

GOOD ENOUGH?

NOVEMBER 10
PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH
9:00 & 11:45 AM
JOHN PECKHAM

WELCOME

to Pioneer



Our guest preacher today is John Peckham, professor of Theology and Christian Philosophy at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary here. I have come to admire this bright, humble and gracious man, who as both consummate scholar and prolific writer has blessed my own life and ministry. His Reader's Choice best-seller, *The Love of God: A Canonical Model* (IVP 2015), is not only comprehensive and convincing—it will stir your soul. And just this week I received his newest book, *Theodicy of Love: Cosmic Conflict and the Problem of Evil* (Baker Academic 2018). I thank God for thinkers like John in our faith community. His parents, Ernie and Karen Peckham (pastor for years in Indiana), are friends of mine and worship with us today. John and Brenda, his nurse wife, and son Joel, their 7-year-old pride and joy, are members of our Pioneer Family. May God bless us all this Sabbath!

—Dwight K. Nelson

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FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL

OF WINNERS & LOSERS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Guess what. Politics isn't the only realm preoccupied with winners and losers. So is Scripture. As it turns out, on this morning after the midterm elections across the nation, my summer journey through the Apocalypse ended. Looking back now I must admit, Revelation really is all about winners and losers!

Here's a short list of them compiled just this morning:

• **God wins.** The triumph of the Lamb of God on Calvary (repeated and reiterated throughout this revealing) is the crimson heart of the divine forever triumph. Over and over again the strong assurance that "though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet" (Maltbie Babcock) vibrates through the book, and crescendos in the mighty Hallelujah chorus of Revelation 19: **"Hallelujah! For the Lord God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory" (19:6-7).** No wonder the angelic throngs shouted their praise to Christ our Savior at His inauguration: **"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and**

might and honor and glory and blessing!" (5:12). God wins!

• **Satan loses.** Hands down, big time the "biggest loser" in the Apocalypse is our constant arch nemesis and foe: ". . . **but he was defeated .**

. . . the great dragon . . . that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world" (12:8-9). Loser! But

let's not taunt him yet.

For the divine Voice warns us: **"But woe**

to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath ["filled with fury" NIV], because he knows that his time is short!" (12:12). Nev-





ertheless make no mistake about it, the ending to this brutal cosmic war, “the great controversy,” is unequivocal: **“. . . and the devil who had deceived them [and us] was thrown into the lake of fire” (20:10).**

All the heartache, pain, suffering and death he has inflicted upon us one day will be avenged (6:9-11). Satan loses!

•The seven-headed sea beast, the two-horned earth beast, the seven-headed scarlet beast, the prostitute who rides the scarlet beast, and Babylon lose.

I.e., the satanic trinity’s reign of terror just before the collapse of history will be crushed by the returning Christ—defeated, obliterated forever and ever. As the Apocalypse loudly pronounces: **“They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and**

chosen and faithful” (17:14). And who are these who conquer with the Lamb?

•**The Bride wins.** The wildly glad tidings that peal through Revelation is that the Bride of Christ—and in this book the church of Jesus is distinguished through a series of monikers: the servants of Jesus Christ (1:1), those who overcome (chapters 2-3), the 144,000 (7:1-8), the innumerable “great multitude” of the saved (7:9-10), the remnant of the woman’s offspring (12:17), the saints (13:10), those who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (14:12), “those who had conquered the beast and its image” (15:2), the “called and chosen and faithful” (17:14), “My people” (18:4), the Bride of the Lamb (19:7), the priests and kings of God (1:6, 5:10, 20:6), and the New Jerusalem (21:9-10)—at long last the Bride of Christ wins! And to “roar of many waters and the sound of mighty peals of thunder”, the Bride—the people of God robed in “fine linen, bright and pure” (19:8)—takes her place at the marriage supper table of the Lamb (19:6-9). She wins because He won!

I plan to be there—how about you? Too preposterous, too prideful an ambition and prayer? Not at all. Never forget this Book of winners and losers ends with the divine secret to winning: **“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen” (22:20-21).**

The Bible’s last words: Lord Jesus . . . grace . . . Amen. You win! ■

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Voluntary on Old Hundredth • attr. Henry Purcell / Curnow*

Introit *Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody*

Call to Worship Ben Martin

The very stone which the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone;

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.

○ Lord, open wide our lips;

And our mouths shall sing your praise!

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

Invocation John Peckham

Hymn of Praise *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • 334*

Congregational Prayer Natalie Dorland
Father, Lead Me Day by Day • st. 1 of 482

Worship in Music *Alleluia! Laudamus Te (We Praise You) • Alfred Reed*

Pioneer Life Carol Jordan, God's Hands 4 Kids

Baby Dedication Micah Ronald Press presented by
Ashley and John Press with Ben Martin

Children's Story Brooke Scott
How Can I Keep From Singing? • Randall Standridge

Scripture 1 Peter 2:4-6 NASB • John and Judy Nay

And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is
choice and precious in the sight of God,

**you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for
a holy priesthood,**

continued...

to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture:

**"Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone,
And he who believes in Him will not be disappointed."**

Hymn of Preparation

Marvelous Grace • st. 1 of 109

Sermon

"Good Enough?"
John Peckham

Tithes & Offerings

World Budget (Annual Sacrifice)

Hymn of Commitment

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound • 108

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

God of Grace and God of Glory • Paul Manz

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Symphonic Band; Ely M. Gallardo-Díaz, director

MUSIC ALIVE

"ALLELUIA!"

"Alleluia!" rings out in today's instrumental worship music. The word is Latin, from the Hebrew "hallelujah" meaning "praise ye the Lord." This radiant word appears in Psalms 111 to 113 and 115 to 117, as well as in several verses of Revelation 19 as the cry in heaven "of a great multitude." In common usage, the word is focused particularly on the celebration of Christ's resurrection. By stark contrast,

many local churches omit the word in the weeks leading to their celebration of Christ's resurrection. This practice can serve to underscore the joy of the word once it emerges after weeks of waiting. But many other churches would welcome this ebullient word throughout the year. Alfred Reed's "Alleluia! Laudamus Te" expresses the word instrumentally. ■

*UNDER THE ROOF:
Capturing the Heart
of PMC*

BY JOSÉ BOURGET

Take a moment and google “the art of making a tapestry”. You’ll find a really informative video explaining the history and process of this centuries-old art form. Interestingly, it is more than a beautiful display of colors and patterns; it intends to tell a story. The storyteller is the weaver who guides each strand through the skillful and patient work of crafting, line by line, an intelligent and inspiring snapshot of history.

RENOVATE
heart & house

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Question: if we step back for a moment to see the picture of the spiritual vitality at Pioneer Memorial Church, what would we see? Would a pattern emerge? Could you see the skill and intentionality of a Master Weaver?

We are launching a series entitled, “Under the Roof: Capturing the Heart of PMC”. At first, we will get to see individual strands, a close up of Immanuel—the many ways the Spirit is weaving its way



through the life of individuals, families, and the community. Each week, as the colorful strands build on each other, a pattern emerges. Maybe you already know what the picture will look like, so don't spoil it for the rest of us!

The stories will come from the various ministry teams that serve year round. You may not know this, but we do have a strong pulse driving this faith community. For example, here is a partial snapshot of the lifelines that are crafting the tapestry of Pioneer's mission on average on a weekly basis:

- 6 Elders
- 120 Volunteers for Sabbath School's birth - 14 years old.
- 26 Deacons
- 6 Traffic Volunteers
- 20 Media Ministry Volunteer Specialists
- 23 Adventurer leaders
- 20 Pathfinder leaders
- 38 Hospitality Volunteers

- 35 Collegiate and Adult Sabbath School Leaders
- 16 Youth Sabbath School Leaders
- 40 Grow Groups

Let's be clear: this is a partial snapshot. There are dozens of more ministry teams that are pulsating with the heart of God each week. Stats are great, right? Sure, but they lack the beauty and intricacies of a handmade tapestry. Stats don't tell us about the people—the distinctiveness of names, the answered prayers and divine appointments only made possible with the artistry of the Master Weaver at work. I'm confident that the tapestry of Pioneer is a beautiful picture. But let's take a closer look at the uniqueness, creativity, and intentionality that the Spirit is moving through our lives in this campus community.

Do you have a Pioneer story to share about how God impacted your life or the life of someone you know? Email us at undertheroof@pmchurch.org and one of our story scouts will come to capture your story. We want to retell the creative and compassionate work that God is doing in your life. In our retelling, we will see how the heart of God is moving in us and through us.

I wonder if the art of tapestry is what Auntie Ellen (an endearing way of referencing Ellen G. White) was imagining when penning the following line: "Every human being is to work with his/her life thread, weaving it into the fabric to help complete the pattern." (6T 115.1) I'm on the edge of my seat as we take a closer look at the tapestry that makes up the heart of Pioneer.



WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Prayer

Mordekai Ongó • Galatians 3:27-29

Welcome

Mordekai Ongó

Special Feature

"Religious Freedom for All"

Offering

Lesson Study

"Images of Unity"

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

OFFERTORY: Ivana Ticar

WE WORSHIP 2

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—1 Peter 2:4-6 (NASB)

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As We Depart

The Light Eternal
James Swearingen

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
PRAISE LEADER: Michelle Odinma; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Shadrach Agol; CAJON: Trevor Furst
PIANO: Adriana Perera; VOCALS: Chad Angasan, Ivana Ticar
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Symphonic Band; Elsy M. Gallardo-Díaz, director

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

Feast of Hymns— "Excel: The Spreadsheet of Thanksgiving"

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JOSÉ BOURGET

"BRAND: New"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET (ANNUAL SACRIFICE)

Dale Walters tells this story: "As a small child, I was taught to tithe. My parents gave me offerings to give for Sabbath School and I gave it. During my early college years I was impressed that I needed to give offerings. "One year I found out that I was going to get a small raise. I thought—'I'm living just fine on what I'm making now. I will give 2% of my gross income for offerings.' I finished college debt free and with several thousand dollars in the bank. I have continued this plan my whole life. God has truly blessed just as He said He would.

We Mourn

We mourn with Cheryl (Gorden) Doss, Cindy (Doug) Leffler, and Vickie Lynn (Randall) Doss, on the death of Mrs. Alma Brown, long time member of Pioneer who died on November 1.

The Memorial Service for Lee-Anne Swanson, daughter of Peter and Pam Swanson, will be held today, Nov. 10. Those attending are invited to begin gathering at 4:00 PM in the Seminary Chapel. The service will start at 4:30 PM.

With these families we long for Jesus' triumphant return. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Visitors' Dinner

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

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The annual Thanksgiving food drive of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is underway. Plan to bring food to Pioneer on Sabbath, November 17, as part of the offering during Feast of Hymns. If you know of a family in the area who needs food this upcoming holiday season, call Pioneer at 269.471.6565.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

The NAD has designated this Sabbath for churches to focus on the World Orphan crisis. Join us for an enlightening program seasoned with wonderful music as we spotlight how a community of church and students can fulfill James 1:27.

Thank You!

Church Family, thank you for the many visits and kind deeds shown our dear cousin Bonnie Jean Hannah. Your thoughts and concern for her meant so much to us. Thank you for the lovely flowers at her passing. Special thanks to Pastor Dwight and Karen Nelson. Sincerely, Murray and Ruthe Lofthouse

Pathfinder Apple Pie Fund-Raiser

Members of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club are currently collecting pre-orders for homemade Apple Pies that we are selling as a fund-raiser. If you don't know anyone who's a Pathfinder you may order by emailing pathfinders@pmchurch.org or calling 269.471.3377 and leaving a message. All pies must be picked up and paid for on Sunday, November 11, from the church from noon-8:00 PM.

Paper Crafting Together

NOVEMBER 11 • 11:00 AM
PMC COMMONS

Do you have paper crafting Christmas gifts and/or Christmas cards to make? Bring your projects and enjoy fellowship with others while enjoying the snacks and prizes. We supply the chocolate and prizes. Please bring your favorite snack. Questions, contact Sherrie Davis at sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Knitting Hearts Together

NOVEMBER 13 • 7:00 PM
MACCARTY RESIDENCE

Do you like to extend sympathy and concern in tangible ways? Knitting Hearts Together ministers to the bereaved and seriously ill with shawls, scarves, lap robes, and other created items. We would love for you to join us.

Annual 'WE SING' AU Voice Vespers

NOVEMBER 16 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Support the Andrews University Department of Music voice students in the annual voice vespers. Always a heart-warming time of worship, this vespers features wonderful settings of beloved hymns, spirituals and Scripture. Come and take part in the blessing!

Howard Series Presents— Presidio Brass

NOVEMBER 18 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Founded primarily as a vehicle for promoting music education, Presidio Brass has become known as a contemporary brass ensemble that combines piano, percussion instruments, guitar and vocals with original arrangements to bring a fresh approach to well-loved music.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

NOVEMBER 11 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Our guest speaker is Joy Kauffman who is the founder and president of Farm Stews. Their mission is to promote abundant life for rural and small farm families around the world. She will be bringing us a report on the work that Farm Stew is doing. Bring a dish to share at potluck and plan for an afternoon of good food and good fellowship. Remember, you don't have to be retired to join us. You just need to be 55ish or above.

Wind Symphony Christmas Concert

NOVEMBER 17 • 8:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Christmas starts early this year as the Andrews University Wind Symphony presents "Christmas Around the World." Holiday music from around the world will be featured. The AU Woodwind Quintet and AU Chamber Winds will also be featured, along with several graduate conductors. Come kick off the holidays with us!

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS • FIRST READING

| TRANSFERS IN |

DENT-KRICK, Seana
ERICH, Stephen
KIM, Hyeran
KRICK, Edwin
MANGENA, Semkhele
MEAD, Russell
NORDGREN, Joseph
NORDGREN, Olga
NORDGREN, William
SAMUEL, Frank
SAMUEL, Jenisca
SAMUEL, Jeremy
SAMUEL, Jonathan
SAMUEL, Pansy
SETIAWAN, Dian

| TRANSFERS OUT |

ALBERS, Jennifer
CARLSON, Emily
CLOUGH, Jennifer
CLOUGH, Jonathan
CLOUGH, Ryan
CLOUGH, Samuel
CONDON, Lloyd
CONDON, Tami
SAINT-JEAN, Norma
STOUT, Helena
STOUT, John

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