

**CELEBRATE WITH US THIS SEASON!**

- **Friday, December 3 @ 7:30 p.m.**  
Washington Adventist University Annual Christmas Concert. Featuring music by Columbia Collegiate Chorale, Pro Musica of WAU, Concert Winds & New England Youth Ensemble of WAU.
- **Saturday, December 4 @ 11 a.m.**  
First Week of Advent Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church Hybrid Worship Service. Featuring Columbia Collegiate Chorale & New England Youth Ensemble of WAU with a message from Senior Pastor Alex Barrientos
- **Friday, December 10 @ 7 p.m.**  
Takoma Academy Christmas Celebration - "Come! Worship the King!" Featuring 2018 World Choir Games Winners Takoma Academy Chorale.
- **Saturday, December 11 @ 11 a.m.**  
Second Week of Advent Communion Hybrid Worship Service. Featuring music by Leighton Kennedy with a message from Senior Pastor Alex Barrientos
- **Sunday, December 12 @ 3 p.m.**  
Montgomery Symphony Orchestra Winter Concert. Featuring a collection of winter and holiday music
- **Saturday, December 18 @ 11 a.m.**  
Third Week of Advent Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church Hybrid Worship Service. Featuring music by Sligo Youth & Young Adult Choir and Sligo Singers with a message from Senior Pastor Alex Barrientos
- **Saturday, December 18 @ 4 p.m.**  
Blue Christmas - A special service that expresses our sadness over the losses for this year but focuses on the Hope we have in Jesus Christ.
- **Saturday, December 25 @ 11 a.m.**  
Fourth Week of Advent Christmas at Sligo "A Thrill of Hope." Featuring music by Sligo Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra, Sligo Children's Choir, Duawne Starling, Sean Tillery, and more with Christmas music and messages for everyone in your family to enjoy.

**"When we bless God for mercies, we usually prolong them. When we bless God for miseries, we usually end them. Praise is the honey of life which a devout heart extracts from every bloom of providence and grace."**

**-Charles Spurgeon**

**worship schedule**

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Sligo's Senior Pastor, Alex Barrientos, shares a message with us for Advent 1.

**profile of giving - November 20**

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.

<b>Last Year:</b>		<b>This Year:</b>	
Nov. 21	\$ 6,365	Nov. 20	\$ 6,659
Nov. 21 YTD	\$ 432,682	Nov. 20 YTD	\$ 421,993

**BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 20 YTD:** \$450,560

**CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:**  
May - Nov. 20 \$ 39,442  
Nov. 20 YTD \$ 44,533

**ORGAN REPAIR:**  
May - Nov. 20 \$ 33,576

**BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:**  
Aug. 2019 - Nov. 20 YTD \$ 39,835

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

<b>Last Year:</b>		<b>This Year:</b>	
Nov. 21	\$ 32,872	Nov. 20	\$ 38,962
Nov. 21 YTD	\$ 2,109,538	Nov. 20 YTD	\$ 1,929,658

Today's designated offering goes to Conference Evangelism/ Education.  
Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

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**welcome**



Welcome to Sligo. We are delighted that you have joined us in person or on any of our media platforms. We pray you are richly blessed this morning. We all find ourselves

restless at various points in our lives. This can obviously occur when we feel lost, but in less obvious ways we can feel it when we are moving towards success, or even when we have found success. We know, of course, that it is possible to gain whatever world we are seeking and lose our soul in the process. It is my prayer that we would find rest in God and in doing so our souls would feel their worth.

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

**who can help**

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National Suicide Hotline: 1.800.273.8255

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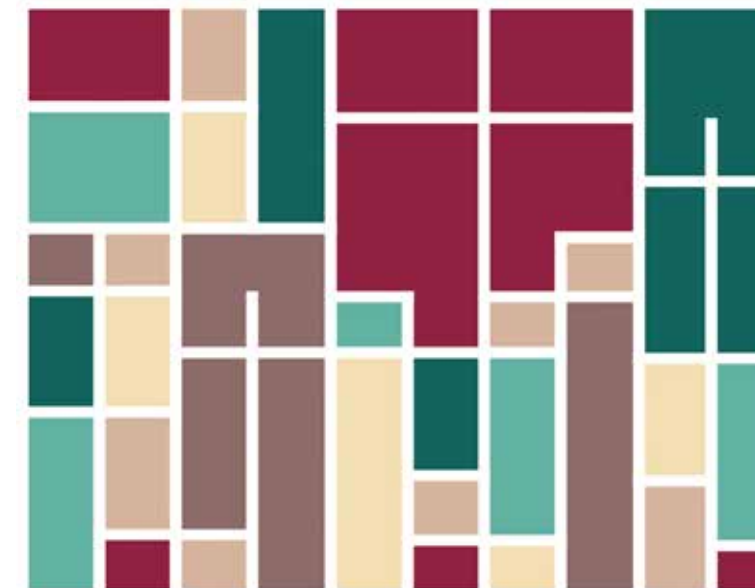
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THE CHURCH  
at worship



**CHRIST FIRST**

**NOVEMBER 27, 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

All the Way / No. 516

#### Sligo Live

Paul Byssainthe, Jr.

Advent

#### Welcome & Church Life

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

### we honor and praise him

#### Hymn of Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King / No. 2

#### Prayer

Elizabeth Abel

### we reflect

#### Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

#### Scripture Reading

Christine Poole

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (BSB)

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men, yet they cannot fathom the work that God has done from beginning to end.

#### Music for Meditation

Stand the Storm / arr. Tim Amukele

#### Sermon

Jonathan Gantt

Long Lay the World

#### Invitation to Give

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

#### Offertory

Guide My Feet / Jacqueline B. Hairston

#### Hymn of Reflection

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less / No. 522

### we go to serve

#### Benediction

Jonathan Gantt

#### Postlude

Toccata, from Suite Gothique / Leon Boellman

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#### Leading our music today are:

Adam Graham, pianist & organist

Judith Pino, chorister

Candace Williams, vocalist

### A Puritan Prayer of Thanksgiving

*O my God,  
Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects,  
my heart admired, adores, loves thee,  
for my little vessel is as full as it can be,  
and I would pour out all that fullness before thee  
in ceaseless flow.*

*When I think upon and converse with thee  
ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up,  
ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed,  
ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart,  
crowding into every moment of happiness.*

*I bless thee for the soul thou hast created,  
for adorning it, sanctifying it,  
though it is fixed in barren soil;  
for the body thou hast given me,  
for preserving its strength and vigour,  
for providing senses to enjoy delights,  
for the ease and freedom of my limbs,  
for hands, eyes, ears that do thy bidding,  
for thy royal bounty providing my daily support,  
for a full table and overflowing cup,  
for appetite, taste, sweetness,  
for social joys of relatives and friends,  
for ability to serve others,  
for a heart that feels sorrows and necessities,  
for a mind to care for my fellow-men,  
for opportunities of spreading happiness around,  
for loved ones in the joys of heaven,  
for my own expectation of seeing thee clearly.*

*I love thee above the powers of language  
to express,  
for what thou art to thy creatures.*

*Increase my love, O my God, through time  
and eternity.*

Amen

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

### Mi-Yitten:

Biblical Hebrew, like most languages, is sprinkled with idioms, when specific words are used to mean something different from what they actually say. One idiom in the Old Testament is Mi-yitten. Mi is the question "who?" and yitten means "will give." So, literally, Mi-yitten is "Who will give?"

In the Old Testament, however, the phrase expresses the idea of a wish, of a desire, of someone wanting something badly. For instance, after their escape from Egypt, the children of Israel, facing challenges in the wilderness, exclaimed, "'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt!'" (Exod. 16:3, NIV). The phrase "if only" came from mi-yitten. In Psalm 14:7 David utters, "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!" The Hebrew doesn't say "Oh"; it says mi-yitten. In Job 6:8, when he exclaims, "Oh, that I might have my request" (NKJV)—"Oh" is, again, from mi-yitten.

Here is the Lord—the Creator God, the One who made space, time, and matter, the One who spoke our world into existence, the One who breathed into Adam the breath of life—uttering a phrase generally associated with the weaknesses and limitations of humanity. What an example of the reality of free will! Here we see that there are limits to what God can do in the midst of the great controversy. This use of mi-yitten reveals that even God can't trample on free will; for the moment He did, it would no longer be free.

And just as we humans are free to sin, we also are free to choose the Lord, to choose to be open to His leading, to choose, by responding to His Spirit, to repent from our sins and to follow Him. Ultimately the choice is ours, and ours alone, and it is a choice that we have to make day by day, moment by moment.



### sabbath devotional:

“You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.”

- Augustine, Confessions

## 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:** Ivan Leigh Warden, George Bartles  
**For Healing & Comfort:** Melissa Jutzuy, Kusuma Philip

**Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering** – Contact Myrna Bas at <myrnarbas@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.

**Our Sligo Children's Choir** is restarting and wants YOUR child to become our newest member! Our director, Joya Follette, is excited to work together with all of our children and their parents. We invite you and your children ages 3-12 to participate in this disciple-making ministry. For more information, please contact Joya Follette at <jkf5302@gmail.com>

**The Adventurer Club** is collecting shoe donations for a great cause! If you have gently worn or new shoes, please start collecting them now in preparation for the Adventurer Shoe Drive. Shoes must be in pairs and gently worn or new only. Our Shoe Drive will help families in need and help with fundraising for the club. Please contact Ms. Gabby at <adventurers@sligochurch.org> for more information.

#### Membership Report (first reading):

**Joining Sligo:** Alex Barrientos, Anisha Rao, Quincy Magee, Jr., Sharmela Turner

**Joining elsewhere:** Ponnamma David, Michael Devore, Rosemarie Flores, Jose Ramos, Meka Schwartz, Deonta Taylor, Dana Tenali

#### Nominating Report (first reading):

**Deaconess:** Laila Sookram

**Adventurers Assistant Director:** Dana Audain

**Pathfinder Deputy Director:** Rowena Hutchins

**A note from Cynthia Marshall:** "Thank you so much for the wonderful award on Saturday. I am humbled to be chosen by both you and Sligo to receive this honor. Sligo has such a special place in my heart, and I have learned so much from each of you. It has been a hard year professionally for me (albeit not on account of AIM!), and to be recognized for my work by you at this time makes it particularly meaningful. Thank you so much, and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!"

**A note from Terri Jo Hayes:** "On behalf of the family of Almeda Carroll, Elder Terri Jo Hayes wishes to thank the Sligo Family for your prayers, words of comfort, and kind gestures of support during our time of bereavement. May God bless you all."

**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 Praniitha 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.