

Excerpt from “Brother”

- Gavin DeGraw, Nathaniel Rinehart, William Rinehart

Ramblers in the wilderness
 We can't find what we need
 We get a little restless from the searching
 Get a little worn down in between
 Like a bull chasing the matador
 Is the man left to his own schemes
 Everybody needs someone beside 'em
 Shining like a lighthouse from the sea

Brother, let me be your shelter
 Never leave you all alone
 I can be the one you call
 When you're low
 Brother, let me be your fortress
 When the night winds are driving on
 Be the one to light the way
 Bring you home

Face down in the desert now
 There's a cage locked around my heart
 I found a way to drop the keys
 where my failures were
 Now my hands can't reach that far
 I ain't made for a rivalry
 I could never take the world alone
 I know that in my weakness I am strong
 But it's your love that brings me home

Brother, let me be your shelter
 Never leave you all alone
 I can be the one you call
 When you're low
 Brother, let me be your fortress
 When the night winds are driving on
 Be the one to light the way
 Bring you home

And when you call
 And need me near
 Sayin' where'd you go?
 Brother, I'm right here
 And on those days
 When the sky begins to fall
 You're the blood of my blood
 We can get through it all

Brother, let me be your shelter
 Never leave you all alone...

“There is no way from one person to another. However loving and sympathetic we try to be, however sound our psychology, however frank and open our behavior, we cannot penetrate the incognito of the other man, for there are no direct relationships, not even between soul and soul. Christ stands between us, and we can only get into touch with our neighbors through him. That is why intercession is the most promising way to reach our neighbors, and corporate prayer, offered in the name of Christ, the purest form of fellowship.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Sligo's Pastor for Worship, Cheryl Wilson-Bridges, shares a message titled, “Healing in Hardship.”

profile of giving - January 15

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>	
Jan. 16	\$ 4,885	Jan. 15	\$ 4,944
Jan. 16 YTD	\$ 12,066	Jan. 15 YTD	\$ 11,716

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	
May 2021 - Jan. 15	\$ 45,108
Jan. 15 YTD	\$ 50,219

ORGAN REPAIR:	
May 2021 - Jan. 15 YTD	\$ 34,276

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:	
Aug. 2019 - Jan. 15 YTD	\$ 46,532

TITHES: 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>	
Jan. 16	\$ 32,640	Jan. 15	\$ 29,764
Jan. 16 YTD	\$ 69,983	Jan. 15 YTD	\$ 70,220

Today's designated offering goes to Local Conference Advance.

Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

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welcome



Welcome to Sligo. Thank you for joining us online for worship. I pray you and your family are richly blessed this morning. It is the first winter Shanthi, my daughter, gets to build her first “snowman.” To witness how she gathered her portions of snow and then

waited for me to gather my own brought so much joy. Without a blueprint, we began to stack our portions slowly, taking turns, creating the most imperfect perfect snowman. It was ours and our time together was priceless. What a wonder it is that the simplicity of building something together brought profound joy. However small/large our snow portions were, we built *something*. God has given us gifts not only to build, but to make connections with one another. This week we will learn how the gifts of the spirit contribute in building God's kingdom while nurturing each other's calling. May the Lord continue to strengthen our connections!

- 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

who can help

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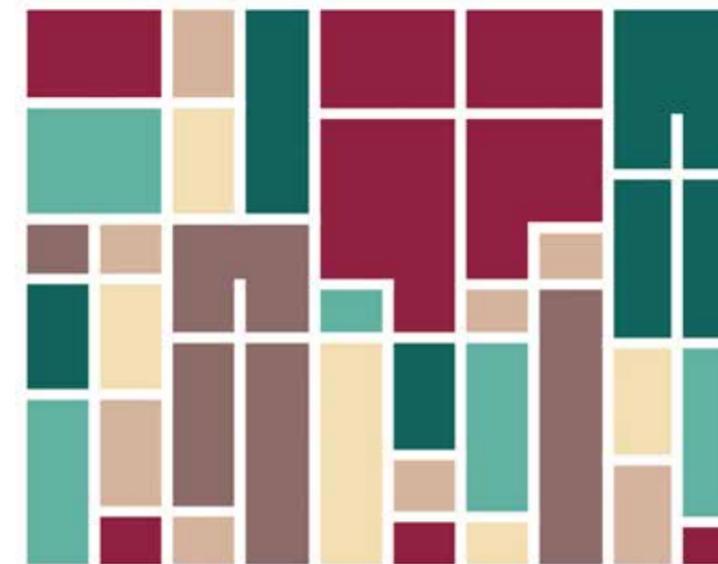
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THE CHURCH at worship



CHRIST FIRST

JANUARY 22, 2022
 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.

we gather in his name

Song of Gathering

Jesus Is All the World to Me / No. 185

SligoLive J. Gantt & C. Wilson-Bridges
MLK Commemoration

Welcome & Church Life Pranitha Fielder

Baptism Cheryl Wilson-Bridges
Marie Blackmon
Christine Poole

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

To God Be the Glory / No. 341

Prayer Zdravko Plantak

we reflect

Children's Message Hazel Marroquin

Scripture Reading Lidija Plantak
1 Corinthians 3.4-9 (NRSV)

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Music for Meditation

Your Nature / Kari Jobe

Sermon Alex Barrientos
An Entangled Spirit

Invitation to Give Pranitha Fielder

we go to serve

Benediction Alex Barrientos

Postlude
Toccata in D minor / Gordon Baluch Nevin

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr, organist & pianist
Naomy Rodrigues, chorister
Sara Devaraj, vocalist

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- John Fawcett (1782)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear, and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way; while each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free; and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Perfected Through Sufferings:

The apostle says that God made Jesus "perfect through sufferings." This expression is surprising. Jesus underwent a process of "perfecting" that provided Him with the means to save us. Jesus was perfected in the sense that He was equipped to be our Savior.

- Jesus was "perfected" through sufferings in order to become the Captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10). Jesus had to die on the cross as a sacrifice so that the Father could have the legal means to save us. Jesus was the perfect sacrificial offering, the only one. As God, Jesus could judge us; but, because of His sacrifice, Jesus also can save us.
- Jesus learned obedience through sufferings (Heb. 5:8). Obedience was necessary for two things. First, obedience made His sacrifice acceptable (Heb. 9:14, Heb. 10:5-10). Second, His sufferings enabled Him to become our Example (Heb. 5:9). Jesus "learned" obedience because He never experienced it before. As God, whom would He have to obey? As the eternal Son, and one with God, He was obeyed as the Ruler of the universe. Therefore, Jesus did not progress from disobedience to obedience, but from sovereignty and dominion to submission and obedience. The exalted Son of God became the obedient Son of man.
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sabbath devotional:

"But if this God is more than an idol of human male power, then we have to do with a relation that exceeds knowing not just by way of unsaying but of feeling, action, and contemplation. Heart, will, mind. God names our relation to everything, including God. Not just any relation, but an amorously boundless one. It is a relation, and so a God, which permits our participation."

- Catherine Keller



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: Ponnamma Mark, Margarita Cohello, Hephzi Ohal, Chandel Brown, Glynroy Stracham Sr.
For Healing & Comfort: Elisa De Asis, Jesús Llacsá, Jennifer Tyndaal

A funeral service will be held for Hephzi Ohal

tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. in Burnt Mills SDA Church (10915 Lockwood Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901).

Farewell for Pr. Cheryl Wilson-Bridges: On Sabbath afternoon, January 29, members of the Sligo Community will have the opportunity to say goodbye to her and her husband, Conrad, at a drive-thru in the Greenwood Avenue parking lot, between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your cards and gifts for the celebration of Cheryl's ministry. Let's show our love and make this a memorable event!

Memorial Service: A celebration of the life of Israel "Tate" Castro will take place at 3:00 p.m. on Sabbath, April 9, 2022 in the Sanctuary.

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.

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.

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.