

## God Moves in Mysterious Ways ~ William Cowper

God moves in a mysterious way,  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never failing skill,  
He treasures up his bright designs,  
And works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
are big with mercy, and shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence,  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter,  
And he will make it plain.

### calendar of events

**All activities inside the church building are cancelled until further notice! We are open virtually.**

### worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Senior Pastor, Charles A. Tapp, shares a message titled, "The Trouble with Truth."

### profile of giving - October 10

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:	
Oct. 12	\$ 7,120	Oct. 10	\$ 6,141
Oct. 12 YTD	\$ 392,687	Oct. 10 YTD	\$ 385,884

**BUDGET FOR OCTOBER 10 YTD:** \$ 417,704

**CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:**  
Oct. 10 YTD \$ 13,109

**BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:**  
Aug. 2019 - Oct. 10 \$ 28,781

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

Last Year:		This Year:	
Oct. 12	\$ 39,070	Oct. 10	\$ 45,484
Oct. 12 YTD	\$1,852,238	Oct. 10 YTD	\$1,844,775

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

### welcome



Welcome to Sligo! These days, we are all keenly aware of the space between us. Just about everywhere we go, there are reminders for us to maintain our distance. While the physical space that currently separates us is for our benefit, health, and peace of mind, there is a space between us that causes existential damage. This space seems to be ever-widening, and as a result, detrimental to the image of God that we were created to bear. Today we will look at how Jesus handles these widening and isolating spaces.

- Pranitha Fielder

### 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

PHONE: 301.270.6777 EMERGENCY: 301.980.1009  
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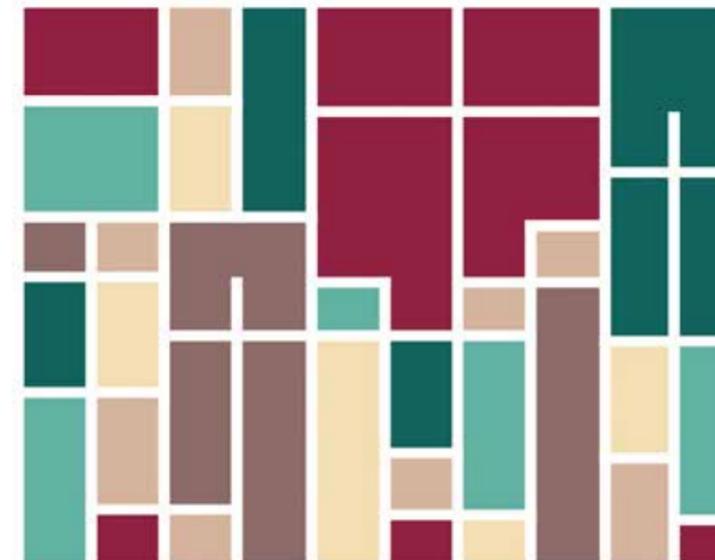
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## THE CHURCH at worship



### CHRIST FIRST

OCTOBER 17, 2020  
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

#### Song of Gathering

To God Be the Glory/ No. 341

#### Sligo Live

Jean Arthur

AIM (Action In Montgomery) Virtual Walk

#### Welcome & Church Life

Don McFarlane

### we honor and praise him

#### Hymn of Praise

The Church Has One Foundation / No.348

#### Prayer

Alex Meier

### we reflect

#### Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

#### Scripture Reading

Jessica Meier

John 4:7-9 (NIV)

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

#### Music for Meditation

Wonderful Merciful Savior/ Selah

#### Sermon

Pranitha Fielder

The Space Between Us

#### Invitation to Give

Pranitha Fielder

### we go to serve

#### Benediction

Pranitha Fielder

#### Postlude

Toccata on "Lobe Den Herren" / arr. Craig Phillips

#### Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist & pianist

Charlene Milam, chorister

Anjali Christian, vocalist

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## Of Being

- Denise Levertov

I know this happiness

is provisional:

the looming presences—

great suffering, great fear—

withdraw only

into peripheral vision:

but ineluctable this shimmering

of wind in the blue leaves:

this flood of stillness

widening the lake of sky:

this need to dance,

this need to kneel:

this mystery

## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

## That You May Prosper:

Throughout the Bible, we hear of other outcomes of knowing—and obeying—God's law.

The Lord tells Joshua as he enters into Canaan: "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go" (Josh. 1:7, NKJV).

This notion of success as a by-product of obedience may seem contrary to the way success is measured in our world today. Many today believe that the marks of success are innovation, creativity, and selfreliance. To succeed in a particular industry often requires extraordinary talent and risk-taking.

However, in God's eyes success requires a different set of resources.

Old Testament, New Testament, Old Covenant, New Covenant—it doesn't matter: as Bible-believing Christians we are called to obedience to God's law. Violation of the law, also known as sin, can lead only to pain, suffering, and eternal death. Who hasn't learned for themselves, or seen for themselves, the results of sin, the results of violation of God's law? Just as ancient Israel would prosper by obeying God's law (even though they needed grace, as well), it's no different for us today either. Hence, as part of Christian education we need to keep God's law as a central component of what it means to live by faith and trusting in God's grace.



### sabbath devotional

“How far do I have to go to find you, in whom I have already arrived.”

- Thomas Merton

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER



**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](http://simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast).

#### Prayer Requests:

#### Families of these deceased:

Hisnelle Phillipotts, Vada Gentry, Karen Ott Worrow

#### For Healing:

Geri Reid, Cacilda Couto

#### We are sad to announce the passing of Hisnelle Eugene Phillipotts

on October 9 at the age of 95. Her funeral will be livestreamed at 10:00 am tomorrow, October 18 at <https://media.sligochurch.org/> Unless invited by the family, please do **not** come to church for the service.

#### Register now for a Grief Session hosted by Mike Tucker.

There will be six ZOOM sessions on Sabbath afternoons beginning October 17 at 3:00 p.m., led by our Bereavement Leader, Dee Taylor. Check the Sligo website: [sligochurch.org](http://sligochurch.org) for information on how to register. These are coming to you courtesy of HeartLifters and the Bereavement Team. A Participant Guidebook will be sent to all early registrants that request it.

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month:** Throughout the months of this pandemic, our pastoral staff has provided support and comfort to people in our congregation and community. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take time to encourage our pastors for the service they provide for Sligo Church. Do it with a note, a text, or a phone call. Make sure they know how much we appreciate them.

**Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering** – Contact Pr. Cheryl Wilson-Bridges at [cbridges@sligochurch.org](mailto:cbridges@sligochurch.org) for access to the Zoom link. Invite your family and friends for this additional prayer time to claim God's power and peace over the giants we are currently facing.

• Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom call)

• Sundays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

#### Membership Report (second reading):

**Joining Sligo:** Carol Baker, Paul Byssainthe, Jr., Simon Chelliah, Katherine Granados, Carmeshia Huggins, Diana Kelley, Haika Mndambi, Jenny Sailo, Vishranti Sathe, Aaron Wilson

**Joining elsewhere:** Matthew Daley, Eunice Glafke, Soraya Homayouni, Christina Khabbaz, Joseph Khabbaz, Akifa Mall, Kristina Penny, Marcus Robinson, Helen Rowe, Sheron Simpson