





# CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Save us, O Lord our God.

PEOPLE: And gather us from among the nations,

PASTOR: That we may give thanks to your holy name

#### PEOPLE: And glory in your praise.

PASTOR: Why have you come here?

PEOPLE: We have come to worship God.

# THE FOURTH WATCH BLOG

### **EMPTYING HEAVEN'S WAREHOUSE**

Bruce Wilkinson tells the story (perhaps it was a dream) about a Mr. Jones who was enjoying a personal tour of heaven. Eyes wide with wonder, he couldn't get enough! But then he and his guide passed a large warehouse, which the guide ignored. Perplexed Mr. Jones asked why they weren't stopping. "Oh, it's nothing you'd be interested in." "But yes I am interested—please show me what's inside."

The guide relents, prepares for the disappointment, and opens the door. Turns out "the enormous building is filled with row after row of shelves, floor to ceiling, each stacked neatly with white boxes tied in red ribbons." Mr. Jones begins to walk the aisles and quickly notices each box has a name on it. "Is there a box here for me?" he eagerly asks.

The guide reluctantly nods but before he can explain, Mr. Jones races toward the J section of the warehouse, quickly locating the box with his name on it.

Slipping off the ribbon and popping off the lid, Mr. Jones peers inside and lets out a deep sigh, as he recognizes the contents of the box. "Because there in Mr. Jones' white box are all the blessings God wanted to give to him while he was on earth... but Mr. Jones had never asked" (The Prayer of Jabez 25-27).

"You do not have because you do not ask God" (James 4:2).

Makes you wonder what is in your box, doesn't it? What are the gifts we could have had, had we asked?

**SUNSET** 7:39 PM

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY 7:26 PM

#### OFFERING

**09 • 25** Michigan Advance Partners Camp Au Sable

10 • 02 Pioneer Operating Budget



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## PIONEER PULPIT

10 • 02 Richie Halversen "The Darkness Will Not Overcome" 10 • 09 Richie Halversen "The Darkness Will Not Overcome"

## WORSHIP 9:00 AM

#### **OPENING MUSIC**

"Glory Alone to God in the Highest" Jan Sweelinck

#### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

**INTROIT** "Sing for Joy" • D. Davidson

#### "LONG-EXPECTED JESUS": A HYMN CYCLE

"The Church Has One Foundation" "Crown Him With Many Crowns" "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

#### CHILDREN'S STORY

Children's Story: Rebecca Puii Fanai Prayer: Kayleigh

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:23-31 NRSV JoAnn Siagian, Lynnetta Hamstra

#### INTRODUCTION TO SPEAKER

Ron Knott, Director, Andrews University Press

## WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"For Everyone Born" • arr. T. Trenney

#### MESSAGE

"Fire and Rain" Bill Knott, Executive Editor, Adventist Review/World

#### HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"O for That Flame of Living Fire"

#### BENEDICTION Jenifer Daley, Associate Pastor

#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"Fugue in C Major" • Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Presiding Pastor: Jenifer Daley

Organist: David Williams

Introit: Pioneer Men's Chorus; Stephen Zork, director; Emily Jurek, piano

Worship in Music: Andrews University Singers; Stephen Zork, director; Samantha Cardwell, piano

#### Hymn of Commitment Song Leader: Safari Shyirakera

## 11:45 AM

#### OPENING MUSIC

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## OPENING SONG

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#### PRAISE

"Falling in Love with Jesus" "Goodness of God" "At the Cross"

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Praise Vocals: Abel Siamubi, Eugene Amponsah, Narda Herimalala, Emmanuel Gyamera

Philip Wekesa, piano; Caleb Chung, electric bass, Noah Chung, electric guitar

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# PIONEER FAMILY

## Welcome to Alumni

We're so thankful that you are celebrating Alumni Homecoming with us! We hope you find joy in our shared worship experience today. For additional alumni details visit **alumni.andrews.edu**.

## Alumni Sabbath School

Glenn Russell, Religion Professor at Andrews University, leads "Scriptural Pursuit," a Bible lesson study, with a special Alumni Sabbath feature. His guests include Ranko Stefanovic, PhD, Religion Professor, and Freshman student, Joseph Burton. There will be no live Sabbath School program in the Pioneer Sanctuary on Sabbath, September 25. Watch at www.pmchurch.org/sabbathschool/adult.

## Darkness Will Not Overcome Series

We are now in the final countdown for The Darkness Will Not Overcome with Pastor Richie Halversen. I personally invited two of the people I've been praying for today and want to encourage you to do the same. If you don't have an invite card, you can use this link to invite them as well: pmchurch.org/ overcome. Let's be in a spirit of prayer as we approach the launch and continue inviting our friends. *—Pastor Rodlie* 

### Resuming Seminary Sabbath School Class RESUMES OCT 2 SEMINARY CLASSROOM N150

The Seminary Sabbath School class taught by Ranko Stefanovic, Jiri Moskala, Denis Fortin, and Jacques Doukhan will resume on October 2. We appreciate your help in spreading this information to other class members and hope to see you there.

## Get Involved!

The best place to serve is where you're using your God given gifts, talents, and passions the most. Check out www.pmchurch.org/ministries for more info!

## Adventurers & Pathfinders Registration Open

Our Pathfinder and Adventurer Clubs are back in session this fall. Join below by texting 269-281-2345 Pathfinders text "PMCEP" Pathfinder Staff Members text "EPSTAFF"

Adventurers text "PMCFF"

## Neighbor to Neighbor Helping Hands Team

Neighbor to Neighbor (our local Adventist Community Services center) is currently looking for volunteers for their "Helping Hand Team". To respond, please call 269.471.7411 or visit them at 9147 US 31, Berrien Springs, MI.

### Collegiate Connections Sabbath School SABBATHS • 10:30 AM PIONEER COMMONS

Students are invited to join this place for interactive connections with Collegiates and with God, to study the stories of Jesus and what they mean for us today. Breakfast snacks will be provided.

## Sabbath Delight Summit

Pioneer Women's Ministries is celebrating the Sabbath through all the senses—with guest speakers Jo Ann Davidson and Yolande Robertson. To register text "DELIGHT" to 269.281.2345. More information: www.pmchurch.org/delight.

## We Mourn

We grieve the death of Stephen Tarangle, who passed away on September 20, 2021. We pray for his wife, Esther, and his daughters Alana and Stephanie. A private graveside service for intimate, close family only, will be conducted on Monday, September 27. The date for a memorial service will be announced at a later date.

For a complete list of announcements visit www.pmchurch.org/announcements

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