



Treasurer's Note: Many of you will be giving your year-end offerings next month. There are several ways in which you can give in addition to your giving at church. You may contribute through our on-line giving (Go to <www.sligochurch.org> and click on GIVE and choose one of the options). Or if you prefer, by mail, but it must be post-marked by December 31. You can also put your giving envelope in the church office Mail Slot during the week. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving your tithe and for supporting your local church by giving liberally and systematically to the Church Budget.

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.

Save the Date for a New Year's Eve Gala, hosted by the Sligo Pathfinders in the Church Atrium on December 31 at 8:00 p.m. Details to follow.

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 titled, "Blind to the Blessing," based on the Advent theme, *The Impending Light*.

profile of giving - November 19

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.

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 20	\$ 6,659	Nov. 19	\$ 7,771
Nov. 20 YTD	\$421,993	Nov. 19 YTD	\$442,333

BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 19 YTD: \$436,670

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	
Nov. 19 YTD	\$ 121,168
GOAL:	\$ 160,000

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:	
Aug. 2019 - Nov. 19 YTD	\$ 64,528

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

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 20	\$ 38,962	Nov. 19	\$ 30,404
Nov. 20 YTD	\$1,929,658	Nov. 19 YTD	\$1,948,341

Today's designated offering goes to Local Conference Advance.

Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

welcome



Welcome to Sligo! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! I pray you and your loved ones are blessed beyond measure! Happy Thanksgiving Weekend! For many of us, this year will provide a renewed opportunity to get together with loved ones and neighbors to remember the blessings the good Lord has brought us. May we be a blessing to someone who may be in need. Individuals and families have been through so much change, experiencing reordered priorities, new relational dynamics, abundant joy, significant loss, and indescribable grief. May the Lord hear our prayers of thanksgiving and requests for comfort. In the blink of an eye, Advent season is upon us. While a myriad rituals of consumption occur, may the season of hopeful anticipation redirect us to what the kingdom of God is truly about. We welcome Pr. Jonathan Gantt back to the pulpit. He will share a message titled, "In All Circumstances." May each of our journeys be filled with gratitude.
– 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
- 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

PHONE: 301.270.6777 EMERGENCY: 301.980.1009
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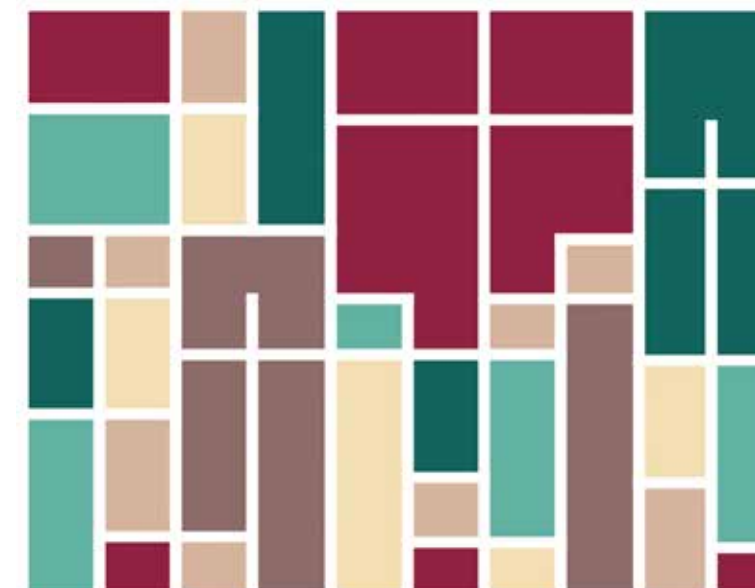
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THE CHURCH at worship



CHRIST FIRST

NOVEMBER 26, 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

we gather in his name

*Song of Gathering

For the Beauty of the Earth / No. 565

Welcome & Church Life Ronald DeClerck

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee / No. 12

Prayer Ester Bacud

we reflect

Children's Message Gabby Barrington

Scripture Reading Berilo Bacud
Acts 16:22-25 (NIV)

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Music for Meditation

I Can Do This / Duawne Starling

Sermon Jonathan Gantt
In All Circumstances

Invitation to Give Ronald DeClerck

Offertory

You Raise Me Up / R. Lovland & B. Graham

*Hymn of Reflection

Let All Things Now Living / No. 560

we go to serve

Benediction Jonathan Gantt

Postlude

Postlude in A Minor / George Calkin

*Conregation is standing

Leading our music today are:

Jason West, organist
Judith Pino, chorister
Duawne Starling, vocalist
Juliana Larne, pianist/children's message

Gratefulness

- George Herbert

Thou that hast giv'n so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
See how thy beggar works on thee
By art.

He makes thy gifts occasion more,
And says, If he in this be crossed,
All thou hast giv'n him heretofore
Is lost.

But thou didst reckon, when at first
Thy word our hearts and hands did crave,
What it would come to at the worst
To save.

Perpetual knockings at thy door,
Tears sullyng thy transparent rooms,
Gift upon gift, much would have more,
And comes.

This not withstanding, thou wentst on,
And didst allow us all our noise:
Nay thou hast made a sigh and groan
Thy joys.

Not that thou hast not still above
Much better tunes, than groans can make;
But that these country-airs thy love
Did take.

Wherefore I cry, and cry again;
And in no quiet canst thou be,
Till I a thankful heart obtain
Of thee:

Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;
As if thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise.

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

"There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy."

– Ralph H. Blum

"now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what."

– Ernest Hemingway



sabbath devotional

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever

who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures for ever;

– Psalm 136:1-5 (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

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*.

Family and friends are invited to a memorial service in honor of Jennifer Tyndaal on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel.

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.

HeartLifters invites you to a BLUE CHRISTMAS – Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Sligo Church. Because the holidays can be a difficult time for those who have experienced a loss at this time of the year, the Blue Christmas service allows us to express our sadness for those we've lost while seeking to encourage while focusing on the Hope we have in Christ and reassuring us as joy begins to come back into our lives. There will be a brunch at the end of the service.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) thanks all who participated in the Festival of Praise. Your donations filled a 10-foot U-Haul truck. Monday, on the first day of 3 distribution days, 500 baskets were distributed to families. Thank you also to those who provided financial assistance, time and words of encouragement. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ACSGWSLIGO> for updates and pictures.

Children's Church: Join us on December 10 in the Youth Room as our children lead out in the service for Power Up Children's Church. The theme is Let His Light Shine and we begin at 11:15 a.m.

Toys for Joy: We will have the names ready on December 3rd for the families to be adopted for Toys for Joy. We will have a table in the Atrium to distribute the names. This is for New Hampshire Elementary Public School.