

# Welcome!

February 25, 2023



# CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us go without delay when we are asked.

All: Let us be quick to offer our hand and our help where they are needed.

Leader: May God make of us faithful disciples.

All: May we continue the work of love that Christ began.

# SABBATH SCHOOL

#### SONG SERVICE

Gregg Offenback

#### WELCOME

Sabeulah Bates

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

"God and Country" Frankel François and Lemuel Saipan

#### **LESSON STUDY**

"Planning for Success"

### **SUNSET TODAY**

6:30

#### SUNSET **NEXT FRIDAY**

6:38

 $02 \cdot 25$ 

**OFFERING** 

Michigan Advance Partners

 $03 \cdot 04$ 

Pioneer Operating Budget

PIONEER PULPIT  $03 \cdot 04$ 

**Dwight K. Nelson** 

Slackened Bowstrings

Detente and the

Mission: Impossible (Maybe)

Do not cast me from vour presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

PSALM 51:11-12



Pastor's Blog

Read the pastor's blog analysis of the recent #AsburyRevival at pmchurch.org/blog. Read, be inspired, and share.

> 03 • 11 **Dwight K. Nelson** Mission: Impossible (Maybe) Born for Battle—The Saga of a Peace-loving People

## WORSHIP

#### 9:00 AM

#### **OPENING MUSIC**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" • Johann Walther

#### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Ben Martin, Associate Pastor

# "HIGHER GROUND": A HYMN CYCLE

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" • 616, st. 1-2 "Faith Is the Victory" • 608 "Higher Ground" • 625, st. 1-2, 4

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

"Rescue the Perishing" • 367, st. 1

#### **OFFERTORY**

"Dare to Be a Daniel" • Philip Bliss / Kenneth Logan

#### CHILDREN'S STORY

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Thiago Alves da Silva Luke 18:1, 6-8 NIV

#### **WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

"How Firm a Foundation" • Dan Forrest

#### **MESSAGE**

"Mission: Impossible (Maybe)— The Invasion of Normandy—A Secret Well-kept" Dwight K. Nelson, Lead Pastor

#### **CONNECT CARD & PRAYER**

#### **HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" • 616, st. 1 & 3

#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"How Firm a Foundation" • Janet Linker

Organ: Kenneth Logan, Minister of Music

Hymn Leaders & Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir, Brenton Offenback, director

#### 11:45 AM

#### **OPENING MUSIC**

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#### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP**

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#### **PRAISE**

"Glory To His Name"
"Just As I Am"

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

#### **WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

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#### **OFFERTORY**

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#### **CHILDREN'S STORY**

#### **PRAISE**

"I Sing Praises / I Just Want To Praise You / We Exalt Thee"
"Thank You Jesus For The Blood"

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Chris Mata, AU Student Luke 18:1, 6-8 NIV

#### **MESSAGE**

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#### **CLOSING SONG**

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#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"How Firm a Foundation" • Janet Linker

Organ: Kenneth Logan, Minister of Music

Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir, Brenton Offenback, director; James North, Jr., piano

Praise Team: Guimel Gonzalez, Charles Lawson, Cesar Leon, Rayner Suarez, Chris Mata, vocals; Wallace Dos Reis, keyboard; Aseel Nazir, acoustic guitar; Haidid Cortez, electric bass; Calvin Scott, cajon

# PIONEER FAMILY

## Fellowship Dinner

There will be a fellowship dinner served following the second worship service this Sabbath in the commons on the lower level. Visitors are always welcome.

# Pioneer Church in Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 27 • 7:00 PM

Pioneer members are invited to attend and encouraged to share feedback at the church's upcoming Business Meeting. Please join us from 6:00 – 6:45 PM in the Pioneer Commons for soup and fellowship and we will begin our Business Meeting promptly at 7:00 PM. Agenda items include an update on Renovate 2.0 Elevator Project, Pioneer 2023 Proposed Budget, and a proposal from our Safety Committee. We look forward to your presence and participation.—Pioneer Pastors

### Pastor Dwight's Farewell Celebration

Pastor Dwight's farewell celebration website is now active. It contains a calendar of events, how to leave a tribute, and ways to contribute. The website address is pmchurch.org/farewell.

## Widows and Widowers Potluck Dinner

FEBRUARY 26 • 1:00 PM PIONEER COMMONS

Potluck dinner for widows and widowers. Bring your prepared food specialty and come and make some new friends!

## **Backpacks for Berrien**

Thank you to everyone who has brought food for the Backpack for Berrien program. Many kids will be blessed as a result. But we noticed that there's still space for more food in one of the bins and we only have them to the end of February. Will you join me in bringing some snack items to church until the end of this month so that we can fill up both bins? Thank you for everything you're doing to serve and take care of the kids in our community!

—Pastor Rodlie Ortiz

## Update #3 for Renovate 2.0

In progress:

- Part of the floor in the music room is excavated and the new concrete foundation support for the elevator began with the pouring of the concrete starting on 2/7.
- New walls under construction for the expanded Media Ministry offices and equipment and materials storage, and various utility rerouting around the new elevator space.

#### Fundraising:

- As of 2/12/23, you have generously given \$515, 272. This amount includes the third and final portion of the \$100,000 matching donation. Thank you very much!
- Please remember Renovate 2.0 in your giving plans and pray for its success!

## AU Wind Symphony Vespers Concert

MARCH 3 • 7:30 PM

Enjoy great sacred music from the wind band on Friday, March 3 at 7:30 PM in the Howard Performing Arts Center, under the direction of Byron Graves.

# Fellowship Leads to Friendship

MARCH 12 • 9:45 AM PIONEER TEEN LOFT

Pioneer Women's Ministries invites you to "Friend-ish". In every season of life, women need the gift of friendship with other women. Following Christ's example, let's explore how an encounter can lead to a meaningful and life-long friendship. Bring a friend! Bring your friendly smiles and let us bond in Christ-centered sisterhood. This event will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2023 – 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM (check-in at 9:30 AM) Gluten-free options are available, please contact: yolande.robertson@pmchurch.org. To register text "FRIENDS" at 269-281-2345, the deadline is March 9, 2023.

To submit or read more announcements visit pmchurch.org/announcements