

## A prayer of St. Augustine

O Holy Spirit, Love of God,  
pour out your grace,  
and descend plentifully into my heart.

Enlighten the dark corners of  
this neglected dwelling,  
and scatter there your cheerful  
beams.

Dwell in that soul that longs to  
be your temple.

Water that barren soil, overrun  
with weeds and briars,

and lost for lack of cultivating,  
and make it fruitful with your  
dew from heaven.

Come, refreshment of those  
who languish and faint.

Come, Star and Guide of those  
who sail in the tempestuous  
sea of the world.

You are the only Haven of the  
tossed and shipwrecked.

Come, Glory and Crown of the  
living, and only Safeguard of  
the dying.

Come, Holy Spirit, in your  
great mercy, and make me fit  
to receive you.

Amen.

***But the wisdom from above  
is first pure, then peaceable,  
gentle, willing to yield, full of  
mercy and good fruits, without a  
trace of partiality or hypocrisy.***

***James 3:17 (NRSV)***

### worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via  
Livestream: <media.sligochurch.  
org> or on YouTube as Senior  
Pastor, Alex Barrientos, shares a  
message with us.

### profile of giving -October 9

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>	
Oct. 10	\$ 6,141	Oct. 9	\$ 10,314
Oct. 10 YTD	\$ 385,884	Oct. 9 YTD	\$ 352,193

**BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 9 YTD:** \$398,912

<b>CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AND ORGAN REPAIR:</b>	
May - Oct. 9	\$ 38,447
Oct. 9 YTD	\$ 46,129

<b>BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:</b>	
Aug. 2019 - Oct. 9 YTD	\$ 39,090

**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>	
Oct. 10	\$ 45,484	Oct. 9	\$ 50,684
Oct. 10 YTD	\$ 1,844,775	Oct. 9 YTD	\$ 1,672,113

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

[worship.nurture.outreach](http://worship.nurture.outreach)

### welcome



It is my distinct pleasure to personally welcome you to Sligo. Last week you welcomed and embraced our family with enthusiasm and joy, allowing our hearts to experience the love and support of the Sligo family. We cannot thank you enough from the bottom of our hearts! Wisdom is often called upon to assist in critical moments within organization(s), family and personal life decisions. Wisdom is frequently reserved for those who have obtained experience and mature age. In the Scriptures however, wisdom plays a multifaceted role in the life of those who "fear the Lord" especially as a summons to a life of righteousness, peace and justice. And if Jesus is "the Wisdom of God" and "Lord", how would this change, if at all, our concepts of how wisdom plays into our everyday life as a believer? What if wisdom was reshaped by the Cross, would it reshape the story of the church and how it tells it? May the Spirit lead us continually as we hear the word of the Lord.

- Alex Barrientos

### 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](http://sligochurch.org/connect2ministry)

### who can help

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FAX: 301.270.3518      [www.sligochurch.org](http://www.sligochurch.org)  
Domestic Violence Hotline: 240.777.4000  
National Suicide Hotline: 1.800.273.8255

**SENIOR PASTOR**  
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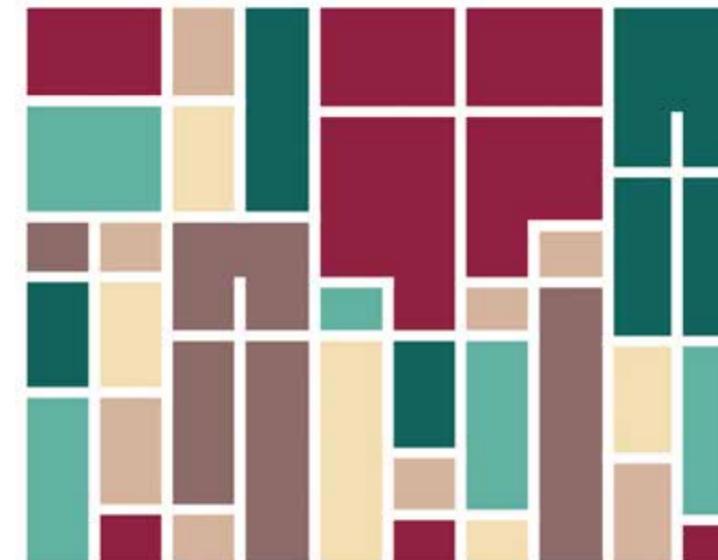
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## THE CHURCH at worship



## CHRIST FIRST

OCTOBER 16, 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

Here I Am To Worship / Tim Hughes

#### Sligo Live

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

Beyond the Walls: Evangelism

#### Welcome & Church Life

Hazel Marroquin

#### Baptism

Charles A. Tapp

George Kopp

Andres Emir Kopp

Julien Yuri Kopp

### we honor and praise him

#### Hymn of Praise

O Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord No. 63

(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5)

#### Prayer

Vernon Bacud

### we reflect

#### Children's Message

Sligo Kids

#### Scripture Reading

Josie DeClerck

Job 28.12-23 (NRSV)

"But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Mortals do not know the way to it, and it is not found in the land of the living. The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' It cannot be gotten for gold, and silver cannot be weighed out as its price. It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold. "Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' "God understands the way to it, and he knows its place.

#### Music for Meditation

Jesus / Phil Thompson

#### Sermon

Alex Barrientos

A Return to Wisdom

#### Invitation to Give

Alex Barrientos

#### Offertory

Lord I Need You / Matt Maher

#### Hymn of Reflection

In the Cross of Christ / No. 237

### we go to serve

#### Benediction

Alex Barrientos

#### Postlude

Toccata on "Lobe den Herren" / arr. Craig Phillips

#### Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist

Naomy Rodrigues, chorister

#### Sligo Band:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., pianist; Leroy Perumal, guitarist;

Jon Mark, bass guitarist; Newton Devaraj, drummer

#### Sligo Singers:

Naomy Rodrigues, Brianna Stewart, Raissa Jei

Labrador

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## I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

### - Ira F. Stanphill

*I don't know about tomorrow,*

*I just live from day to day.*

*I don't borrow from its sunshine,*

*For its skies may turn to gray.*

*I don't worry o'er the future,*

*For I know what Jesus said,*

*And today I'll walk beside Him,*

*For He knows what is ahead.*

*Many things about tomorrow,*

*I don't seem to understand;*

*But I know who holds tomorrow,*

*And I know who holds my hand.*

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

### His Special People:

It's hard for us today to grasp much of what the ancient world was like at the time in which Israel was wandering the wilderness. If whole empires have come and gone, with only ruins (if that) remaining, what can we know of many of the smaller pagan nations that lived in the same area as Israel did?

Not a whole lot, but we do know one thing: these people were steeped in paganism, polytheism, and some utterly degrading practices, which included child sacrifice. Try to imagine just how degrading and evil a culture and a religion would be that would do that to their own children, and do so in the name of some god!

No wonder, again and again, all through the history of ancient Israel, the Lord had warned His people against following the practices of the nations around them. " 'When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations' " (Deut. 18:9, NKJV).

And that's because God had called out this nation for a special purpose. By having entered into the covenant with God, they were to be a special people, a witness to the world of the God who created the heaven and the earth—the only God.



### sabbath devotional:

“Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself.”

- Tom Wilson

## 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:** Almeda Carroll, Vincent Davids  
**For Healing & Comfort:** John Wagner, Yvonne Mark, Kusuma Phillip

**A message from the Barrientos Family:** Last week you welcomed and embraced our family with enthusiasm and joy, allowing our hearts to experience the love and support of the Sligo family. The countless gifts, highlighted community partnerships, and a drive thru full of such beautiful individual/families abundantly filled our hearts. We look forward to ministering and creating memorable moments with you at Sligo and our local communities. Thank you!  
- Anisha, Shanthi, and Pr. Barrientos

**The Sure Word of Prophecy Seminar Series** continues today, commencing at 3:30 p.m. The title of Dr. Stefanovic's presentation is "God Loves Babylonians." For more information, please visit <sligochurch.org>

**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.

#### Membership Report (second reading):

**Joining Sligo:** Laselle Carpenter-Wilson, Clever Salazar, Yvonne Salazar **Joining elsewhere:** Baby Mariano

**Sligo Women's Ministry** Thanksgiving features Mary McFarlane, Floral Designer, on Sunday, November 7, at 3:00 p.m. Pick up ideas and tips to make your Thanksgiving table beautiful. Learn the secrets of putting together a stunning flower arrangement. See what you can do with a simple fruit to decorate the table. You are invited to join via Zoom (Meeting ID: 845 6220 6493 Passcode: 511955) or in person in the Atrium. Watch, ask questions, and see what will work for your family. Register to receive material required to create the flower arrangements and crafts at <www.sligochurch.org>

**Sligo Book Club:** Please join us at 7:00 p.m. on 11/10/21 for our Zoom book club discussion. We will be discussing *The Line Becomes a River* by Francisco Cantu. Please contact Kay Rosburg at <rosburgkay@gmail.com> to receive the Zoom invite. We look forward to seeing you!