

our life together



ATTENTION FEDERAL EMPLOYEES: Please contribute to Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) through United Way, #8402, and/or Combined Federal Campaign, #57194, at your place of work. Your donations will help with the ACSGW Holiday Food Drive. Thank you!

The Children's Choir is seeking new members! Children ages 4-12 are encouraged to join this ministry under the direction of Ms. Joya Follette. Please sign up your children today! For more information contact Joya Follette at <jkf5302@gmail.com>

Budget Booster: Our Sligo Church Family has always been faithful in their giving and for this we thank you. However, as you can see in the Profile of Giving, we are behind in our budgeted goal for the Church Budget this year. And so we're asking that you give to the Budget Booster which is beyond what is given for the Church Budget. Your gifts for the budget and the ministries of Sligo Church are greatly appreciated.

The Church Office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. If you have an urgent matter that cannot wait until the office reopens, please call our emergency number 301.980.1009

Miscellaneous:

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

Sunset: Sabbath celebration ends today at 4:53 p.m. and commences on Friday, November 15, at 4:49 p.m..

Sligo Church has assistive listening devices for individuals who may need them. If you need one of these devices, please see a greeter in the Atrium.

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 McFarlane at <dmcfarlane@sligochurch.org> or 301.270.6777, ext. 116

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calendar of events

November 16, Saturday

Young Adults GLOW Study, Memorial Chapel, 9:30 a.m.

November 18, Monday

Regeneration Ministries, Office Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.

November 19, Tuesday

Study of Romans, Fellowship Hall A, 7:00 p.m.

November 20, Wednesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room, 8:00 p.m.

November 22, Friday

O Give Thanks, Sanctuary, 7:00 p.m.

worship schedule

Join us next week here at Sligo as Senior Pastor, Charles A. Tapp continues his series The Gospel of...with his message, "The Gospel of Thanksgiving." Music will be provided by Sligo Children's Choir and the combined Sanctuary Choir & Columbia Collegiate Chorale of Washington Adventist University

Sligo Church Service, Sanctuary, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

Speaker: Pr. Charles A. Tapp

Kerala Church, WAU Richards Hall, 10:00 a.m.

profile of giving -November 9

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering pays for the outreach and nurture ministries of the church and the church school, along with necessary expenses such as utilities and maintenance of the church building.

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 10	\$ 15,535	Nov. 9	\$ 9,954
Nov. 10 YTD	\$ 444,259	Nov. 9 YTD	\$ 440,765

BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER 9 YTD: \$ 469,851

BUDGET BOOSTER:
Nov. 9 YTD \$ 12,298 GOAL \$ 30,000

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:
Nov. 9 YTD \$ 28,916

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:
Aug. - Nov. 9 \$ 12,239

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

Last Year:		This Year:	
Nov. 10	\$ 40,416	Nov. 9	\$ 63,142
Nov. 10 YTD	\$2,087,612	Nov. 9 YTD	\$ 2,039,141
2019 GOAL	\$2,700,000	Remaining Goal	\$660,859

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

welcome



Welcome to Sligo today. There is a familiar expression that is used when reference is being made as to the way we determine how effective or good something is or isn't. The phrase I'm referring to is "the acid test." For instance, it can be said that the acid test as to how good a politician might be is not the promises he or she makes, but how well he or she delivers on those promises. The phrase originally alluded to a chemical test developed in the late 18th century, which was used to determine the pureness of gold. But when the "acid test" is used as an idiom, it refers to that which provides definitive proof of whether something is true or false, right or wrong, good or bad, effective or ineffective. Now, this does not have to be an actual test; it can be anything that provides this conclusive confirmation. But what about when it comes to determining the effectiveness of our witness as Christians? What is the "acid test?" Today we will look to God's word for the answer as we continue our series on "The Gospel of..." with the message, "The Gospel of Forgiveness: The Acid Test of Christianity." - Charles A. Tapp

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

- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Do life together: Join a Journey Group
- Fill out a pew menu card and place it in the offering plate
- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry

who can help

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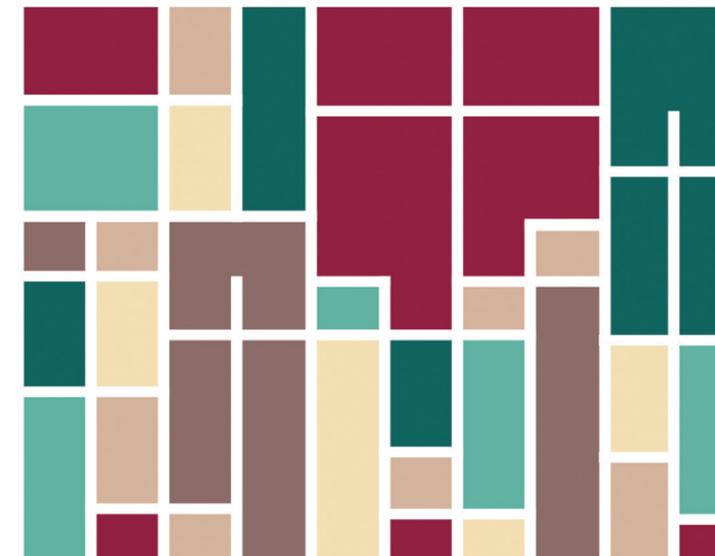
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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

NOVEMBER 16, 2019
8:45 & 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

SANCTUARY – 8:45 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Prelude on “Resignation” / Lester H. Groom

+Song of Gathering

Near to the Heart of God / No. 495

+Sligo Live

Pranitha Fielder

HeartLifters Prayer Ministry

Welcome & Church Life

Don McFarlane

we honor and praise him

*Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name / No. 229

✠ Prayer

Selma Mastrapa
+Charlotte Conway

Anthem

Lord, Here Am I / John Ness Beck

we reflect

+Children’s Message

Hazel Marroquin

Responsive Scripture Reading

Don McFarlane
+Carolyn Kujawa

Leader: Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

Congregation: Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

Leader: Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

Congregation: And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

Leader: But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

Congregation: The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’

All: Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

+Music for Meditation

I Sought the Lord / Frederick Stevenson

Sermon

Charles A. Tapp

The Gospel of Forgiveness: The Acid Test of Christianity

Invitation to Give

Charles A. Tapp

Offertory

O Lord, Be Merciful / Homer N. Bartlett

we go to serve

*Hymn of Reflection

Marvelous Grace / No. 109

*Benediction

Charles A. Tapp

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God / arr. Virgil Fox

*Congregation is standing

✠ Congregation is kneeling where possible

+11:00 service only

Sylvan Coke & Helen Espenida, deacon & deaconess on duty

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist

Aaron Wilson, chorister

Karla Rivera, vocalist

Footnotes:

Charlotte Conway began working as Treasurer at Sligo Church in 2007, after retiring from Washington Adventist University. The Conway family moved to this area from Beirut in 1975 after having served as missionaries in Tanzania and Lebanon and they became members of Sligo Church because their children’s friends were there. She has four children and five grandchildren and is blessed to have them all living in this area.

Carolyn Luce Kujawa, a longtime Sligo member, former professor of English, and General Conference (GC) retiree, now volunteers with GC Women’s Ministries Scholarshipping Our Sisters [SOS]. This program, which helps Adventist women around the world attend college, is her passion.

Selma Mastrapa and her husband, Orlando, have been members of Sligo for 30 years, having served as elders and volunteers. After a career of teaching they spend their retirement hanging out with their grandchildren, gardening and traveling.

Karla Rivera graduated from Washington Adventist University (WAU) in 2000 with a degree in Vocal Performance, and subsequently achieved her Master’s degree in the same at University of Maryland. In addition to performing, Karla teaches voice lessons at Red Bridge Studios and is the Executive Assistant to the Provost at WAU.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Adult Sabbath School

SANCTUARY – 10:00 A.M.

Welcome & Prayer

James Gulley

Mission Spotlight

Lesson Study

Our Forgiving God

Prayer

“God came down on Mount Sinai in order to speak with the people, even though they rejected Him afterward and instead chose a golden calf to worship. Why does God pursue us so endlessly? It is because He longs to be close to us. The Israelites claimed the promise that God always hears us. Because He heard their ancestors, they have faith that He now also will hear them and answer. And He does.”



sabbath devotional

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

- Martin Luther King Jr.

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 card from the hymnal rack.

Simple Truths for Life: Sligo’s Radio Ministry, can be heard each Sabbath morning from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. on WGTS 91.9 FM. Listen with friends, then invite them to come to church in person at 11:00 a.m. Download past episodes or subscribe to future episodes for free from Simple Truths for Life by Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church from the iTunes Store. You can also go to <simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast>

Prayer Requests:

Families of these deceased:

Ethyl Hurt, Esther Battle

For Healing:

Johnson Koilpillai

Gospel of Romans: Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19 in Fellowship Hall A, for the conclusion of the series on the book of Romans. Pastor McFarlane will lead the group in a study of Romans 12 and selections from chapters 13 - 15, in which Paul addresses the subject of practical Christian living. Bring your Bible and bring a friend.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW)

- Needs volunteers to help prepare for their annual Thanksgiving basket distribution. If you’re available on Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., call 301.585.6556 to register
- Urgent need! 1,000 families have already signed up for Thanksgiving food baskets, 1/3 more than last year! Support ACSGW by bringing your food gifts to the church on Saturday, November 23. Thank you for helping families in need celebrate the holidays!
- On Tuesday, November 19, Mark’s Kitchen (7006 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912) will donate a percentage of the day’s business to ACSGW to support Holiday Food Baskets.

The Sligo Media Department invites you to join our Camera Operator training program. This ministry is open to members and non-members alike. Camera operators voluntarily serve once a month or once a quarter. Visit us in the Media Room (left side of the Balcony) or send an email to <mediasupport@sligochurch.org>

Wednesday Prayer Gathering: Join us in the Sanctuary every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. as we learn how to abide in Jesus Christ and live by the power of His Holy Spirit.