



A Citizen's  
Guide to the  
Powers That Be

**Welcome!**

January 18, 2025



**PIONEER**  
MEMORIAL CHURCH

# SABBATH SCHOOL

## SONG SERVICE

Vladimir Slavujevic

## WELCOME

Philip Giddings

## SPECIAL FEATURE

## LESSON STUDY

"To Be Pleasing to God"

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!

ISAIAH 30:18



## RELIGIOUS LIBERTY EMPHASIS

TODAY • 3:30 PM

Join us today for a special program, "Perspectives on Liberty and Peace". This will feature presentations by Bill Knott, Pioneer Lead Pastor Shane Anderson, and Jennifer Woods, PARL director of the Lake Union Conference.



BELONG Ministries



VEC Report



Connect Card

## SUNSET TODAY

5:43

## SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY

5:51

## OFFERING

01 • 18

Religious Liberty

01 • 25

Pioneer Operating Budget

## PIONEER PULPIT

01 • 25

AUGSA/AUSA Sabbath

02 • 01

Shane Anderson

"ChurchWorks—

Part 2: The Great Omission"

# WORSHIP

9:00 AM

## OPENING MUSIC

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"  
Johann Walther, attr. Henry Purcell

## WELCOME & PRAYER

Jacob Gibbs, Associate Pastor

## THE LORD'S LIGHT AND LEADING —A HYMN CYCLE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" • 21, st. 1, 2, 4  
"The Lord Is My Light" • 515, st. 1, 3  
"Lead On, O King Eternal" • 619

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" • chorus only of 290  
Jacob Gibbs, Associate Pastor

## WORSHIP IN MUSIC

"How Firm a Foundation" • Craig Courtney

## CALL FOR OFFERING

Ron Knott, Pioneer Member

## OFFERTORY

"Wake Up! For Night Is Flying" • Wayne Wold

## CHILDREN'S STORY

Jacob Gibbs, Associate Pastor

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-20 NRSV  
Guerline Deshammes, Pioneer Member

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

"We Would See Jesus" • 494, st. 1

## MESSAGE

"A Citizen's Guide to the Powers That Be"  
Bill Knott, Associate Director,  
GC Public Affairs and Religious Liberty

## HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Come, We That Love the Lord" • 422, st. 1, 2, 4

## CLOSING MUSIC

"How Firm a Foundation" • Janet Linker

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Organ: Kenneth Logan

Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir; Brenton Offenback, director; Susan Schwab, pianist

11:45 AM

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## PRAISE

"Heaven's Jubilee / I'll Fly Away"  
"We'll Soon Be Done With Troubles and Trials"  
"He Touched Me"

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Praise: Abel Siamubi, Paulo Silas, Eugene Amponsah, Noah Kasuba, vocals; Philip Wekesa, piano; Jeff Saele, electric guitar; Opeyemi Adesina, cajon; Frank Robinson, bass

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# PIONEER FAMILY

## Fellowship Dinner

There will be a fellowship dinner, following the second worship service, in the commons on the lower level.

## Pioneer Office Closure

The Pioneer Offices will be closed for the holiday on Monday, January 20.

## VEC Second Reading

Sallie Alger-Greeter

## SS Lesson Overview

JANUARY 25 • 4:00 PM  
PIONEER COMMONS

Jo Ann Davidson will present an overview of the Sabbath School Lessons for this quarter. She will explain the major themes and concepts included in this quarter's lessons that are helpful to Sabbath School teachers and members. All are welcome. For further information, please get in touch with Melchizedek Ponniah, [melponniah@gmail.com](mailto:melponniah@gmail.com).

## Something in Common

JAN 18-FEB 22 • 10:30-11:30 AM  
PIONEER ROOM 141

"Love Like You Mean It" begins on January 18 through February 22.

Jan 18 – "Everything Minus Love = Nothing" and "Love is Patient"

Jan 25 – "Love is Kind" and "Love is Humble"

Everyone is Welcome each Sabbath morning to join us in Pioneer Room 141 at 10:30 AM.

## New Sabbath School Lessons in 2025:

Our Pioneer Sabbath Schools for 0 to 3-year-olds begin new lessons this quarter! Explore the *Baby Steps* and *Beginners* family and teacher guides freely available online at [aliveinjesus.info](http://aliveinjesus.info) come visit or join a Sabbath

School that fits your kids best, any week at 10:30 AM! Or connect through Facebook or Instagram #pioneerchildfamilydiscipleship anytime, anywhere.

## Oasis Public School Ministry

TUESDAYS • 6:30-8:00 PM  
PIONEER COMMONS

Oasis Public School Ministry provides a safe community for real talk, good food, fun activities, and building relationships between students, leaders, and God. This ministry is open to any public school student in grades 7-12 and meets Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 PM in the Commons, beginning January 21. For more information, contact Diane at [simplestirrings@yahoo.com](mailto:simplestirrings@yahoo.com).

## Spelunker Quest: Unearthing the Lost Sanctuary

FEBRUARY 8 • 2:00 PM  
PIONEER YOUTH CHAPEL

Calling all youth! Join us for Spelunker Quest—an escape room adventure! Uncover missing artifacts from the Biblical sanctuary by solving puzzles in a cave system. Experience the Escape Room every hour starting at 2:00 PM, with each slot accommodating up to 16 youths. Youth: to register, text "ESCAPE" to 269.281.2345. If you can help with decorating, contact Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey.pratt@pmchurch.org](mailto:lindsey.pratt@pmchurch.org).

## Free Weight Loss Program

JAN 27-APR 7 • 6:00-7:30 PM  
PIONEER COMMONS

Free 10-week long weight loss program entitled *A Healthy U*, developed and run by university students studying nutrition and exercise science. To register text the word "HEALTH" to 269.281.2345. This will take place on Mondays at 6:00-7:30 PM.

To submit or read more announcements visit [pmchurch.org/announcement](http://pmchurch.org/announcement)

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