



**YouthXP:** Join us on January 28 for the launch of YouthXP! After XP Talks at 10:00 a.m., we'll have worship, outreach, and a bowling social. Come Experience God, Express Yourself, and Expand His Kingdom! Contact Pastor Gantt or Naomi Rodrigues at <sligoyouth@sligochurch.org> for further details.

**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.

**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>

**Join our Sligocizers** led by health coach Louvina Joseph designed to help you stick to your New Year's fitness resolution. Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. connect via zoom by clicking to Sligo's Calendar online <sligochurch.org> Fun and invigorating training, workout with cardio, resistance training, abs, cool down and healthy tips for body and mind. Come to sweat, laugh, have fun and also pray.

**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.

**January 21, Saturday**  
Blood Pressure Check, Atrium, 9:45 - 11:10 a.m.

**January 28, Saturday**  
SWAG, Memorial Chapel, 11:15 a.m.

**January 28, Saturday**  
YouthXP, Youth Room, 10:00 a.m.

**July 2-10, 2023**  
Sligo Church Holy Land Tour

**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, "Leading Beyond Myself," based on the theme, *Leading in Possibility*.

**profile of giving - January 14**

**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.

Jan. 14	\$11,883
Jan. 14 YTD	\$28,785

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

Jan. 14	\$33,081
Jan. 14 YTD	\$73,763

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

*worship.nurture.outreach*

**welcome**



Welcome to Sligo! We're so glad you are joining us for worship. Blessings to you and your loved ones. Power has an enduring, intense, and concentrated force(s) to its evoking pronouncement. It demands attention and it gauges its potential based on who and what possesses it. Power evokes good or bad definitions depending on the agent of its portent. The varying histories of power testify the uncanny, mischievous use of its potential. It is clear we have all been affected by power and continually use it for purposes, at times, unidentified. Power is a tricky subject. Acknowledging that power exists is one thing in contrast to denying its effects in our daily lives. The Scriptures narrate multiple angles of the corruption of power and create enough confidence for us to see power in a new light because of Jesus. Take for instance, "that the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power." What does that mean? Either it's a story from bible times or its available for us to work with. I'm glad to begin today with our year's theme, "Seeing God's Power Through You." May God's power ring true in our lives!  
- 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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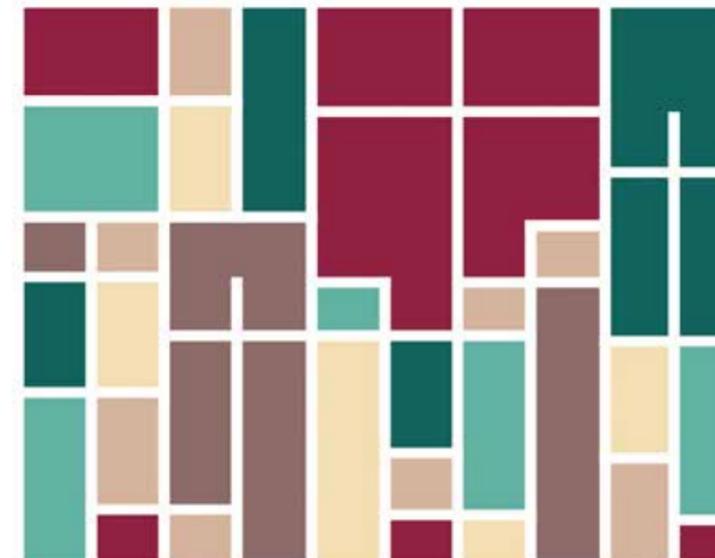
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THE CHURCH  
**at worship**



**CHRIST FIRST**

**JANUARY 21, 2023**  
**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

Blessed Assurance / No. 462

**Welcome & Fellowship** Hazel Marroquin

**Celebration of Ministry** Alex Barrientos  
Sligo Basketball

### we honor and praise him

#### \*Hymn of Praise

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less / No. 522

**Prayer** Michael Edwards

### we reflect

**Children's Message** Nashonie Chang

**Scripture Reading** David Koilpillai  
2 Corinthians 12.9, 10 (NRSV)

"...but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong."

#### Music for Meditation

The Only Name (Yours Will Be)/ arr. Big Daddy Weave

**Sermon** Alex Barrientos  
Seeing God's Power Through You

**Invitation to Give** Hazel Marroquin

**Song of Reflection**  
Draw Me Close / arr. Maranatha! Music

### we go to serve

**Benediction** Alex Barrientos

**Postlude**  
Festival Toccata / Percy Fletcher

#### \*Congregation is standing

**Leading our music today are:**  
Edmond Charles, organist  
Theresa Garza, chorister  
Naomie Larmie, pianist for Children's Message

**Sligo Band**  
Edmond Charles, pianist; Jon Mark, bass guitarist; Vaughn Edmeade drummer

**Sligo Singers**  
Lupita-Maria Matadi, Theresa Garza, Debora & Aimee Mtolela, Mirdrede Strachann

## Come Lord, and Let Thy Pow'r

### - Fanny Crosby

Come, Lord, and let Thy pow'r  
On each and all descend,  
While gathered in Thy holy Name,  
Before Thy throne we bend.

Refresh our waiting souls,  
Our feeble faith inspire,  
And from Thine altar  
touch our hearts  
With coals of sacred fire.

Come, Lord, and let Thy pow'r  
Each thought of self remove;  
And may we feel as ne'er before  
Thy pure and perfect love.

Our waiting, longing eyes,  
Are looking up to Thee,  
O may we, in Thy smiling face,  
Our Father's glory see.

Come, Lord, Thy pow'r alone  
The work of grace can do;  
Now let it consecrate to Thee  
Our hearts and lives anew.

Be ours, with fervent zeal,  
Thy bloodstained cross to bear;  
Till at Thy feet we lay it down,  
A crown of life to wear.

Refresh our waiting souls,  
Our feeble faith inspire,  
And from Thine altar  
touch our hearts  
With coals of sacred fire.

## 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

"Read any story of transformation and you will find a significant other..."  
– Jonathan Sacks

"Perfectionism kills curiosity by telling us that we have to know everything or we risk looking 'less than.' Perfectionism tells us that our mistakes and failures are personal defects, so we either avoid trying new things or we barely recover every time we inevitably fall short."  
– Brené Brown



### sabbath devotional:

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;

they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint

- Isaiah 40:29-31(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:** Sara Rosetti, Reta Boulden

**For Comfort & Healing:** Joan Francis, Erwin Mack

**We are sad to announce** the death of Dr. Bert Beach, who served at the General Conference for many years. A celebration of life will be held for him at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 29 in Spencerville SDA Church (16325 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20905).

**HOW IS YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE?** Come to the Atrium and find out. Today, January 21, 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Health Action Team.

**SWAG** Worship will be held January 28th at 11:15 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel. This month's theme is New Beginnings. A light lunch will be served after. All middle school children are invited.

**Sligo Basketball Team:** Registration ends tonight January 21st for anyone aged 3 and older interested in being part of the 2023 Basketball season. Please visit <<https://sligochurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/127/responses/new>> to sign up.

**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](mailto:hmarroquin@sligochurch.org)> with names of any members who need support from the church during these challenging times.

**2023 Sligo Church Holy Land Tour, July 2-10:** You are invited to join us on a tour to the Holy Land. We will visit Galilee, Mount Calvary, Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Jericho. Optional pre-extension and post-extension trips to Egypt and Jordan are also available. The deadline for registration and \$350.00 deposit is February 15. Limited seats are available. For travel itinerary and other details, visit <[sligochurch.org](https://sligochurch.org)> and click on Holy Land Tour or email Pr. Hazel Marroquin at <[hmarroquin@sligochurch.org](mailto:hmarroquin@sligochurch.org)>