



Caring for One Another is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. 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.

GLOW Worship at 11:15 a.m.

GLOW Worship, our Young Adult worship service, is held on the first Sabbath of every month in the Youth Room. There will be a potluck right after the service before we begin homeless ministry.

Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference

will be held on October 12 - 14, 2023 in Sligo SDA Church. Registration is open now at <https://www.nadadventist.org/womenshistoryconf > . Keynote speakers will help to situate the roles and contributions of women within the larger context of Adventist history. The speaker for Sabbath will be Ella Simmons.

MISCELLANEOUS

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The Thing Is

— Ellen Bass

to love life, to love it even
 when you have no stomach for it
 and everything you've held dear
 crumbles like burnt paper in your hands,
 your throat filled with the silt of it.
 When grief sits with you, its tropical heat
 thickening the air, heavy as water
 more fit for gills than lungs;
 when grief weights you down like your own flesh
 only more of it, an obesity of grief,
 you think, How can a body withstand this?
 Then you hold life like a face
 between your palms, a plain face,
 no charming smile, no violet eyes,
 and you say, yes, I will take you
 I will love you, again.

calendar of events

Prayer Gathering via Zoom

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m./Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal

Today, September 16, Choir Room, 1:00 p.m.

After Divorce - Letting Go & Moving on with Dignity & Grace

Today, September 16, Atrium, 1:30 p.m.

WAU's W.I.S.E. (Week In Spiritual Emphasis)

M-F 11:15 a.m. & Sat. 11:00 a.m., Sligo Sanctuary

Full Plate Living Healthy Lifestyle Program

Tuesdays only, from Sept. 26 - Nov. 14,
 Fellowship Hall A, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference

Thu. - Sat., October 12 - 14,
 Sligo SDA Church *see announcement for more information

profile of giving - September 9

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	\$408,007
Actual YTD	\$353,149
Last Week: September 9	\$ 8,627

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

2023 Goal	\$140,000
Budget YTD	\$ 96,913
Actual YTD	\$ 57,177
Last Week: September 9	\$ 2,778

TITHE: All funds designated 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: September 10 YTD	\$1,555,535
This Year YTD	\$1,578,200
Last Week: September 9	\$ 42,654

*Today's offering, designated by the Global SDA Church, is for the Local Church Budget.

*All undesignated loose offering goes to Sligo's Church Budget.

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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

SEPTEMBER 16, 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

O Worship the King / No. 83

Welcome & Fellowship

Hazel Marroquin

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven / No. 4

Prayer

Charlotte Conway

we reflect

Children's Message

Naomy Rodrigues

Scripture Reading

Chris Daley

Jeremiah 3:6-8 (NIV)

During the reign of King Josiah, the Lord said to me, "Have you seen what faithless Israel has done? She has gone up on every high hill and under every spreading tree and has committed adultery there. I thought that after she had done all this she would return to me but she did not, and her unfaithful sister Judah saw it. I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries. Yet I saw that her unfaithful sister Judah had no fear; she also went out and committed adultery.

Introduction of Speaker

Alex Barrientos

Music for Meditation

By My Side / arr. P. Byssainthe, B. Stewart, et al

Sermon

Hyveth Williams

A Shocking Truth About God – He was Divorced!

Invitation to Give

Alex Barrientos

Offertory

My Life, My Love, My All / K. Franklin

*Hymn of Reflection

Take the World, But Give Me Jesus / No. 329

we go to serve

*Benediction

Hyveth Williams

+Postlude

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow / arr. Fred Bock

*Congregation is standing

+Congregation is seated

Leading our music today are:

Curtis Richardson, organist
Aaron Wilson, chorister
Isabella Lamarre, vocalist for Children's Message

Sligo Band: Edmund Charles, Piano; William Brew, Drums;
Jon Mark Williams, Bass

Revival Choir

Lulu Mupfumbu, director

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

– Isaac Watts (1719)

My Shepherd, you supply my need,
most holy is your name;
in pastures fresh you make me feed,
beside the living stream.
You bring my wand'ring spirit back.
when I forsake your ways;
you lead me, for your mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

When through the shades of death
I walk,
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Your hand in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with Blessings overflows,
your oil anoints my head.

Your sure provisions gracious God
attend me all my days;
oh, may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
Here would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, nor a guest,
but like a child at home.

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
Red Class: Back Right

Atrium:

Wanderers: Fellowship Hall A
At Jesus' Feet: Fellowship Hall B

*Online:

At Jesus' Feet
Believers and Doubters
Faith and Reason
In Step with Jesus (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)
Wanderers
Women of the Word

Lower Level:

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

Upper Level:

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

*For zoom links, please contact the church office.

reflection:

"Owning our story and loving ourselves through that process is the bravest thing that we will ever do."
– Brené Brown

sabbath devotional:

"And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you."

– 1 Peter 5:10 (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:

For Comfort & Healing: Mauricia Weir, Yutuc family, Garza family, Matadi family, Sylvia Mack

Join us today at 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium, as Hyveth Williams, Andrews University Professor, shares her experience. Sponsored by HeartLifters. For more information, visit <<https://sligochurch.org/>>.

Children's Choir: Sligo Children's Choir will hold an in-person rehearsal at 1:00 p.m. on today, September 16, in the Choir Room. This invitation is open to all children, ages 4 - 14. Contact Director, Joya Follette, at <jkf5302@gmail.com>, for more information.

Sligo by the Sea: Come for the inspiration, music and fellowship. Venue: First Presbyterian Church – 1301 Philadelphia Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842. More information at <www.sligochurch.org/sligo-by-the-sea>. Today's speaker is Tom Hughes.

The Great Kids Development Center in Takoma Park has an opening for a preschool teacher. Contact Jenice Broomfield at 301-434-1204 or <director@growinggreatkids.org> for more information.

Sligo Explorers Adventurer Club! Adventurers is a club where families can have fun together while learning about Jesus. Geared towards children from preschool to fourth grade, we do crafts, earn awards, and go on field trips, all while building our family relationships. If you'd like to join us, please register at <sligochurch.org>. Contact Dana Audain for any questions <daudain@olneyprep.org>.

Save the Date for Full Plate Living Healthy Lifestyle Program, based on a New York Times Bestseller, *The Full Plate Diet*. Hybrid (on-site & virtual) meetings each Tuesday, September 26 to November 14, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Room A. Food will NOT be served. Join us for a Zoom information session in-person on Tuesday, September 19, in the Memorial Chapel. You must sign up for this virtual session by contacting Pr. Hazel Marroquin <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org>.

Sanctuary flowers: If you would like to enhance the beauty of our worship by providing flowers, please contact Flor Balay at the church office, 301-270-6777, extension 114.

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