

# Welcome!

December 20, 2025



## SABBATH SCHOOL

#### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Greg Offenback

#### SPECIAL FEATURE

"Christmas Music" The Suncoast Singers William Fagal, Bill Bishop, Rene Church, Licette Church, Jonathan Gibbs, Betty Oakley, Jack Straszewski, Greg Offenback; Jane Brown, pianist

#### **LESSON STUDY**

"God is Faithful"





### **WELCOMING ALL SEASONS**

piping + paving campaign

		GOAL \$ 925,000	
\$ 900,000			
\$ 800,000	_		
\$700,000	_		
\$ 600,000	_		
\$ 500,000	-		
\$ 400,000	-		
\$ 300,000	_		
\$ 200,000	_		
	-	current \$ 336,835+	

#### SUNSET TODAY

5:16

#### SUNSET **NEXT FRIDAY**

5:21

#### **OFFERING**

12 • 20

Pioneer Operating Budget

12 • 27

Michigan Advance Partners



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#### PIONEER PULPIT

12 • 27

John Glass

"Wise Men Still Seek Him"

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Communion Service

### WORSHIP

#### 11:45 AM

#### **OPENING MUSIC**

"Sleepers, Wake, a Voice is Calling" Johann Sebastian Bach

#### **WELCOME & PRAYER**

Jacob Gibbs, Associate Pastor

#### **OPENING HYMNS**

"The First Noel" • 118, st. 1-2
"Angels From the Realms of Glory" • 119, st. 1-3

#### **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

"Angels From the Realms of Glory" • 119, st. 4 only Giordanni Leonor

#### **CHORAL INVITATION**

"The Lamb" • Kenneth Mahy

#### **BAPTISM**

Lily Johanna Youmans with Glenn Russell

#### **OFFERTORY**

"Sussex Carol" • arr. Brenton Offenback

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

Anthony Bosman

#### **PRAISE**

"Joy to the World" / "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Medley "Satisfied With Jesus"

"O Holy Night"

"Because He Lives"

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:18-23 NIV Erin Dockerty, Pioneer Member

#### **WORSHIP IN MUSIC**

"For Unto Us a Child is Born" George Frideric Handel

#### **MESSAGE**

"Whose Child is This?" Shane Anderson, Lead Pastor

#### **HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" • 142

#### **BENEDICTION**

Shane Anderson, Lead Pastor

#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Brenton Offenback

#### Organ: Brenton Offenback

Praise: Abel Siamubi, Eugene Amponsah, Emmanuel Gyamera, Narda Herimala, Opeyemi Adesina, vocals; Philip Wekesa, piano; Frank Anderson, bass guitar; Hasina Rakoto, saxophone

Worship in Music: Pioneer Sanctuary Choir; Brenton Offenback, director; Chamber Orchestra: Charles Reid, oboe; Byron Graves, clarinet; Christina McMurray, Elizabeth Zeisberg, Beth Helm, Shayleen Burgoyne, violin; Daniel Cerna, Nate Kelly, viola; Andrew Osano, Braden Miesse, cello; Johanan Morrugares, bassoon; Douglas Macomber, harpsichord



### PIONEER FAMILY

#### Fellowship Dinner

There will not be a fellowship dinner this Sabbath.

#### Pioneer Office Closure

The Pioneer church offices will be closed from December 22 to 26 and December 29 to January 2, reopening on January 5. Church services will continue with Sabbath School at 10:30 AM and a service at 11:45 AM on December 27 and January 3. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

### **VEC Second Reading**

Tom Isaac - Deacon

#### Year-End Giving

Thank you for your charitable giving in 2025! The last worship service to return tithes and offerings will be December 27. Online contributions at pmchurch.org/giving must be completed by 11:59 PM EST, December 31, postal donations must be postmarked by December 31 to be counted on your 2025 tax-deductible receipt. Contribution Statements for 2025 will be emailed by the end of January 2026. Please email claudia.sowler@pmchurch.org if you will need a printed copy of your contribution statement.

#### **Communion Service**

On Sabbath, January 3, 2026, we will celebrate the Communion service together during the 11:45 AM service, as there will be only one service that day. Associate Pastor Jacob Gibbs will be speaking.

#### 2026 First Quarter SS Lessons Overview

JANUARY 17, 2026 • 4:00–5:30 PM PIONEER COMMONS

Dr. Cedric Vine, a seminary professor, will present an overview of the Sabbath School quarterly. He'll share insights on the Sabbath School quarterly, "Uniting Heaven and Earth: Christ in Philippians and Colossians." Everyone is warmly invited! For details, feel free to reach out to Melchizedek Ponniah at 269.876.7476 or melponniah@gmail.com.

#### With This In Mind ...

Feeling unlike yourself this time of year? You might be experiencing the winter blues—or, for some, a more severe form called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). (Check with your medical provider.) This low mood often begins in Fall and lifts by Summer as sunlight—and serotonin—increase. To beat the winter slump, try using a SAD lamp, exercising, brightening your space, going outdoors more, planning meaningful activities, and keeping a steady sleep routine. Invite someone into this plan and make your spirit bright this coming winter! Prov 17:22 says, "A joyful heart is good medicine".

# Study Helps for the Adult SS Quarterly

Study aids for the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly are available at the James White Library. You can use the Ellen G. White Notes and Teacher's Edition of the Adult Bible Study Guide in the library, and commentaries on Philippians and Colossians can be checked out. Visit the Circulation Desk for these items from December 29, 2025, to January 9, 2026.

#### **Pray Unceasingly**

Pioneer has joined with "Michiana Prays," a regional collaboration of 31+ churches and organizations committed to unceasing prayer throughout 2026—together seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance, revival, reformation, and the outpouring of the former and latter rain. Pioneer and friends will cover the 3rd Wednesday of each month, ensuring 24 hours of continuous prayer. Contact Erin Dockerty with questions: 269.487.8313 or erinldockerty@gmail.com.

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