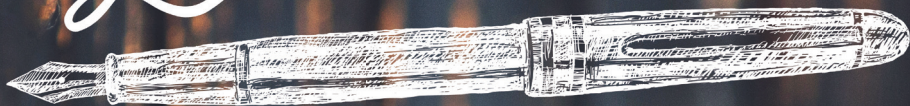


# THE LAST *Letter*



## HOME ALONE 19

DWIGHT K. NELSON

MARCH 2

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

9:00 & 11:45 AM



# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

Good morning. Thank you so much for coming to worship with us. We surely hope and pray that God will refresh your heart abundantly today. May you sense the Holy Spirit speaking to you.

This morning Pastor Dwight is taking us once again into a letter God wrote to all of us. It's a letter that says as earnestly as He can, "I love you, and I want more than you can imagine to have a personal relationship with you." He does love us, but the kind of love He is expressing is to tell us what we need and how He can meet our need. Think: the great God of heaven wants to relate personally to each of us and make us whole. What an honor. Why not accept His loving care—and His invitation?

-John Glass



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# FROM HANOI TO HEAVEN

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**W**hat's not to like about the leaders of the United States and North Korea sitting down to dinner together, in of all places the century-old French hotel Metropole in Hanoi, Vietnam? Leaving the political optics out of the picture, shouldn't the followers of Jesus find reason to rejoice in the amazing gospel potential represented by these news-making photos seen globally?

What are the gospel optics? Thinking broadly, here are three Asian communist nations (North Korea, Vietnam and China) tacitly sitting together at the table of dialogue in Hanoi with the de facto political leader of the "free world" in order to explore the profound possibilities of a new openness with the Hermit Kingdom and the surrounding region. But it makes you wonder—could this precipitate a divinely engineered opening for the gospel in ways heretofore not possible, not imagined?

Psalms 67 opens with the stunning prayer: **"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations"** (vv 1-2). Robert Alter, in his new translation *The Hebrew Bible*, comments: "The shining of the face is a sign of favor just as the hiding of the face is its opposite" (3:160). Thus this prayer calls upon the Creator God of the universe to show favor to His people by

opening the door for His way and His salvation "among all nations."

The American writer Ellen White quotes this line from Psalms with this question: "Are you using all your powers in an effort to bring the lost sheep back to the fold? There are thousands upon thousands in ignorance who might be warned. Pray as you have never prayed before for the power of Christ. Pray for the inspiration of His Spirit, that you may be filled with a desire to save those who are perishing. Let the prayer ascend to heaven, 'God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations' (Psalm 67:1, 2)" (*In Heavenly Places* 338).

"Thousands upon thousands"—think of what could happen were the gospel door to open to North Korea! Already in Vietnam, and in China to an even greater degree, that door is opening (and in some instances closing again). But "thousands upon thousands" is reason enough to intercede before God on behalf of all nations, on behalf of these three nations catapulted to our attention this week.

**"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations."**

Let's agree to let this prayer from our lips ascend to heaven—so that the distance from Hanoi to Heaven, from Pyongyang to Heaven, from Beijing to Heaven, from Washington to Heaven might be radically reduced—so that thousands upon thousands might yet hear the very good news of Jesus' salvation and soon return.

"Let Your face shine upon us, O God—and send us to these millions who must know Jesus, too. Amen." ■

# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*A Sacred Suite: Spirit of the Ages Fanfare • Brant Karrick*

## Introit

*We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden*

## Call to Worship

John Glass

See, now is the acceptable time;

**Our eyes will see Him. Our ears will hear His voice.**

Let us return to God and accept God's gracious outstretched hand.

**God hears every genuine confession. God blesses every open heart.**

Come then, let us worship Him.

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • 229*

## Congregational Prayer

John Glass

*Spirit of the Living God • 672*

## Worship in Music

*Simple Gifts • Frank Ticheli*

## Children's Story

*A Sacred Suite: Consolation • Brant Karrick*

## Scripture

Peggy and Woody Whidden • Revelation 22:12-13, 16-17 NIV

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.**

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

**The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.**

## Hymn of Preparation

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus • 204*

**Sermon**

"The Last Letter: Home Alone 19"  
Dwight K. Nelson

**Connect Card, Tithes & Offerings**

PMC Operating Budget

**Hymn of Commitment**

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne* • 140, st. 1-2, 4-5

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

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

PRESIDING PASTOR: John Glass; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival Band; Byron Graves

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# MUSIC ALIVE

"BROAD SWEEP"

**D**uring the American Revolution, the first stanza of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (no. 229) appeared. Six additional stanzas appeared with it the next year; the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal uses stanzas one, five, six and seven. These four stanzas appeared some years later with stanza headers respectively in this order: "Angels", "Sinners of Every Age", "Sinners of Every Nation", "Ourselves." So the hymn starts with angels and sweeps broadly over much

time and geography, finally bringing the message home concerning "ourselves." Its author, Englishman Edward Perronet, was of Swiss Huguenot lineage. He worked ardently for Methodism to the point of suffering physical abuse occasioned by his preaching. Over time, Perronet's resistance to the established Church of England occasioned his ministry as an Independent or Congregational minister late in life. ■

# WE STUDY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

**Song Service** Rachel Sauer

**Opening Hymn** *Marching to Zion* • 422

**Welcome** Philip Giddings III

**Special Feature** "Not Weak of Prayer" Ruth Murdoch Elementary  
Deborah Park

**Offering** *"This Little Light of Mine"* • arr. Hale Smith

**Lesson Study** "The Beast From the Sea"

**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** Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Beta Siri wattanakamol, voice; Joshua Goines, piano



# WE WORSHIP 2

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"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you[a] this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

—Revelation 22:12-13, 16-17 NIV

## We Begin

*A Sacred Suite: Spirit of the Ages Fanfare*  
Brant Karrick

## Praise

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
*God of Wonders*  
*All Who Are Thirsty*  
*El Shaddai*

## Prayer

John Glass

## Children's Story

*Consolation*  
Brant Karrick

## Worship in Music

*Simple Gifts*  
Frank Ticheli

## Sermon

"The Last Letter: Home Alone 19"  
Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card, Tithes & Offerings

*Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*  
140, st. 1-2, 4-5

## As We Depart

*Rejouissance (Rejoicing)*  
James Curnow

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

PRAISE LEADER: Sinegugu Katenga

VOCALS: Mujuni Menani, Juwel Howard, James-Andrew Hearn

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Lorian Guillaume; CAJON: Marielle Kahler; PIANO: Joshua Goines

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival Band; Byron Graves, director

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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**

World Budget/AWR

**SUNSET TODAY** • 6:36**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 6:44

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**TY GIBSON**

"Rise Up"

| 03 • 16 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"The Last Letter: Can You Hear Me Now?"

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

**PMC OPERATING BUDGET**

Pastor and Mrs. James Hoffer once lived close to Lake Michigan. There was a nice sandy beach nearby. Now, due to shoreline erosion, there is nothing.

Erosion? The incessant lapping of water, the westerly winds and the action of rain and snow. The elements slowly but surely wreak disintegration, and sand, rocks, and even structures topple into the lake.

This is what happens when little indiscretions begin eating away at our Christian foundation. It is the daily commitment to your foundation that will keep your spiritual life strong.

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget. Help us help others come to Jesus and stay close to Him. And prevent spiritual erosion!

**Visitors' Dinner**

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

**PMC Vespers**

TODAY • 6:00 PM

PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Come close the Sabbath with "Earnest Prayer," a Bible study and prayer session.

**Forum with GC President**

TODAY • 3:00-5:00 PM

PMC SANCTUARY

The AU Campus and PMC are invited to join Ted Wilson, General Conference president, and some of his colleagues today from 3:00-5:00 PM in the PMC Sanctuary. During that time, Pastor Wilson will share some exciting updates on mission and talk with us about unity in the church. The last 40 minutes will be for questions and answers. Please come and join this important time of reflection and engagement.

**Family Discipleship  
Sabbath School**

MARCH 16 • 10:30 AM

PMC SANCTUARY

As part of PMC's new family discipleship vision, families with children in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend a special Sabbath School together. Adults regularly attending the Sanctuary Sabbath School will be warmly welcomed too!

## **AU Band & Keyboard Festival Concert**

TODAY • 4:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Andrews University Band & Keyboard Festival this year includes nearly 100 academy students from four states and Canada. The festival band will be directed by Byron Graves, performing Sacred Suite by Brant Karrick, Simple Gifts by Frank Ticheli, and more. The festival keyboard students are under the direction of Chi Yong Yun, and will perform a variety of selections. Admission is free.

## **Rise Up Against Abuse**

Please register for the launch rally of the new "Rise Up Against Abuse" initiative on the campus of Andrews University: [www.riseupagainstabuse.com](http://www.riseupagainstabuse.com). Rise Up Against Abuse is an initiative focused on taking action against all forms of abuse through awareness, education, intervention and prevention. For more information, visit the website and don't miss the inspiring launch rally featuring 2x Grammy-nominated Sarah Kelly and many other amazing abuse survivors and activists fighting diligently to bring hope and healing!

## **Papercrafting Together**

MARCH 3 • 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

Tired of all the snow and ice? Bring your scrapbook and/or card-making project and your favorite snack and enjoy some socializing with some friends. We supply the chocolate and prizes. Questions, [sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org](mailto:sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org).

## **Epigenetics and Lifestyle**

MARCH 3 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Dr. John Kelly, MD, MPH, will make a presentation on "Epigenetics and Lifestyle: Your Genes Are Not Your Destiny" at the St. Joseph Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1201 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph. There is no admission fee. This is sponsored by Healthy Together Friends in partnership with the St. Joseph Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more info and to register, go to [www.htfriends.org](http://www.htfriends.org) or call 269.697.3405.

## **Horn Lectureship Series**

MARCH 4 • 7:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL

The Horn Lectureship Series Presents: "Archaeology, Women, and the Early Church, Part II" by Randall W. Younker, PhD. This event is free and open to the public.

## **Academy Day**

MARCH 5

ANDREWS ACADEMY

All eighth-grade students are invited to attend and see the exciting programs Andrews Academy offers. You will experience one day with us. While there you will worship together, go to a number of classes with Academy students, and participate in a number of games and activities. Lunch will be served; T-shirts and prizes will be given. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, the day of activities will begin at 8:00 AM and will conclude by 3:15 PM. Original announcements indicated that there will be an optional dodgeball and supper to follow; this has been canceled due to gymnasium floor damage from a recent frozen pipe that broke. Call 269.471.3138 with any questions you may have.

### **School Visitor's Day**

MARCH 5  
RUTH MURDOCH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students who will be in the 1st-8th grades next school year are invited to visit. Make friends, meet teachers and have fun! Grades 1-6 meet at 8:15-11:30 AM and Grades 7-8 meet at 8:15 AM-3:30 PM. Please call 269.471.3225 to register. (A special Kindergarten Visitor's Day is planned for April 3.)

### **Equipping Missionaries to Cuba**

After 60 years of strict communist rule, the doors have opened to equip Cuban pastors and Bible workers with crucial resources like technology, transportation, and ministry materials. Help today by adopting a project like a computer, a smartphone, a bike, or tablet. We are also conducting a special musical instrument drive. Bring these items to the church and visit [www.CareforCuba.org](http://www.CareforCuba.org) to donate online. Your donation of any amount is 100% tax deductible. For more info [mdivstudy-tour@andrews.edu](mailto:mdivstudy-tour@andrews.edu).

### **If I Were to Get Married**

MARCH 3-8 • 7:30 PM  
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Many of us operate upon an assumption that marriage is the pinnacle of the Christian experience. But is marriage for you? If I Were to Get Married is a series that will facilitate dialogue around this issue. Join us to discover how to avoid a marriage you would regret!

### **The Mysterious Note**

MARCH 9 • 7:30 PM  
ANDREWS ACADEMY CHAPEL

This award-winning movie will have an encore presentation for anyone who was not able to see it on the big screen at last year's premiere. This adventure/comedy produced by Rich Aguilera and NAD Stewardship teaches that we are to be faithful to God with what He's given us. Tickets available at the door.

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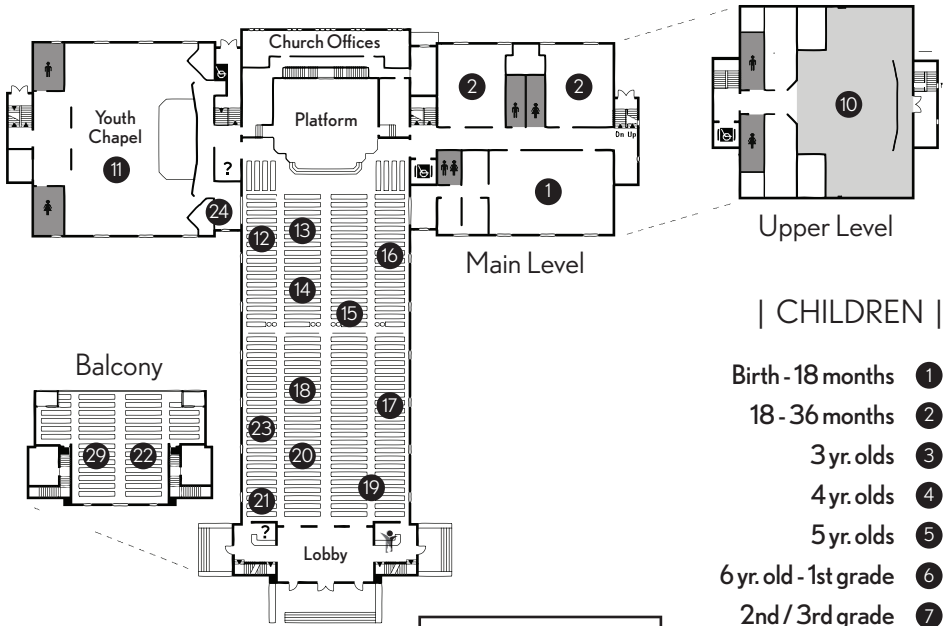
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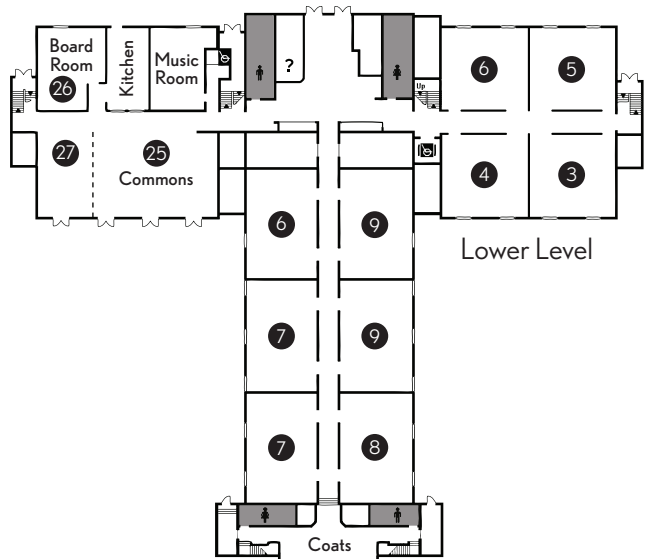
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