



Pr. Alex Barrientos was born and bred in Washington, D.C. Alex began his theological studies at La Universidad Adventista del Plata in Entre Rios, Argentina. He later transferred to Southern Adventist University, Chattanooga, Tennessee and finished his BA in Theology at Washington Adventist University (2011). Whilst a junior at WAU (2009), he became a part-time pastor at Beltsville SDA Church and upon graduation, he became a full-time associate pastor at Capital Memorial SDA Church in Washington, D.C. In 2011, Alex married his best friend and high school sweetheart, Anisha Rao. Anisha has a BA in Early Childhood Education & a Masters in School Counseling. She has a background in Social Work and loves to work for the common good. Sponsored by Potomac Conference, Alex enrolled at the SDA Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he received his Master of Divinity (2014) with an emphasis in Historical Theology. Alex is currently a PH.D. student in Theological Ethics at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. He also works as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Religion at Washington Adventist University.

Alex was ordained in August 2018. He has served the church since the age of 15 in various local church roles and community organizations, the Potomac Conference, Capital Spanish, Beltsville, Capital Memorial, Meadowbridge, Gloucester, Florida Conference (Spring Meadows) and the NAD in various leadership committees. Pr Barrientos and Anisha love spending time with their beautiful daughter, Shanthi. They look forward to growing in faith and community with their new Sligo family.

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

~ Romans 11.33-36 (NRSV)

worship schedule

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

profile of giving - October 2

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<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
Oct. 3	\$ 11,557	Oct. 2	\$ 12,620
Oct. 3 YTD	\$ 379,743	Oct. 2 YTD	\$ 341,879

BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 2 YTD: \$390,696

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AND ORGAN REPAIR:		
May - Oct. 2		\$ 37,081
Oct. 2 YTD		\$ 44,763

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:
Aug. 2019 - Oct. 2 YTD \$ 38,660

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. 3	\$ 70,773	Oct. 2	\$ 49,383
Oct. 3 YTD	\$1,799,291	Oct. 2 YTD	\$1,621,429

Today's designated offering goes to Union Designated. Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

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welcome



Welcome to Sligo today, whether you are worshiping in the physical Sanctuary or in a virtual space. We are called to fellowship and worship by the One whose ways are beyond our comprehension, but whose heart beats in sync with the feelings of each of His children. Today, we welcome not only you, our regular worshippers and guests, we also extend a very warm welcome to our new Senior Pastor,

Alex Barrientos, his wife, Anisha and their daughter, Shanthi. Following several months of prayer and wide consultation, Pastor Barrientos was chosen as Sligo's new Senior Pastor. We are excited about the future of Sligo under the leadership of our Chief Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and our under-shepherd, Pastor Barrientos. He is our preacher today, with a sermon titled, "The Smell of the World." "Without a doubt," said Pastor Barrientos, "we are living in a unique moment in time. Resorting to self-preservation and self-isolation is not a healthy solution for the problems our world faces. We who are called the 'children of God' have a role within the world and our environment that brings glory to God. Today, we will hear through the witness of the Apostle Paul what God may be up to in and for all his creation." May the Spirit enrich our understanding and lead each of us to an appropriate response as we reflect on God's word today.

- Don McFarlane

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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THE CHURCH at worship



CHRIST FIRST

THE INSTALLATION OF SENIOR PASTOR, ALEX BARRIENTOS

OCTOBER 9, 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

Prelude

Fanfare from La Peri / Paul Dukas

Sligo Live

Media Ministry

Leonardo Ramos

Welcome & Church Life

Pranitha Fielder

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord / No. 1

Prayer

James Gulley

Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd / Cissy Houston

Presentation of the Candidate

Rick LaBate

Introduction of Alex Barrientos

Partners in Ministry

Pranitha Fielder

Kate Stewart, Mayor, City of Takoma Park

Ken Flemmer, Executive Director, ACSGW

Weymouth Spence, President, WAU

Kevin Krueger, President & General Manager, WGTS

Cheryl Booker-Malcolm, Principal, TAPS

Cynthia Marshall, Chief Organizer, AIM

Entering Into Covenant

Steve Chavez & Jean Arthur

*Covenant for Ministry

Leader: We gather today to install Alex Barrientos as Senior Pastor of Sligo Church.

People: We ask a divine blessing on this new beginning. We pledge our faithfulness to God and God's purpose for our future together.

Leader: We promise to embrace and nurture Alex, Anisha and Shanthi as part of our church family.

People: We pledge to them our understanding, acceptance, encouragement, love and prayers.

Leader: We covenant to be a loving, caring congregation in partnership with the larger community.

People: We covenant our prayers and pledge our gifts in support of the church's mission: to grow passionate disciples of Jesus through our worship of God, nurture of one another, and outreach to the world.

Leader: Let us affirm our covenant:

People: Empowered by God's purpose for this church, and covenanting that we will pray for you and work beside you, we affirm you, Alex Barrientos, as Senior Pastor of Sligo Church.

Alex Barrientos: *Standing with you, I promise to be a willing servant-leader. I covenant to serve with this congregation, college and community in obedience and faithfulness to the glory of God.*

Leader and the People: We embrace you as Senior Pastor of Sligo Church. We commend you to the grace of God in the discharge of all your duties as a minister of the Gospel. May the Holy Spirit bring to fulfillment God's purpose in you, and may your every act be inspired by faith.

Prayer of Installation

Don McFarlane

we reflect

Children's Message

Griselda Jobe

Scripture Reading

Romans 11:33-36 (NSRV)

Hazel Marroquin

Music for Meditation

Esto Les Digo / Kinley Lange

Sermon

The Smell of the World

Alex Barrientos

Invitation to Give

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

Offertory

Largo, from Symphony No. 9 / arr. Robert D. McCashin

we go to serve

Hymn of Reflection

Lead On, O King Eternal / No. 619

Benediction

Jonathan Gantt

Postlude

Sinfonia from Cantata 29 with We Gather Together /

arr. J.S. Bach / W.P. Alston

Leading our music today are:

Patrick Alston, organist

Charlene Milam, chorister

Sligo Youth & Young Adult Choir/Sligo Strings

Lulu Mupfumbu, director

Washington Concert Winds

Michael Patterson, director

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

The Ministry of Moses:

All through the Bible, the presence of Moses is felt. And though he's not mentioned until Exodus 2:2, he had written the book of Genesis, God's authoritative and foundational story of who we are, how we got here, why things are as bad as they are and, yet, why we can hope anyway. Creation, the Fall, the promise of Redemption, the Flood, Abraham, the gospel—all have their roots in Genesis, and its author was the prophet Moses. It's hard to gauge adequately the influence that this one man, hardly flawless, was nevertheless able to exert for God because he loved the Lord and wanted to serve Him.

Even though Moses had nothing to do with the sin, he sought to intercede for this sinful people, even being willing to lose his own soul on their behalf. Fascinatingly enough, in Exodus 32:32, when Moses asks God to "forgive their sin," the verb actually means "to bear." Thus, Moses—understanding the gravity of sin and what it took to atone for it—asked God indeed to "bear" their sin. And that is because this is the only way, ultimately, that their sin, any sin, could be forgiven.

Thus, here we have, early in the Bible, a powerful expression of substitution, in which God Himself, in the person of Jesus, will bear in Himself the full brunt and penalty of our sin—God's preordained way of salvation for humanity while remaining true to the principles of His government and law.

Indeed, many centuries later Peter would write about Jesus: "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24, NKJV).

Meanwhile, what we see in this story of Moses and his reaction to their sin is Moses in the role of intercessor on behalf of a fallen, sinful people, a precursor to what Jesus also will do for us (see Heb. 7:25).



sabbath devotional:

“It is our great and blessed fortune that our lives are never left to themselves alone. We are visited in ways that we can understand and in ways that are beyond our understanding, by highlights, great moments of inspiration, quiet reassurances of grace, simple manifestations of gratuitous expressions of the goodness of life.”

- Howard Thurman

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: Almada Carroll, Vincent Davids, Prakash Borge, Victor Phillips, Carol Wright

For Healing & Comfort: John Wagner, Yvonne Mark, Joselaine Bazile

You are invited to attend a Drive-Thru Welcome Celebration for the Barrientos family in the parking lot facing the front of the church on Flower Avenue immediately following the service today.

“What Does God's Justice Look Like for the Poor?”

Dr. Olive Hemmings, Washington Adventist University Religion professor, shares insight into how each of us is part of God's mission for justice. Pr. Pranitha Fielder will moderate a panel discussion on serving the needs of immigrants, students and refugees. Can we make a difference? Friday 7:00 p.m., October 8. The Association of Adventist Women's conference series will continue virtually October 16, 23, & 29 - on racial justice, women pastors, and access to healthcare, and conclude October 30 with the Women of the Year Awards banquet, 7:00 p.m. Pacific at <www.associationofadventistwomen.com>

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 (first 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>