

A Prayer of George Herbert

My God, what is a heart?
 Silver, or gold, or precious stone,
 Or star, or rainbow, or a part
 Of all these things or all of them in one?

My God, what is a heart?
 That thou should'st it so eye, and woo,
 Pouring upon it all thy art,
 As if that thou hadst nothing else to do?

Indeed man's whole estate
 Amounts (and richly) to serve thee:
 He did not heav'n and earth create,
 Yet studies them, not him by whom they be.

Teach me thy love to know;
 That this new light, which now I see,
 May both the work and workman show:
 Then by a sun-beam I will climb to thee.

“Christ has no body now but yours.
 No hands, no feet on earth but
 yours. Yours are the eyes through
 which he looks compassion on this
 world. Yours are the feet with which
 he walks to do good. Yours are the
 hands through which he blesses all the
 world. Yours are the hands, yours are
 the feet, yours are the eyes, you are
 his body. Christ has no body now on
 earth but yours.”

- Teresa of Avila

calendar of events (Children & Family Ministries)

August 14 SWAG-Memorial Chapel 11:00 am
 September 11 Children's Church-Memorial Chapel 11:00 am
 October 9 SWAG-Memorial Chapel 11:00 am
 November 13-Children's Church-Memorial Chapel 11:00 am
 December 11-SWAG-Memorial Chapel 11:00 am

worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. in the
 Sanctuary, via Livestream: <media.
 sligochurch.org> or on YouTube for our
 12th Annual Homecoming celebration.
 Potomac Conference President, Charles A.
 Tapp, will share a message with us.

profile of giving - July 24

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.

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
July 25	\$ 7,924	July 24	\$ 7,127
July 25 YTD	\$293,998	July 24 YTD	\$ 253,456

BUDGET FOR JULY 24 YTD: \$ 300,212

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	
May - July 24	\$ 15,856
July 24 YTD	\$ 20,967

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:	
Aug. 2019 - July 24 YTD	\$ 37,912

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

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
July 25	\$ 35,130	July 24	\$ 36,466
July 25 YTD	\$1,290,733	July 24 YTD	\$1,199,750

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

worship.nurture.outreach

welcome



Welcome to Sligo Church. If you are
 visiting with us, please fill out a pew
 card and drop it in the offering plate,
 as we would like to reach out to you to
 become better acquainted. Many times,
 we consciously or unconsciously expect to
 have the good we do come back to us, if not now, then
 in the life to come. While I think it's true to the extent
 that there is cause and effect in our world, when doing
 good is about receiving good, we risk doing good
 for the wrong reasons and perhaps are less likely to
 do good when there is no return. Additionally, when
 we do good for the sake of eternal reward, we often
 burden ourselves with the work Christ took on himself.
 We will find rest when the things we do are rooted
 in love rather than fear.
 - Jonathan Gantt

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
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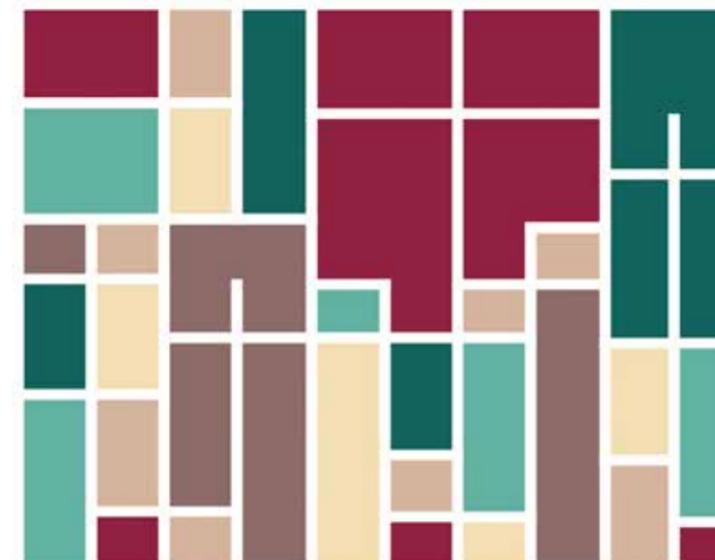
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THE CHURCH
 at worship



CHRIST FIRST

JULY 31, 2021
 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

Rise Up, O Church of God / No. 615

Sligo Live

Hazel Marroquin

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Welcome & Church Life

Naomy Rodrigues

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing / No. 334

Prayer

Jonathan Lopez

we reflect

Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

Scripture Reading

Vannya Huarca

Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Music for Meditation

The Love of God / arr. C. Heskey & A. Ottley

Sermon

Jonathan Gantt

Be Good for Goodness Sake

Invitation to Give

Jonathan Gantt

Offertory

Andante Cantabile, from Sonata No. 10, k. 330 / W. A. Mozart

we go to serve

Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be / No. 330

(stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Benediction

Jonathan Gantt

Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 / J. S. Bach

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist

Lorette Gray, chorister

Sasha Velgosh, pianist

Dwight Monkou, vocalist

Takoma Park Church Strings

O Do Some Good Deed Every Day

- Eben Rexford

O do some good deed every day,

And speak kind words along the way;

O sing a glad and cheerful song,

For it may make some weak heart strong.

O do some good deed every day,

Then will the loving Master say:

Your deeds wrought in My name shall be

Recorded as done unto Me.

O help a brother bear his load

O'er life's uphill and dreary road;

With those who need, share ev'ry day

The blessings God has sent your way.

O seek, and you will always find

The sheaves of good to reap and bind;

There's something you can do or say

For Christ the Master's sake each day.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

'I Am Gentle and Lowly in Heart':

Gentleness is an underrated quality today. Humility is laughed at. Social media has taught us to pay attention to the loud, the noisy, the weird and wild, and the flamboyant. Truly so many of the world's standards are the opposite of what God deems important and valuable.

"A knowledge of the truth depends not so much upon strength of intellect as upon pureness of purpose, the simplicity of an earnest, dependent faith. To those who in humility of heart seek for divine guidance, angels of God draw near. The Holy Spirit is given to open to them the rich treasures of the truth."—Ellen G. White

Paul refers to "the meekness and gentleness of Christ" in 2 Corinthians 10:1. Meekness and humility are not descriptions of pushovers, of people who cannot stand their own ground. Jesus Himself did not seek confrontation and often avoided it because His mission had not yet been fulfilled (John 4:1–3). When confrontation came to Him, however, He responded boldly. Yet, at the same time, He spoke kindly. His laments over Jerusalem just prior to the cross, for example, were not shouted curses but tear-filled word pictures of a devastating future (Luke 19:41–44).

...we need a Savior who can stand in our stead, not just as an Intercessor but as our Substitute. Intercession is important, but it is only God hanging on the cross as our Sin Bearer, as the One who paid in Himself the penalty for our sin, who can save us from the legal consequences that our sins would, justly, bring on us. This is why, however great the example Jesus was for us, it would all be for nothing without the Cross and the Resurrection.



sabbath devotional:

"Nothing in the golden rule says that others will treat us as we have treated them. It only says we must treat others in a way that we would want to be treated"

- Rosa Parks

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: Reginald Bouknight, Doris Lewis, Henry & Sharon Fordham, David Foulkes, Mildred Graham
For Healing and Comfort: Paul J. Meacham, II, Pierce J. Meacham, Paityn J. Meacham, Fordham family, Elizabeth Tomenko

We are saddened to announce the passing of Doris Lewis, long-time member of Sligo Church, on July 25, 2021. The family will have a private burial service in Hanover, PA, her hometown. Her daughter, Louise Lewis has worked in the Financial Aid Office at Washington Adventist University for many years.

Receptionists Needed for Church Office: We are looking for members who are willing to volunteer a few hours each week to serve as receptionists in the church office. Duties include answering phones, checking messages, greeting visitors, accepting deliveries and providing support to the pastors and staff as directed by the Office Manager. For further information, please contact Kathleen Driscoll on 301-270-6777, ext. 239 or via <kdriscoll@sligochurch.org>

Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering – Contact Myrna Bas at <myrnbas@gmail.com> 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>, 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.

Caring for One Another is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. We want to ensure that our elderly members have their basic needs met during this time of social distancing. Please share with Pranitha Fielder <pfielder@sligochurch.org>, our congregational care pastor, the name of any elderly member who in your opinion needs the support of the church during these challenging times.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) is as essential as ever. Thanks for your faithful & generous support during these past 15 months. You have made a difference for so many neighbors in need. Hygiene items and laundry soap "PODS" requests outstrip the supply. Drop donations in the blue collection bins at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Thank you!

Sligo Book Club: Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on 8/11/21 for our Zoom book club discussion. This month we will be discussing Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. Please contact Kay Rosburg at <rosburgkay@gmail.com> to receive the Zoom invite. We look forward to seeing you!