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NOVEMBER 12, 2016



**HEALING THE FRACTURE—
LIFE IN POST-ELECTION AMERICA**

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Welcome to worship at Pioneer Memorial Church on this Blessed Sabbath Day. The message of the words from the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal (#61) remind us that *God is Here*. And we are so glad that you are too!

*God is here! As we His people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure, what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.
Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive,
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!*




"God Is Here!" Fred Pratt Green

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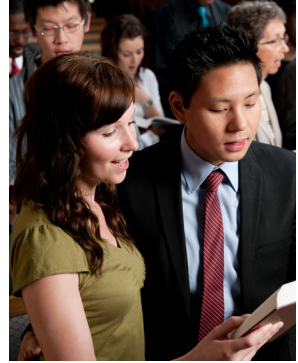
May these words be an encouragement to us all as we worship together.

–Sharon Terrell

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“GIVE US AMERICA, OR WE DIE”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord” (Isaiah 6:1). The young prophet Isaiah, wrapped in the fog of political uncertainty—his nation threatened from crises without and fears within, his own soul afraid of what might yet come upon his people—turns

his despondency toward the temple in Jerusalem. And as he steps into sacred space to pray, to ponder, the towering temple walls collapse into this stunning vision: “I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.” Breathless he gazes at

this theophany: “Above him were seraphim, each with six wings . . . and they were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’”

The whole earth “full of *His* glory”? But how could that possibly be when the nation the young prophet loves and serves is at a critical crisis point?

Or could it be that political crises are the grist of divine paradigm shifts, that leadership upheaval and change is the catalyst for new revelation, for understanding?

ON THIS DAY AFTER, LET US CRY OUT TO THE SAME GOD, “GIVE US AMERICA OR WE DIE.” GIVE US, O GOD, THIS LAND OF DESTINY FOR WHICH THE DOOR OF SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY IS YET OPEN A LITTLE LONGER.

A quick scan of Twitter hashtags on the morning after Tuesday’s presidential election reveals a community of young and not so young Americans exuding strong and conflicting emotions—triumph and joy, broken and bitter, get-over-it nonchalance, and angry, just plain angry. The election has been labeled the most bitter presidential election in the history of this nation. And America the morning after is as fractured and divided as we were before we cast our votes—perhaps divided even more deeply now.

But in the narrative of the young Isaiah the veil between human politics and divine sovereignty is drawn aside—and in his vision of the “high and exalted Lord” whose glory fills the earth “as waters cover the sea” (Habakkuk 2:14)

we stand before the stark but abiding truth that there is only one Sovereign, one Supreme Leader—“the only God our Savior [to whom] be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen” (Jude 25).

And it is that “Amen” that promises hope for all Americans, for all earth inhabitants on the morning after. The hope of healing for this fractured nation, the hope of strong and abiding love for all those alienated and rejected by political ideologies or campaign demagoguery, the hope that somewhere there is a deep and abiding compassion that can yet restore this land to its original promise and historic destiny.

So it is we pray on. With *this* prayer—a prayer I hope you will pray with me—the prayer of the intrepid Protestant Reformer John Knox, who in a land torn by religion and politics, pleaded with God, “Give me Scotland or I die.” On this day after, let us cry out to the same God, “Give us America or we die.” Give us, O God, this land of destiny for which the door of spiritual opportunity is yet open a little longer.

Ours is not a political cause to champion. To us has been entrusted the apocalyptic mission to point this civilization to the soon-coming King, whose healing love is the greatest freedom any human can seek. Now more than ever *carpe diem*—we must seize the day! “Give us America or we die.” ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight’s blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.

I THANK MY GOD FOR ALL OF YOU...

BY SHARON TERRELL

In reading the Apostle Paul's letters to various churches located in Rome, Corinth, Philippi, etc., I have observed that he usually opens his letter with an affirmation of *grace and peace from God, the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ*, followed by a special message for the congregation he is addressing.

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8).

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-4).

While reading Paul's heartfelt comments to these church members, my thoughts have often been directed to the congregation in which I have had the privilege to serve for more than 12 years—my PMC family—and how I would like to say "thank you" to "all of you"! Each year during the Thanksgiving Feast of Hymns, (on November 19 this year), we are given the opportunity to write thank-you notes which are picked up by the deacons and then mailed to the recipients by office staff. Unfortunately, there is never enough time to send all of you a special thank-you. So via this message to be published in the e-letter and in the bulletin, I want you to know, "I thank my God for all of you!"

As your Pastor for Stewardship and Financial Administration, you will not

be surprised that my thoughts are often about your faithfulness in giving offerings to support local ministries through the PMC Operating Expense offering—line two on the offering envelope.

You may not be aware that your offerings to PMC Operating support more than 60 local ministries, including all the Sabbath School departments, from the Nursery Sabbath School through the Youth Sabbath School. Other ministries receiving support from this offering are the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs, FLAG Camp, Youth Evangelism and Mission Trips. GROW Groups are funded through this offering, as well as Family Life Ministry, Soup Kitchen, Fellowship Dinners, the Music Fund, Church Operating and Office Operations, Office Staff, Traffic Ministry, Building Maintenance, Equipment Purchase/Repairs, Safety, etc.

I believe Paul's words to the Philippians are also appropriate for you—*I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now*. As a diverse congregation with members from many countries, your faithfulness is, indeed, reported all over the world!

Thank you! And may you continue to be blessed with grace and peace from God, the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ in my prayer. ■

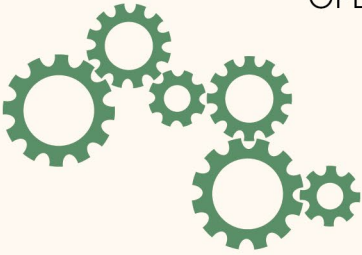
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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden

Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

We are called to rejoice and be glad in the service of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

We are called to proclaim God's righteousness to the nations and to the ends of the earth.

Our worship bears witness to our commitment. Our songs speak of the good news. Our prayers invoke the power of the Spirit. Our hopes yearn for fulfillment.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Crown Him With Many Crowns • 223

Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell
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Worship in Music

Homeland • Randall Stroepe

Tithes & Offerings

World Budget/Global Mission
The Last Words of David • Randall Thompson

Children's Story

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:4-7 NIV • Denis & Angelica Kaiser

This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

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Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease.

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Hymn of Preparation

I Vow to Thee, My Country • 648

Sermon "Healing the Fracture—Life in Post-election America" • Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card

Hymn of Commitment

So Send I You • 578

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Glory to God in the Highest • Allan Greenway

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Choral Union; Stephen Zork, director; Miel Jang, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

TWO HOMELANDS

A message of homeland, a message of hope—There is a hymn (#472) that sings of "The song of Heav'n and Homeland, / Thro' doors God leaves ajar!" One of today's Choral Union anthems, "Homeland" appears to focus mostly on the earthly homeland. But can we not direct its sentiments also, even only, to the heavenly Homeland? Back to the hymn: "It seems like angel voices, / In strains of joy and love, / That swell

the mighty chorus / Around the throne above." Can one sing rapturously of both homelands, seen in light from only-eternal heaven itself? Today members of choirs of Berrien Springs High School, Carrie VanDenburgh, director; PMC, Jeannie-Pedersen Smith director; and Andrews University, Stephen Zork, director with graduate student director Meriel Lora, join to form the Choral Union. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Opening Hymn

Let Your Heart Be Broken • 575

Welcome & Prayer

Tom Baker

Scripture

John 11:33-36 • Tom Baker

Special Feature

Mission Malamulo • Dr. Jamie Crouse

Offertory

Bible Study

“Retributive Punishment” • Classes

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

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach

Praise

*Crown Him With Many Crowns • Great is the Lord • Worthy is the Lamb
Nothing but the Blood*

Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Tithes & Offerings

The Last Words of David • Randall Thompson

Children's Story

Bible Reading

Jeremiah 29:4-7 NIV

Worship in Music

Homeland • Randall Stroepe

Sermon

"Healing the Fracture—Life in Post-election America" • Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card

So Send I You • 578

As We Depart

Glory to God in the Highest • Allan Greenway

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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VOCALS: Kara Kang, Sinegugu Katenga, David Ortiz, Jamila Sylvester
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Choral Union; Stephen Zork, director; Miel Jang, piano

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to 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 • 5:29
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:22

PIONEER PULPIT

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JOSÉ BOURGET

"Rain On Me: Experience Joy
Like It's the First Time"
Feast of Hymns

| 11 • 26 |

SABINE VATEL

Friendsgiving

FINANCIAL FEATURE

GLOBAL MISSION

We are blessed to be born in the United States of America, a country full of prosperity and opportunity. Adventists world-wide live in countries where the average yearly salary per household is less than \$2,000. As you give to the Adventist Global Mission today remember that the prosperity you have been blessed with can go a long way in supporting the Lord's mission through the Adventist church's outreach across the world.

Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us as God's Hands 4 Kids presents "We Are Your Family Too"; a powerful evening of stories, music, and video testimonies of foster care and adoption. At 7 PM we'll spend an hour making some useful items for foster children.

Scrapbooking Together

TODAY • 6:00 TO 11:00 PM
TOMORROW • 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC EARLITEEN LOFT

Bring your supplies and enjoy pizza and chocolate tonight. Leave your things and come back tomorrow for more fun. A special guest is coming at 11 AM to show us how to make 6 cards out of one sheet of 12 x 12 paper and cardstock.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Fuad Mashni on the death of his wife, Luzetta Mashni. Luzetta passed away on November 4. No services are being planned. With Fuad we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Pathfinder Apple Pies

The Evergreen Pathfinders are offering apple pies this holiday season. They are taking orders for gluten-free apple crisps and crumb-topped apple pies. **Pies will be available in the Commons on November 13 and 20 from noon to 8 PM.** Email evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com with your order or any questions.

RMES Food Fair

TOMORROW • 12:00 TO 3:00
RMES CAFETORIUM

Come and support our school as we celebrate what makes Ruth Murdoch unique! Enjoy food from Africa, India, Korea and more.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

This month's potluck will feature speaker Dr. L. Fernando Ortiz, Director of the MDiv Program for the SDA Theological Seminary. His topic will be "Cuba. The Time Is Now. If Not Now, When?" Music will be presented by pianist Chi Yong Yun, of the AU Department of Music. For more info contact Ralph C. Wood at rcwood90@gmail.com.

PMC Organ Recital

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

A diverse musical feast for a variety of musical tastes describes this recital by Dr. Wendy Markosky. She will play music by American, Canadian, Czech, French, and German composers. Dr. Markosky is faculty organist at Burman University in Alberta, Canada. Admission is free.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL

Join us for the 3rd Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair! Hundreds of hand-crafted creations will be on display. This craft fair exists primarily to provide Adventist crafters and artists a venue at which to promote their small-business endeavors.

Pathfinder Food Drive

The Pathfinders are collecting food for those in need this holiday season. Plan to bring a bag of food to church next Sabbath (November 20) to contribute during Feast of Hymns. If you know of a family in need please feel free to submit their name to the church office by calling 269.471.6565. We also need help delivering the food. If you would like to help, come to the PMC main entrance (green awning) next Sabbath at 4:30 PM.

GROW More Hope in 2017

Lead a GROW Group between February 20 and April 30, 2017! It's as simple as 1, 2, 3. (1) Think of a subject or activity that you are passionate about. (2) Invite at least 2 others to join you. (3) Sign up at www.pmchurch.org/grow so that more can join. Help us grow more hope, community and friends for Christ in 2017! For questions or ideas, contact Pastor Sabine at growgroups@pmchurch.org or 269.471.6153.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

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DAVIS, Paul
DAVIS, Samantha
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VENTURA, Abigail
VENTURA, Cesar
VENTURA, Ismael
VENTURA, Jenny
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CLOUZET, Ron
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LOUIS JEAN, Wilfred
LOURA, Anne
OGAWA, Harutsugu
OGAWA, Tomoko
VILLALBA, Daniele
VILLALBA, Edmilson
WHEELER, Mateja

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MAZUR, Kelber Z.
WILLIAMS, Barbara

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Morris Park • Bronx, NY
Roseburg, OR
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Hillside-O'Malley • Anchorage, AK
Chibavi • Mzuzu, Malawi
Spanish • Benton Harbor, MI
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Spencerville • Silver Spring, MD
Morris Park • NY, NY
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Fairplain • Benton Harbor
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Ilsan English • Republic of Korea
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Village • Berrien Springs, MI
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Capernaum French • Neptune, NJ
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