



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.

The Takoma Academy Class of '83 is seeking classmates, friends and family to join us for Alumni Weekend, April 21-23, 2023. For class event details, see the Takoma Academy Class of 1983 Face Book group or text Susan McMillan, 952-567-9415.

Youth & Young Adults:

- **XP Talks at 10:00 a.m. Youth Room | Relationships**
Every Sabbath at 10:00 a.m. XP Talks is a Sabbath School service for teenagers ages 13 to 18 in the youth room. Each week the SYD team leads discussions on various topics chosen by the youth. Join us in the discussion or come listen in. We hope to see you there.
- **Youth XP Sessions:** On Sabbath, March 25: XP at 11:15 a.m. join your high school friends in the youth room for a curated, spontaneous worship service led by the youth for the youth. XP Sessions is a living-room style worship designed to allow the youth to feel at home, express themselves, and experience God in the way they feel most comfortable.
- **Youth XP Social:** High Schoolers and 8th Graders can join us at Shadowlands in Gaithersburg on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. for a fun night of laser tag! Cost is \$25. Sign up and pay by March 22 to secure your spot. Contact Naomy Rodrigues or Pr. Gantt <jgantt@sligochurch.org> for more information.
- **Homeless Ministry:** Join the Young Adults in the youth room on the first Sabbath of every month at 2:00 p.m. to make sack lunches and then take them into DC to distribute to the homeless. Open to all ages.
- **GLOW Worship will not take place on April 1** as we will be joining the main service upstairs for the beginning of Resurrection Week. GLOW Worship will resume on May 13.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

***Consent To Use Photographic Images:** Sligo SDA Church films all worship services. Attendance at, or participation in Sligo worship services constitutes an agreement by the participant to Sligo's use and distribution of the attendee's image, voice, or likeness in photos, video, electronic reproduction and audio tapes of such activities.

calendar of events

- Prayer Gathering via Zoom**
Wednesdays 7:00 p.m./Sundays 11:00 a.m.
- March 25, Saturday**
The Reality of Grief & Loss presentation by Jose Hernandez, Fellowship Hall A, 2:30 p.m.
- April 7-9, Friday - Sunday**
Resurrection Weekend
- April 15, Saturday**
Children's Church, Youth Room, 11:15 a.m.
- May 6, Saturday**
All day Women's Retreat, Mt. Aetna Retreat Center
- May 20, Saturday**
SWAG, Memorial Chapel, 11:15 a.m.

profile of giving - March 18

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering supports all of the worship, nurture, and outreach ministries at Sligo Church. These funds also support projects, insitutions in our local community, church maintenance and subsidy for Takoma Academy Preparatory School.

Budget YTD	\$118,157
Actual YTD	\$117,404
Mar. 18	\$ 16,447

LOVE FOR THE HOUSE: This offering goes beyond our church budget to support previously unfunded and new ministries, eabling them to grow, connect, dream, lead, and inspire.

2023 Goal	\$140,000
Budget YTD	\$ 29,613
Actual YTD	\$ 13,018
Mar. 18	\$ 4,011

TITHE: All funds designed as tithe are sent to the Potomac Conference for support of pastors and teachers; to help fund conference schools; and for ministries worldwide.

Last Year: Mar. 19 YTD	\$ 452,186
This Year YTD	\$ 526,827
Last Week: Mar. 18	\$ 54,397

- *Today's offering, designated by the Global SDA Church, is for the Camp Blue Ridge.
- *All undesignated loose offering goes to Sligo's Church Budget.

what we believe

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 gifted, all are valued, and all are called. 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

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- National Suicide Hotline: 988

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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

MARCH 25, 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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less / No. 522

Welcome & Fellowship Hazel Marroquin

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

Praise Him! Praise Him! / No. 249

Prayer Alka Pandit

Anthem

Standing in the Need of Prayer / Traditional

we reflect

Children's Message James Gulley

Scripture Reading Marla Sams
Proverbs 9.1-6 (NRSV)

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her female servants; she calls from the highest places in the town, "You who are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Music for Meditation

Walk Together Children / arr. Moses Hogan

Sermon Alex Barrientos
The Freedom of Her Power

Invitation to Give Alex Barrientos

Offertory
Someday / Nathan Carter

Hymn of Reflection
O Jesus, I Have Promised / No. 331

we go to serve

Benediction Alex Barrientos

Postlude
Toccata / Eugene Gigout

***Congregation is standing**

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr, organist
Kobe Brown, chorister
Christine Jobson, vocalist
Skylar Bermudez, pianist for children's message

Sligo Children's Choir

Joya Follette, director

Draw the Circle Wide - Gordon Light

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'Round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
In God's gracious arms.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders,
Faithful to God's call.

Let the dreams we dream be larger
Than we've ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us,
Open every door.

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 Sabbath.

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:

Women of the Word: Front Left
Silver Class: Front Center
Brown Class: Back Right

Atrium:

Faith and Reason: Fellowship Hall A
Wanderers: Fellowship Hall B

Online:

Women of the Word
Purple Class
Faith and Reason
Wanderers
Believers and Doubters

Lower Level:

Beginners/Little Friends: 0-3 years old
Kindergarten: 4-5 years old
Youth: High School
Young Adult: College and Young Professionals

Upper Level:

Primary I & II: Grades 1-4
Juniors: Grades 5-6
Earliteens: Grades 7-8

reflection:

"That's what I consider true generosity: you give your all, and yet you always feel as if it costs you nothing."
- Simone de Beauvoir

sabbath devotional:

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."
- Jeremiah 33.14-16 (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: William "Bill" G. Johnsson, Justin Kempf

For Comfort & Healing: Noelene Johnsson, Sheila Schlisner-Hendricks, David John

Care Packages for Young Adult Moms in Shelter: Need baby diapers, wipes, burp cloths, bottles, bottle warmer, onesies and other much-needed items for two baby girls due in March. Mothers also have sons four and two years old. Donations may be placed in the designated baskets in the Discipleship Room on March 25, 2023. Gifts purchased online may be delivered physically to Women's Ministry, Sligo SDA Church, 7700 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912, by the end of March.

Join us for our one-day Women's Retreat: Experience God's love, healing, peace and grace on Saturday, May 6, at Mount Aetna Retreat Center in Hagerstown. This year's theme is "Renew, Restore, Refresh." You won't want to miss our keynote speaker, Ann Roda, and also the educational breakout sessions. Register by April 15 to secure a spot. Have questions? Contact <womensministry@sligochurch.org> For more information, visit <https://sligowomensministry.org/retreat-1> Registration assistance is available in the Atrium today.

HeartLifters is inviting you to a presentation by Jose Hernandez on "*The Reality of Grief and Loss*" which will be held on Sabbath, March 25, at 2:30 p.m. in Sligo Church's Fellowship Hall. Bring your sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Membership Report (second reading):

Joining Sligo: Peter Bushell, Tracey Glover, Jyoti Jagdhane, Peter Jagdhane, Satish Jagdhane, Anandaraj Kanagarathinam, Daniel Rodriguez, Samson Talluri
Joining elsewhere: Carla Andrade, Lawrence Griffin, Wanda Griffin, Gloria Manns, Craig McCorkle, Gail McCorkle, Loretta Romero

Nominating Report (second reading):

Administrative Board: Charlotte Conway, Sam Stone

Families with children ages 0-5 years, there is a new Journey Group starting in the White Oak area just for you and your family. We will have activities for the children and conversations for the adults. The group will meet one Sunday morning each month. Please contact Jean Arthur at jeanarthur@msn.com for more details and to sign up.

Children's Church: Join us at 11:15 a.m. on April 15th in the Youth Room as our children lead out in the service for Power Up Children's Church. The theme is "Colors of Hope."

Admin and Operations Director: AIM is looking for a detail-oriented person who delights in making our organization work well for leaders, member organizations, and staff. It is full-time with opportunities for growth and development over time. Job link: <https://www.idealists.org/admin/74d118fda4b0484b80414284cef1eb45/jobs/bf36c77ad1064af78e0d400819016823>