



Can You  
Spare an Angel  
Tonight?

**Welcome to  
Pioneer  
Memorial  
Church**

December 21, 2019

# CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST IN CHURCH

9:00 AM

## SABBATH SCHOOL

10:30 AM

### SONG LEADER

Vladimir Slavujevic

### WELCOME & PRAYER

Josip Horonic

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ezra 9:6 • Felipe Masotti

### SPECIAL FEATURE

"The Devil's Nightmare"

### OFFERTORY

### BIBLE STUDY

"Dealing With Bad Decisions"

### BENEDICTION

## PIONEER PULPIT

12 • 28

PRE-NEW YEAR

COMMUNION CELEBRATION

John Glass

"Not Just for Me"

### SUNSET

5:17

### SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY

5:21

### NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING

Michigan Advance  
Partners



## THE FOURTH WATCH BLOG

### WHY?

The young mother, frazzled and spent from hanging on to her two children and all their Christmas shopping bags, stepped into the crowded elevator. The holiday mania had taken its toll. As the doors closed, she blurted out,

"Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot." From the back of the car, a voice responded, "Don't worry, we've already crucified him." They said the rest of the way down you could have heard a pin drop.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 KJV).

We know the story—"found, strung up and shot"—from the manger to the cross. But with four frenetic days left until Christmas God help us to remember why.

To read more of Pastor Dwight's blogs visit [pmchurch.org/blog](http://pmchurch.org/blog).

# WORSHIP

11:45 AM

## PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

José Bourget

## OPENING MUSIC

*IN DULCI JUBILO (In Sweet Jubilation)*  
Hermann Schroeder

## INTROIT

*The Glory of the Father* • Egvil Hovland

## CHRISTMAS CALL

PASTOR: "Who is He in yonder stall, at whose feet the shepherds fall?"

**PEOPLE: "'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story, 'tis the Lord, the King of glory."**

PASTOR: "Who is He on yonder tree dies in shameful agony?"

**PEOPLE: "'Tis the Lord, O wondrous story, 'tis the Lord, the King of glory."**

PASTOR: "At His feet we humbly fall, crown Him, crown Him Lord of all."

**PEOPLE: "At His feet we humbly fall, Jesus, Jesus Lord of all."**

## INVOCATION

Dwight K. Nelson

## CAROLS OF THE SEASON

*Good Christians, Now Rejoice*  
st. 1-2 of 136

*Now Is Born the Divine Christ Child*  
133

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
st. 1 & 3 of 135

*Angels From the Realms of Glory*  
st. 1-3 of 119

## FAMILY PRAYER

Lindsey and Ellie Pratt

## A "CHRISTMAS" BAPTISM

Eyasu Joshua Getahun  
Elisabeth Hope Jerončić

## ONE FAMILY'S STORY

Christopher, Ruth, Christopher II  
and Anna Mwashinga

## OFFERING

Pioneer Operating Expense  
*The Holy Boy (A Carol of Nativity)*  
John Ireland

## CHILDREN'S STORY

John Irvine

## CHRISTMAS MUSIC

*SUSSEX CAROL*  
*Traditional Carol / David Willcocks*

## CHRISTMAS HOMILY

"Can You Spare an Angel?"  
Dwight K. Nelson

## APPEAL

*I Wonder as I Wander* • *Appalachian Carol*

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING MUSIC

*IN DULCI JUBILO (In Sweet Jubilation)*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

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Organist: Kenneth Logan  
Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir;  
Brenton Offenback, director  
Offertory: Eric Lofgren, trumpet  
Appeal: Karen Nelson, alto; James North, piano



# PIONEER FAMILY

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## Pioneer Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM

PIONEER YOUTH CHAPEL

Sharing God's Gifts, a vespers of testimony.

## Pioneer Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24 • 5:00 PM

PIONEER SANCTUARY

"The Hope of Nations," the Christmas story for all ages. (followed by reception in the Commons)

## Christmas Angel Tree

There are 14 angels left still waiting to be taken from our Christmas Angel Tree. The trees are located at the Welcome Center downstairs and in the Narthex. Come to Pioneer anytime during office hours to pick your angel(s). You may bring your donation (money, gift card, food, toys, etc.) with the angel attached to it to Pioneer on or before December 23 (Monday).

## ABC Christian Book Store Sales

Call or come into the ABC Christian Book Store and get 20% off 2020 Devotionals until Jan. 31st.

## Neighbor to Neighbor

Please help us help some families in need, with new socks, gloves, hats, and a toy. We would like to provide winter-appropriate items for these families over the holidays.

## 10 Days of Prayer

JANUARY 1-10 • 7:00 PM

4731 GREENFIELD DRIVE

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

Start the New Year right! Join John and Beverly Youngberg in their home for the 30th consecutive year of 10 Days of Prayer. The incredible topic will be: "Enoch—How Can You & I Walk With God, and Please God" (Heb. 11:5)? Join us for fellowship, prayer, and take-home quotes you will treasure.

## "Love on the Move"

Our New Year theme at Pioneer begins with a congregation-wide 13-week journey through the short classic Steps to Christ—and you're invited to join us. Soon the e-book and an attractive check-off reading calendar will be emailed to you. Beginning January 1 read a chapter a week to experience a DIY way to deepen your walk with Christ in 2020. The book reoriented my (Dwight K. Nelson) life spiritually as a 22-year-old student here on campus. You'll be just as blessed. To receive the "Love on the Move" materials, please send your current email address to [clerk@pmchurch.org](mailto:clerk@pmchurch.org).

## Friday Volunteers Needed JANUARY-MARCH

If you could be available for approximately one hour around noon, possibly a bit longer, to place insert(s) into the bulletins, please call Claudia at 269.471.3134 for additional information.

## Financial Gifts for 2019

Thank you for your charitable giving in 2019! Next Sabbath will be the last worship service to return your tithes and offerings. If you wish to mail your donation, please ensure it is postmarked by December 31 to be included in your 2019 tax-deductible receipts. For an online contribution go to [www.pmchurch.org](http://www.pmchurch.org), click GIVING, and choose "Give Online" until 11:59 PM, December 31, 2019.

## PMC Holiday Hours

The PMC office will be closed on Tuesday-Wednesday, December 24-25, and Tuesday-Wednesday December 31-January 1 for the holidays. We resume normal operating hours on December 26-27 and on January 2, 2019! Our regular office hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-5:00 PM (we are closed Friday afternoons). We wish you a safe and blessed holiday season!

For a complete list of announcements visit [www.pmchurch.org/announcements](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements)

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