



**Caring for One Another** is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. We want to ensure that our members are cared for. Please call the church office at 301-270-6777 or email Pr. Hazel Marroquin <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org> with names of any members who need support from the church during these challenging times.

**Homeless Ministry:** Join the Youth & Young Adults on the first Sabbath of every month at 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Room to assemble lunch bags and distribute for the homelessness.

**Refugee Ministry:** Join the Young Adults on the third Sunday of every month to move furniture and set up apartments for refugee families. If you have furniture you'd like to donate we will gladly accept that as well. For more information, contact Jonathan Gantt at <jgantt@sligochurch.org>

**GLOW Worship is taking a break for the month of Advent,** Young Adults join us when we resume again on January 7, 2023 and celebrate Advent with us in the main service throughout December.

**Friday Night Vespers:** College Students, and Young Professionals, come join us for vespers every Friday night in the Youth Room at 7:00 p.m.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Bulletin information deadline is Monday evening!** E-mail information to: <kdriscoll@sligochurch.org>

**Sligo Live:** If you have a story, a subject or an individual that you would like to see featured on Sligo Live, please contact Pastor Barrientos at <abarrientos@sligochurch.org> or 301-270-6777, ext. 126

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### calendar of events

**Prayer Gathering every week, via Zoom**  
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m./Sundays 11:00 a.m.

**December 3, Saturday**  
Advent I, Sligo Church, 11:00 a.m.

**December 10, Saturday**  
Advent II, Sligo Church, 11:00 a.m.

**December 17, Saturday, Communion**  
Advent III, Sligo Church, 11:00 a.m.

**December 24, Saturday**  
Advent IV, Sligo Church, 11:00 a.m.

**December 31, Saturday**  
Worship Service, Sligo Church, 11:00 a.m.

### worship schedule

Join us next Sabbath at 11:00 a.m. in person, on YouTube or live stream <media.sligochurch.org> as Senior Pastor, Alex Barrientos, shares a message with us.

### profile of giving - November 12

**CHURCH BUDGET:** This offering pays for the worship, nurture & outreach 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. 13	\$ 12,734	Nov. 12	\$ 8,561
Nov. 13 YTD	\$415,334	Nov. 12 YTD	\$434,562

**BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 12 YTD:** \$425,074

<b>CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:</b>	
Nov. 12 YTD	\$ 120,368
<b>GOAL:</b>	\$ 160,000

<b>BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:</b>	
Aug. 2019 - Nov. 12 YTD	\$ 64,468

**TITHES:** 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. 13	\$ 50,187	Nov. 12	\$ 44,337
Nov. 13 YTD	\$1,890,696	Nov. 12 YTD	\$1,917,937

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

*worship.nurture.outreach*

### welcome



Welcome to Sligo! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! I pray you and your loved ones are blessed beyond measure. Festival of Praise is here! It is an opportunity to participate in donating groceries or making a monetary donation towards 1200 needy families this Thanksgiving. May the Lord bless and

exceed our expectations. This morning we welcome Pr. Rick Labate, Vice President for Pastoral Ministries in the Potomac Conference. He has served Potomac for over 35 years, including four years in British Columbia, Canada. Labate affirms that "ministering to and coaching pastors, working with churches and their leaders, and finding ways to help effectively and creatively fulfill God's mission through those pastors and churches is why our pastoral department exists. We love what we do!" Not only is the outdoors a favorite hobby, Labate loves biking, yard work, walking, hiking, golf, projects, and landscaping. He is an accomplished pianist with several solo CD recordings as well as having served as a studio musician for other musical artists. Let us be grateful for all the Lord has done and may the ripple effect ring true to our neighbors! Amen.  
- 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

- Visit [sligochurch.org/connect2ministry](http://sligochurch.org/connect2ministry)
- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Fill out a note card (you'll find it in the pew rack in front of you)

### 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: 988

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**PASTOR FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE & FAMILY**  
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**HEAD ELDER**  
James Gulley

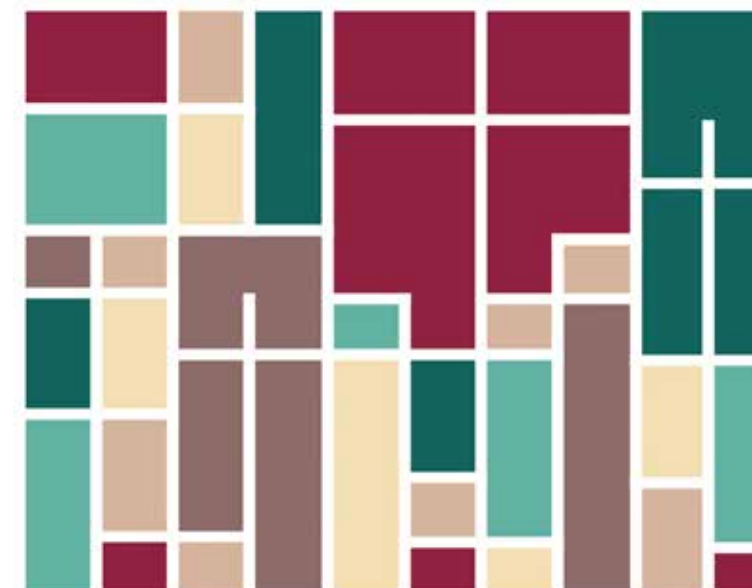
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Carol Hooker

**WAU CHAPLAIN**  
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# THE CHURCH at worship



## CHRIST FIRST

**NOVEMBER 19, 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.

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

### *Festival of Praise*

#### we gather in his name

##### \*Song of Gathering

Come, Ye Thankful People / No. 557

##### Welcome & Church Life

Pranitha Fielder

##### Caring Heart Award

James Gulley

#### we honor and praise him

##### \*Hymn of Praise

Festival Hymn of Thanksgiving / Paul Sjolund

We Gather Together / No. 8

##### Prayer

Victor Kindo

#### we reflect

##### Children's Message

Nashonie Chang

##### Scripture Reading

Carla Conway

Hebrews 11.1-6 (NRSV)

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death, and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would approach God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

##### Child Dedication

Nashonie Chang

Nathaniel Isaiah Andrew

##### Introduction of Speaker

Alex Barrientos

##### Music for Meditation

O Clap Your Hands / John Rutter

##### Sermon

Rick Labate

I Don't Need To See It

##### Invitation to Give

Pranitha Fielder

##### Offertory

March Triumphal / Sigfrid Karg-Elert

##### Procession of Thanksgiving

Alex Barrientos

Lift High the Cross / arr. Lloyd Larson

##### \*Hymn of Reflection

Now Thank We All Our God / No. 559

#### we go to serve

##### Benediction

Rick Labate

##### Postlude

A Postlude Medley / arr. F. Swann & P. Alston

##### \*Congregation is standing

##### Leading our music today are:

Patrick Alston, organist

Theresa Garza, chorister

Samuel Biyete, pianist/children's message

##### Sligo Sanctuary Choir & WAU Chorale

Anwar Ottley, director

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., director

Tamara Simpson, timpanist

##### Barclay Brass

Nathan Clark, trumpeter; Amy McCabe, trumpeter; Chandra

Cervantes, horn; Alex Kovling, horn; David Sisk, trombonist;

Kaz Kruszewski, bass trombonist

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##### A Puritan Prayer of Thanks, from Valley of Vision

##### O My God,

**Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects, my heart admires, 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.**

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

### Sabbath School 10:00 a.m.

Sabbath School at Sligo offers different groups of study to nurture faith, deepen your spiritual walk, and foster interaction with other believers. We hope you consider joining one of our classes and pray it will be a blessing.

#### Sanctuary: General Class

**Faith and Reason**, Fellowship Hall A, Atrium

**Wanderers Class**, Fellowship Hall B, Atrium

**Children, Youth & Young Adult** Sabbath School classes meet on the Lower Level

**Primary, Juniors & Earliteens** meet upstairs on the 3rd Level

#### reflection

“Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.”

– Eckhart Tolle

Gratitude unlocks the fulness of life.”

– Anonymous



#### sabbath devotional

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

– 2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (NRSV)

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER



**Let us hear from you!** To write the pastors a note, make a prayer request, or inquire about becoming a member of Sligo Church, please use a note card from the pew rack in front of you.

#### Prayer Requests:

**Families of these deceased:** Bette Comilang, Jennifer Tyndaal, William Longard

**For Healing & Comfort:** Jane Speight

**All are invited to a memorial Service for Dolly Wasli**, a life-long Sligo member who passed away on August 6. The service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27, in the Sligo Church Atrium. The family appreciates the condolences, and asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to *Frederick Adventist School Worthy Student Fund*.

**Adventist Community Services** is planning to provide Christmas Food Baskets for 1200 families who have requested assistance. Please consider donating groceries or making a monetary donation which will help ACS meet this sharp increase in demand so these families can enjoy a special meal without the financial burden this Holiday Season. You can support this program through Sligo with a donation to Festival of Praise.

**Pack a Box:** Volunteers are needed to pack Christmas Baskets for distribution at ACS on Sunday, November 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 501 Sligo Ave. SS 20910 Pack a Christmas Basket this Sunday the 20th. 1200 Christmas Baskets have been requested!, a 45% increase from 2021! A majority of these baskets will go to neighbors in the following zipcodes: 20903, 20910, 20912. Donated coats and winter clothing also have to be unpacked. If you have extra winter clothing/coats, please consider donating them.

#### Membership Report (second reading):

**Joining Sligo:** Lisa Harrison, Celine Burge

**Joining elsewhere:** Prabhavati Borge, David Daniels, Edwin Hyatt, III, Roger Hyatt, Antonica Neto, Swapna Nowrangi, Komal Nowrangi, Jocelyn Smith

**The Takoma Academy Application** for the 2023-2024 school year is open. The \$125 application fee is waived from 10/31/2022 to 12/31/2022. Anyone submitting an application after 12/31/2022 will be prompted to pay the fee before they submit the application. (The supplemental documents are not necessary for submitting the application. The first step is to submit the application.)

**Do you have passion for leading change**, a desire to advocate for social justice, and want to impact the underserved in Montgomery County? Sligo is seeking a Ministry Leader for Action in Montgomery, a non-partisan faith-based organization that advocates for the needs of County residents. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Barrientos at <abarrientos@sligochurch.org>. Thank you.