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# CONNECT

MARCH 24, 2018



*With Arms  
Wide Open:*  
A LOVE CAUGHT 'BETWEEN

# WELCOME



*to Pioneer*

Welcome to the Pioneer Memorial Church on Holy Communion Sabbath.

Communion draws our thoughts to the Upper-Room, where Jesus, during His last supper with the disciples, provided an example of humility for all, by stooping to wash the disciples' dusty feet. Then with a simple loaf of bread and a pitcher of grape juice, which symbolized His body and blood, Jesus pointed to His sacrifice on Calvary as our Savior.

His simple request of the disciples (and us) was when you break the bread and drink the juice, "Remember me!" And, today, with grateful hearts, we do!

-Sharon Terrell

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 <b>FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL</b>	<b>RADIO</b> WAUS – 90.7 FM Sabbath 11:30 AM

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"Against the Strongholds"

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# AGAINST THE STRONGHOLDS



BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**T**he immense challenge of penetrating an essentially pagan culture and nation for Christ—in Japan, in this country, as well as nations across the earth—is unprecedented. Centuries of Christian witness have seemingly failed. But God is not defeated—for "the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have the power to demolish strongholds" (2 Corinthians 10:4)! It is time to come against those strongholds of Satan with Heaven's potent weapon of collective, intercessory prayer.

From 7:00 PM on Friday, April 6, to 7:00 PM on Sabbath, April 7, we are convening a campus-wide Day of Prayer and Fasting. Each of us has a dozen urgent prayer needs we must bring to God. But beyond our personal prayers, it is time to collectively focus our praying on the pagan strongholds of Japan, the secular West and East, and the challenge of penetrating Islam—we must come together and pray. "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Please go to our website—[www.pmc-church.org/dayofprayer](http://www.pmc-church.org/dayofprayer)—and sign up for an hour of prayer. Then come through the Pioneer Youth Chapel, where we will be open through these 24 hours, with

each hour beginning with a facilitated introduction, hymn and prayer, after which those gathered can select designated on-site prayer spaces to join others interceding for the same need.

Do you have to fast in order to join this Day of Prayer and Fasting? No—but don't be too quick to dismiss the possibility. Fasts come in various sizes and shapes—from Daniel's modified fast (Daniel 10:3) to Esther's crisis fast (Esther 4:16, 5:2) to Jesus' disciples' deliverance fasting (Matthew 17:21). Fasts can include simple social media fasting, fruit juice fasts, entertainment fasting, etc. Remember—we don't fast to convince God or manipulate Him—we fast and pray on behalf of the great challenges we face and our desperate need of for God's intervention.

The 127 million people of Japan deserve to hear and know Jesus as much as we do. But only the Holy Spirit can break the devil's centuries-long chokehold on that society. And we have His promise: "So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west [USA], and His glory from the rising of the sun [Japan]—when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him" (Isaiah 59:19). It is time to claim God's promise! Join this intergenerational Day of Prayer and Fasting—go to the website and let us know you'll be there. We thank you, and God will bless you.

# WE WORSHIP

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## THE CALL

### The Meditation

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
*Healey Willan / Robert Hobby*

### The Introit

*Near the Cross • William Doane*

### The Call

Sharon Terrell

Jesus Christ is Lord!

**To the glory of God the creator!**

Jesus poured out his glory, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

**God has exalted him highly and given him the greatest of all names.**

So that at Jesus' name every knee should bend low;

**Every tongue proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the creator!**

### The Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

### The Invocation

José Bourget

## THE CELEBRATION

### In Praising

*Lift High the Cross • 362*

### In Praying

Sharon Terrell

### In Giving

Michigan Evangelism • Erhard Gallos\* • Pavel Tomenko\*\*  
*Who Am I*

### In Telling

Children's Story

### In Proclaiming

"With Arms Wide Open:  
A Love Caught 'Between"  
José Bourget

## THE CLEANSING

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." —John 13:12-17 NIV

## THE COMMUNION

### In Reading

Erhard and Irmgard Gallos\*  
Pavel and Rhonda Tomenko\*\*

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." —Luke 22:14-15, 19-20

### In Praying

Erhard Gallos\* • Pavel Tomenko\*\*

### In Partaking

*What Can Wash Away My Sin?* • Robert Lowry  
*The Blood* • Robert Hobby

## THE COMMITMENT

### In Singing

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* • 407

### In Blessing

### In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

### In Leaving

*O Lamb of God, Unspotted* • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Girls of Mercy, Sinegugu Katenga, director

# WE STUDY

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**Song Service**

Jimmer Mun

**Opening Song**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" • 334

**Scripture, Welcome & Prayer**

1 John 3:2 • Josip Horonic

**Mission Feature**

"May—The Last Frontier"

**Offertory**

**Bible Study**

Classes • "The Habits of a Steward"

**Theme Song**

*Make Me a Blessing*

Make me a blessing; make me a blessing.  
Out of my life may Jesus shine.  
Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray.  
Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson

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**Benediction**

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

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## MUSIC ALIVE

"WHEN I SURVEY"

The inspiring words of "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" often are sung with the melody of hymn no. 154. However, today's opening organ music uses an alternate melody (no. 155). The melody builds effectively to a climactic high note in each of its halves. It appears

as an adaptation by Edward Miller (1731-1807), who exemplified achievement into years of maturity. It was not until Miller's mid 50s that he held a doctoral degree in music. And he was organist of Doncaster Parish Church for a half century! ■



**SUBMIT** bulletin announcements by visiting our form online at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit). Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
PMC Operating Expense

**SUNSET TODAY** • 8:00  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:08

## PIONEER PULPIT

| 03 • 31 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"Yes Can Do!—How to Live with an Attitude"

| 04 • 07 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"Yes Can Do!—How to Pray with an Attitude"

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC ASSISTANCE FUND

Your support of Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) will benefit eight aspects of the work of the SDA church on the conference level including evangelism (sharing Jesus with others), building programs (including churches and schools), Camp Au Sable (this MI camp is utilized all year long by many different groups), camp meeting (a special time for spiritual growth as individuals and as a church), and education (growing our children in Jesus). If you have been blessed by any of these aspects of the conference work please give generously today.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening's vespers is a prayer session for evangelism, with a special focus on Japan.

### In Memory With Hope

If you would like to honor the memory of someone who has passed away since last Easter, you are invited to bring a spring flower to place at the foot of the cross during the processional at either service on March 31.

### Celebration of Life

Virgil Tacket will reach his 95th birthday on March 26th. He would enjoy receiving greeting cards from his church family. Please send them to 2715 E. Shawnee Road, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

### Blood Drive

APRIL 5 • 10:00 AM-3:45 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Giving blood saves 4.5 million lives each year in the U.S., yet fewer than 1 out of 10 people in the U.S. donate. A single donation can potentially help up to three patients. Hope begins with you! To schedule an appointment, log onto [www.donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/103490](http://www.donate.miblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/103490).

## PMC Youth Missions Lebanon

This week the PMC Youth Missions team in Lebanon has been busy with a variety of ministry activities. The university students and Dr. Glenn Russell have been conducting campus evangelism with 4 meetings each day for the elementary school, high school and university. Most of those attending the meetings are non-Adventists who come from a variety of religious backgrounds. There have been many challenges but the Holy Spirit is working and lives are being touched for eternity. Thank you for your prayers and financial support for PMC Youth Missions.

### Adventist Community Service Disaster Relief Introduction Training

MARCH 31 • 4:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

This 1-2-hour course is intended to help us prepare for disasters. Types of disasters are identified and basic information is presented. If individuals are prepared to survive a disaster, they may be able to assist others. If you are interested in attending this free training, email [teela@andrews.edu](mailto:teela@andrews.edu) or call 517.290.1518.

### Ellen White Issues Symposium

APRIL 2 • 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
SEMINARY CHAPEL

Mark your calendar and join us for the Ellen G. White Issues Symposium sponsored by the Center for Adventist Research, the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, and the Seminary Department of Church History. The purpose of this symposium is to break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift that have current importance.

## Meet Our New Conference President

Don't miss our worship celebrations for Sabbath, April 21 (both services), as we welcome James Micheff, the newly elected president of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It will be his first introduction to this university and university congregation as president, and it will be a delightful opportunity to assure him of our prayers and support for his leadership. His wife, Gail—who is director for Family Ministries for the Michigan Conference—will join him. “Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their life and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7).

### Knitting Hearts Together

MARCH 27 • 7:00 PM  
MACCARTY RESIDENCE

Please join this Spirit-led ministry as we create and deliver hand-created comfort to the seriously ill and bereaved. Contact Alice Williams at [alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu) or 269.461.6815 for more information.

## We Mourn

Today we mourn with:

The Halder family on the passing of Roseline Halder on March 15.  
The Kaumpungan family on the passing of Ramlen Kaumpungan on March 9.  
The Burn family on the passing of a beloved brother, Roy Burn.

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# KINDERGARTEN VISITATION DAY

RUTH MURDOCH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 4, 8:15-11:30 AM

Bring your child for a morning of singing, worship, stories, a craft, PE class, music class, outdoor play-time, and time to enjoy one of the 20+ learning centers. Please call 471.3220 to register your child for this fun-paced day!



RUTH MURDOCH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

April 3, 6:30-7:30 PM

Come meet Mrs. Curnutt and learn about the creative, hands-on, developmental program that will help your child to grow in academic, social, physical, and spiritual ways. Tour the classroom and school, ask questions, and enjoy refreshments while you meet other parents. A \$50 coupon toward tuition for the first month is available only on this night.

KINDERGARTEN  
PARENT NIGHT