

Sligo Sabbath Celebration

DECEMBER 15, 2007

8:45 A.M.

Third Week of Advent

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!

Prelude	
Welcome & Church Life	Pastor Terry Johnsson
*Hymn of Praise	
	<i>Joy to the World</i> / No. 125
*Invocation	Charlotte Conway
Anthem	
	<i>Hark! the Herald Angels Sing</i> / Mendelssohn arr. Lamb
Lighting of the Advent Candle	Illangovan Pandithurai, II Peter 1:19 Anitha Illangovan & Suresh Rajendran
✠ Prayer	Pastor Terry Johnsson
✠ Prayer Response	
	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> / traditional
Invitation to Give	Charlotte Conway
Offertory	
	<i>Christmas Reflections</i> / arr. Ingram
Baby Dedication	Pastor Terry Johnsson
	Daniel Stephen Carrette
Sermon	Pastor Terry Johnsson
	<i>In His Presence</i>
*Hymn of Response	
	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> / No. 132
*Benediction	Pastor Terry Johnsson
*Benediction Response	
	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i> / traditional
Postlude	
	<i>Christmas Collage</i> / Stephenson
Barry Rowe & Laila Mashny, <i>deacon & deaconess on duty</i>	
Sligo Ringers	Ardyce Griswold, <i>director</i>
*	congregation is standing
✠	congregation is kneeling

Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers

10 a.m.

Song Service	Leslie Hardware
Opening Song	
	<i>If You But Trust in God to Guide You</i> / No. 510
Scripture & Prayer	Ellis Rich
Welcome	Paul Copiz
Special Music	Leslie Hardware
	<i>Draw Near to Me</i> / Bach
Mission Report	James Hammond
Bible Study	Class Leaders
	<i>Waiting in the Crucible</i>
Benediction	Class Leaders
	Zelma Edwards, <i>pianist</i>

Footnotes

Charlotte Conway has served as our treasurer for the past year. Prior to that she worked at Columbia Union College for 30 years. Charlotte and her family have also served as missionaries in Africa.

Illangovan Pandithurai and **Anitha Illangovan** have been members of Sligo for four years. Anitha serves as one of the Adult Sabbath School teachers in the Beginners class. Illangovan and Anitha are blessed with three children, Daryl, Dorothy, and Daniel. **Suresh Rajendran** has been in the country for a year now and is waiting for his wife and two young children to join him here.

Adult Sabbath School quarterlies

for January-March 2008, *Discipleship*, are now available at the reception desks. A small supply of quarterlies will also be available at the Church Office. Large print quarterlies are a special order item. If you signed up for one last quarter, there will be a copy waiting for you at the desk on the organ side. Please remember the extra expense for this material in your holiday giving. Remember, complete SS lessons with commentary are *always* available online for your convenience: <http://www.ssnet.org>.

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Welcome to Sligo Church

May the Lord bless you as you worship with us today. We welcome our guests and visitors! To write the pastors a note, to make a prayer request, or to join Sligo Church, please use a card from the hymnal rack.

Involve yourself in Sligo's mission! Visit the Information & Membership Desk to learn how your gifts can bless Sligo and our community.

Congratulations, Sligo Adventist School! Students, teachers, and administration prepared more than 500 paper grocery sacks with stapled announcements about last night's school Christmas program, Sligo church calendar of events, and memory verses to distribute throughout the Takoma Park community. The next day the students went back out and collected more than 149 grocery sacks of food to give to Adventist Community Services for distribution to the needy in the area.

Prayer Support: Henry Marpaung, Nikolaus Satelmajer, Michael Smith, Lynn Wilt, Lalitha Budde, and Wendell Osborne for recovery, the Devairakkam family for comfort, and Suresh Rajendran for help obtaining passports for his family; requests brought to Tuesday evening's Prayer Gathering.

Praying through the carols: *HeartQuest* concludes its series intermingling first Advent carols and second Advent hymns. Tuesday in the Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

A Gift of the Heart, a retelling of the first Christmas story. Don't miss this evening for the entire family! Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

If you are looking for quality education, look no further! Sligo Adventist School is the place to be. Case in point: all of the students who graduated from SAS and are currently enrolled in Takoma Academy are on the honor roll, academic honor roll or principal's list. For application information please visit www.sligoadventistschool.org or call the Principal Larry Rich at 240-464-7054.

Takoma Academy is calling all vehicles, running or not, to be donated to the TA Auto Donation Program. The school will tow the vehicle for free and send you a receipt. Remember, this is a year-round fundraiser. For more information call 301-439-8223 ext. 701.

Walk Thru Bethlehem: Come celebrate the miracle. Today or tomorrow, take a 45-minute interactive tour through the town of Bethlehem at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring. Visit www.BethlehemWalk.info to reserve tickets or call the ticket line, 301-680-6122

Young Adult Summit, Ignition, February 14 – 17, will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Young adults and those invested in ministering with them are invited to the summit featuring George Barna, Matthew Gamble, Eddie Hipolite, Elia King, Ann Roda, Adrienne Townsend, and True!Improv. For more information and to register go to <http://ypac.adventistmeetings.com> or call 800-732-7587.

Membership Report (first reading):

Transferring into Sligo: Isaiah Augustin, Kuyuk-Abasi Bernard, Rommel DeGuzman, Craig McCorkle, Samuel McFarlane, Lorelei Norberte, and Iniese Umah

Transferring elsewhere: Nanci Brown, Sook Hopkins, Imad

Madanat, and Hilda Nat

Profession of Faith: Ray Minniefield and Chile Wigwe

Nominating Report (second reading):

Information & Membership Team: Julianne Melnick and Jamie Trefz

Please remember, that to be considered a tax-deductible gift in 2007, all gifts of cash, checks or by credit card must be post-marked or received by Sligo Church by midnight, December 31. Envelopes not placed in the regular offering on December 29, may be placed in the mail slot at the Sligo Church Office Building.

Calendar

December 15, Sabbath

New Community Fellowship, Pastor Terry Johnsson speaking, Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

December 16, Sunday

Pathfinder Community Service & Swim Party, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 17, Monday

Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

December 18, Tuesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 19, Wednesday

Wednesday Night Out

Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Hour of Hope (youth), Youth Room, 7 p.m.

December 21, Friday

A Gift of the Heart, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 22, Sabbath

Worship Service, Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr., speaking, Sanctuary, 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

New Community Fellowship presents a Christmas play, Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

January 5

Elders Breakfast, Fellowship Room B, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, Sanctuary, 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. services.

Ordination, Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. service

January 12

Information & Membership, Fellowship Room B, 9 a.m.

Discipleship Action Team Meeting, Junior Room, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Farewell Reception for the Halvorsens in the Atrium following the 11:15 worship service.

Sunset tonight: 4:47

Sunset December 21: 4:49

The Sligo pastoral staff wishes you a happy and blessed Christmas season!