



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 for College Students, and Young Professionals 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. 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.

Takoma Academy Preparatory School Announcements:

- Now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year (K-8). To begin the online application process, create an account by going to <www.taprep.org> Admissions > Apply Now > Create an Account. Then log in to your account and create a New Student Application for your child. The application fee is \$100.
- Kindergarten Open House will be held on Wednesday, March 1, at 6:00 p.m. RSVP at <registrar@taprep.org>
- We are looking for substitute teachers. If interested, please call 301-422-3858 or email <skalapala@taprep.org>

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 28, Saturday
SWAG, Memorial Chapel, 11:15 a.m.
YouthXP, Youth Room, 10:00 a.m.

January 29, Sunday
Thomas Prasada-Rao, Sr. Funeral, Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

February 6, Monday
Dolores Boulard Memorial Service, Fellowship Hall, 2:00 p.m.

February 11, Saturday
Children's Church, Youth Room, 11:15 a.m.

March 17-18, Friday - Saturday
2023 G. Arthur Keough Lectureship, details to follow

July 2-10
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, "A More Excellent Way," based on the theme, *Leading in Possibility*.

profile of giving - January 21

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. 21	\$11,003
Jan. 21 YTD	\$39,788

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

Jan. 21	\$ 45,244
Jan. 21 YTD	\$119,007

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

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

CHURCH OFFICE: 301.270.6777

PASTOR ON CALL: 301.980.1009

www.sligochurch.org

Domestic Violence Hotline: 240.777.4000

National Suicide Hotline: 988

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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

JANUARY 28, 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

Just A Little Talk with Jesus / Cleavant Derricks

Welcome & Fellowship Jason Dietz

Child Dedication Hazel Marroquin
Wyatt Zarren Lee Brandy

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

Standing on the Promises of God” / No. 518

Prayer Kevin Flores

we reflect

Children’s Message Dana Audain

Scripture Reading Ana Agirarte
1 Timothy 4:12-14 (NRSV)

Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.

Music for Meditation

God Is On Our Side / Andraé Crouch

Sermon Alex Barrientos
Leading Beyond Myself

Invitation to Give Jason Dietz

Song of Reflection
Oh Come to the Altar / Elevation Worship

we go to serve

Benediction Alex Barrientos

Postlude
Trumpet Tune / David German

*Congregation is standing

Leading our music today are:
Adam Graham organist
Kobe Brown, chorister
Linelle Orion, pianist for Children’s Message

Sligo Revival Choir
Lulu Mupfumbu, director

Sligo Band:
Edmond Charles, pianist; Jon Mark, bass guitarist; William Brew, drummer

Sligo Singers:
Lupita-Maria Matadi, Priyanna Singh, Shirell Bynum, Sam Perez, Raissa Jei Labrador

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

- Augustus Toplady (1776)

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law’s demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

connection central 9:15 a.m.

Connection Central is a space where you can find fellowship and connection. Join us in the Atrium with your family and friends for a light breakfast each week beginning February 4.

sabbath school 10:00 a.m.

Sabbath School offers different groups of study to nurture faith, deepen your spiritual walk, and foster interaction with other believers. Consider joining a class.

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

“People who are truly strong lift others up. People who are truly powerful bring others together.”
- Michelle Obama

“Leaders must either invest a reasonable amount of time attending to fears and feelings, or squander an unreasonable amount of time trying to manage ineffective and unproductive behavior.”
- Brené Brown

sabbath devotional:

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger
who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.”
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy,
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth; shout together for joy,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people;
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

- Isaiah 52:7-10 (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: Dolores Bouland, Thomas Prasada-Rao, Sr., Bert Beach

For Comfort & Healing: Joan Francis, Erwin Mack

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas W. Prasada-Rao, Sr., at the age of 92 on January 22. A *Celebration of Life* will be held on Sunday, January 29 at 11:00 a.m. in Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church. Viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. The service will be live-streamed at <media.sligochurch.org>. The family thanks you for your prayers and support during this difficult time.

We are sad to announce the death of longtime Sligo member, Dolores Bouland, age 95. A celebration of her life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 6 in Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church Fellowship Hall.

We are sad to inform you about the passing 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).

Membership Report (first reading):

Joining Sligo: Tiara Best, David Bota, Nashonie Chang, Wedsly Chavez, Andrea Edwards, Sherlyn Ramos Ramos, Maya Rawls, Fati Sinkinah

Joining elsewhere: Susan Bowen, Jade Callahan, Joseph Graham, Natalie Graham, Todd Huber, Maureen Karugia, Michael Lunsford, Wenbe Lunsford, Clever Salazar, Yvonne Salazar

We are having SWAG Worship today! Join us in Memorial Chapel at 11:15 a.m. for a Middle School worship experience. A light lunch will be served after.

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.

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> and click on Holy Land Tour or email Pr. Hazel Marroquin at <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org>