



The Upper Room: Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. elders are available for those needing prayer. The elder of the day will be greeting in the Atrium and can escort those requesting prayer to the Upper Room.

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.

Calling Health Professionals: The Health Action Team needs you! RN's, LPN's, CRNP's, PA's, EMT's, and RRT's are needed to assist members in the event of urgent medical events during the weekly worship service. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Pastor Hazel Marroquin at <hmarroquin@sligochurch.org>.

miscellaneous

E-weekend: Sligo's electronic newsletter provides updates on church ministries, points of connection to life at Sligo, bulletin information, and social events. To subscribe, go to <sligochurch.org>, click on "EWeekend", and click on "Join our Email List." Email our church office for assistance.

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

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

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.

Today, February 10, 2024
Washington Adventist University, W.I.S.E. (week in spiritual emphasis) Week ends in Memorial Chapel 11 a.m.

February 10, 2024, Saturday
Church Finance Meeting
Atrium, After 11 a.m. service

February 17, 2024, Saturday
Film Screening: They Called Him 'Mister Lee'
Fellowship Halls, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

February 24, 2024, Saturday
Maury Jackson, La Sierra University: How Adventist Faith Responds to Race and Racism
Sabbath School, 10 a.m. and Sanctuary, 11 a.m. service

February 24, 2024, Saturday
Living Legends
Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Feb 3, 2024 - profile of giving

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.

Actual YTD	\$ 38,991
Last Week: February 3	\$ 10,592

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.

Actual YTD	\$ 7,049
Last Week: February 3	\$ 3,438

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: February 4 YTD	\$ 227,938
This Year YTD	\$ 173,758
Last Week: February 3	\$ 51,228

*Today's offering, designated by the Global SDA Church, is for the Adventist Television Ministry.
*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

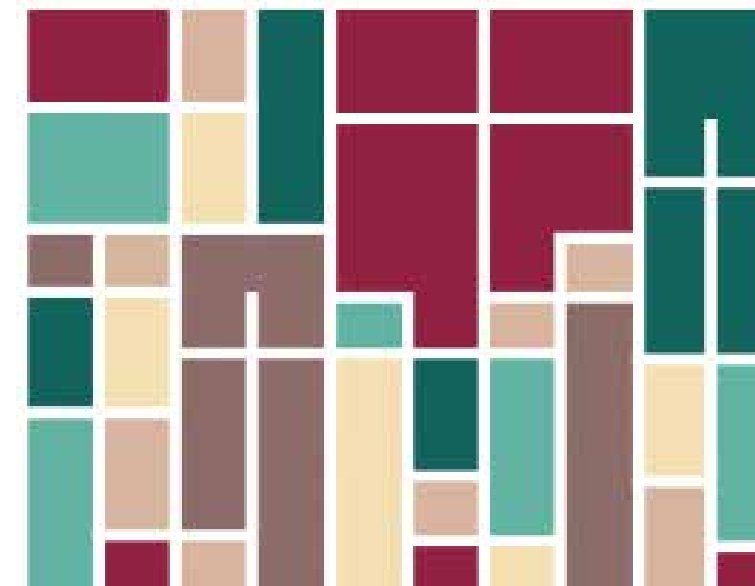
- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry
- Church office email: Sligooffice@sligochurch.org
- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Fill out a note card (you'll find it in the pew rack in front of you)



who can help

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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

FEBRUARY 10, 2024
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 God's name

Song of Gathering Congregation
O Worship the King / No. 83

Welcome & Fellowship Kylynda Bauer

Child Dedication Pranitha Fielder
Adedokun Ajayi-obe

we honor and praise God

***Hymn of Praise** Congregation
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name / No. 229

Prayer Ayden and Mila Christiansen

we reflect

Scripture Reading Colin Doherty
Romans 6.5-11 (NRSV)

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Music for Meditation

Spirituals Medley / arr. Jasmine Brann

Sermon Alex Barrientos
Freedom to Worship

Invitation to Give Alex Barrientos

Offertory

Hope Medley / arr. Jasmine Brann

we go to serve

***Hymn of Reflection** Congregation
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah / No. 538

***Benediction** Alex Barrientos

Postlude

II. Allegro, from Organ Sonata No.2 / Felix Mendelssohn

***Congregation is standing**

+Congregation is seated

Leading our music today are:

Asriel Davis, organist and pianist
Jasmine Brann, vocalist
Arelly Kindo, chorister

Caged Bird Poem by Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps on the back of the wind and floats downstream till the current ends and dips his wing in the orange sun rays and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks down his narrow cage can seldom see through his bars of rage his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream his wings are clipped and his feet are tied so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings with a fearful trill of things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

connection central 9:00 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
Believers and Doubters: Discipleship Room

*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.

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 Fickes, Adrian Oliver Hosten, Estefana Hernandez

For Comfort & Healing: Brenda Flemmer, Claire Hosten, Marcial Espenida, Donald Tripp, Jose Hernandez, Ann Roda

Church Finance Meeting: Today after 11:00 a.m. service. We invite you to join us in the Atrium for the Sligo Financial report and related updates. The Finance and Pastoral Teams will be glad to share how your love and commitment in giving has financially supported Sligo's ministries. Light refreshments will be served.

Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Melinda Jorge to celebrate the 1st birthday and dedication of Querido Ade, along with his grandfather, Fernando's birthday.

Film Screening: Join us February 17, 2024, Fellowship Halls, 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. to watch a short 32-minute film produced by Historic Takoma's African American Oral History Project — They Called Him 'Mister Lee.' Community members reflect on the legacy of Lee Jordan - the school custodian who greatly influenced Takoma Park youth, both Black and white, as mentor and coach, including breaking racial barriers by founding the city's Boys and Girls Club, the first integrated sports programs in Montgomery County. His advocacy directed at improving living conditions for African American residents sheds light on the challenges faced by the Black community during segregation and the decades that followed, including a decades-long campaign to establish a playground for Black youth, who could not play on fields associated with white schools in Montgomery County.