180 (\$12,829 Budget Booster included)

BUDGET FOR DECEMBER 31 YTD: \$ 615,500

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:
Dec. 31 YTD \$ 19,280

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:
Jan. 2019 - Dec. 31 YTD \$ 26,833

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:
Dec. 31 YTD \$2,643,248	Dec. 31 YTD \$2,636,321

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

welcome



Welcome to Sligo. Are you in need of peace and hope? Today we continue our journey in the book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is said to be an important book for our time. We will continue looking at a verse that’s precious to many; verse 29:11. We will talk about how we as Gentiles can claim this beautiful promise of hope and peace made to Israel, God’s covenant people. It was a period of storm and stress; and one could say that it sounds a bit like today. But through it all, God took care of Jeremiah so that he could keep bringing hope and peace to those who chose to trust God.

- Hazel Marroquin

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

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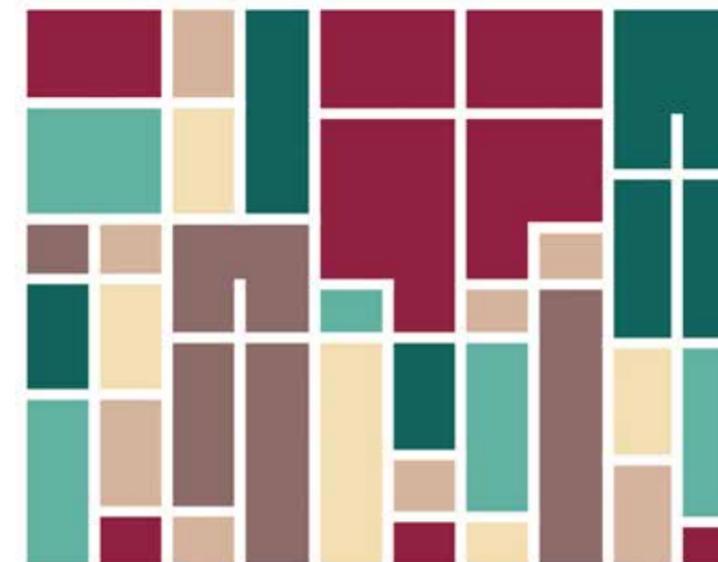
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THE CHURCH at worship



CHRIST FIRST

JANUARY 9, 2021
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.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

we gather in his name

Song of Gathering

Be Still My Soul / No. 461

Sligo Live

Women's Ministry

Pranitha Fielder

Welcome & Church Life

Pranitha Fielder

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

Peace, Perfect Peace / No. 463

Prayer

Amram Ewo

we reflect

Children's Message

Ron DeClerck

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)

Afia Ewo

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for prosperity and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Music for Meditation

Such an Awesome God / Maverick City Music

Sermon

Peace While Waiting on God

Hazel Marroquin

Invitation to Give

Hazel Marroquin

we go to serve

Benediction

Hazel Marroquin

Postlude

Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" / Albert L. Travis

"We've come this far by faith,

Leaning on the Lord.

Trusting in his Holy Word.

He's never failed us yet."

- Albert A. Goodson

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist

Aaron Wilson, chorister

Sara Devaraj, vocalist

Litany for a New Year

- Fran Pratt

God, in the past year

We have been tested and tried.

We have been given joys and pains in their measure

Laughter and sadness in their measure.

And now we look forward into a new year,

A new leg of our journey,

Knowing that not everything will be easy

Joy and pain, laughter and sadness will meet us in turn.

Help us to live this year with intention

With compassion

With attention

With assertiveness

With kindness toward all (including ourselves)

With purpose

With calm

With gratitude.

And whatever storms we must navigate

Whatever roads we must travel

Be present with us.

Speak to us of your mercy;

Speak to us of your love,

That we may in turn speak mercy and love into being

In this world

And in this year.

Amen

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Royal Commission:

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isa. 6:8). Having been purified, Isaiah immediately responded to God's call for a representative whom He could send out on His behalf. In New Testament terms, Isaiah would have been called an apostle; that is, "one who is sent."

Interestingly enough, the book of Isaiah does not begin, as do some other prophetic books, with the prophet describing his prophetic call (compare Jer. 1:4–10, Ezekiel 1–3). In other words, he must have already been called to be a prophet, even before the events of chapter 6. The Bible does show that a divine encounter can encourage a prophet even after the ministry has begun (Moses: Exodus 34; Elijah: 1 Kings 19). In contrast to other examples, too, where God tells people they are to be prophets, in Isaiah 6 the prophet volunteers for a special mission. It appears that chapters 1–5 of Isaiah represent conditions at the time when Isaiah was first called, after which God jump-started his ministry by encouraging him at the temple and reconfirming his commission as God's prophetic spokesman.

Not only does God's sanctuary throb with awesome power but also it's a place where weak and faulty people such as ourselves can find refuge. We can be reassured by knowing that God is working to rescue us through Christ, our High Priest.

John also saw Christ represented as a sacrificial lamb that had just been slaughtered, its throat slit (Rev. 5:6). This was not a pretty sight. The description makes the point that although Christ was raised from the dead and has ascended to heaven, He continually carries the Cross event with Him. He is still lifted up in order to draw all people to Himself at His altar.



sabbath devotional:

"There is no other ground of peace than this. The grace of Christ received into the heart, subdues enmity; it allays strife and fills the soul with love. He who is at peace with God and his fellow men cannot be made miserable. Envy will not be in his heart; evil surmisings will find no room there; hatred cannot exist. The heart that is in harmony with God is a partaker of the peace of heaven and will diffuse its blessed influence on all around. The spirit of peace will rest like dew upon hearts weary and troubled with worldly strife." MB 27.3

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



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.

Prayer Requests:

Families of these deceased: Michael Cox, Jean Opilla, Michael Smith

For Healing and Comfort: Dorina Barnwell, Keith Mack

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), 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.

Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering – Contact Pr. Cheryl Wilson-Bridges at 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.

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 the names of any elderly members who need the support of the church during these challenging times.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington remains open to help families: PLEASE help replenish ACSGW's pantry. Drop off donations at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Thank you!

Sligo Women's Ministry invites you to "Wellness Wheel" Online Live Sessions. Wellness is more than health. Covid-19 has impacted all of us—men, women, young and old alike. Amid the pandemic upheaval, we must learn to balance the many dimensions of our lives: the physical, spiritual, social, financial, vocational and emotional. When one dimension is out of balance, it affects the entire body. We cannot achieve total wellness passively. It requires active awareness and commitment through our daily choices. Join us and learn to balance your life. This live one-hour six-part series will be held on Sabbath afternoons at 3:30 p.m. beginning January 16, 2021, and continuing bi-weekly until March 29. Speakers include Dr. Donna Willis Iden, Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Jamie Domm, Pr. Hazel Ramirez Marroquin, Fiona Peart and Lorette Gray. Register at www.sligochurch.org Additional information can be found at <https://sligowomensministry.org/wellness-wheel-2021>