

Friends helping friends
become
Fully devoted followers
of **Christ**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

December 9, 2017

Worship Celebration

Angels Proclaim

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Our speaker today is Steven Dovich. Do you desire Bible Studies, baptism, a pastoral visit or prayer? Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Thought Spot: The gospel is a message of peace. Christianity is a system, which, received and obeyed, would spread peace, harmony, and happiness throughout the earth. The religion of Christ will unite in close brotherhood all who accept its teachings. *God's Amazing Grace p. 31*

Church Events This Coming Week

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| Today | 10:00 AM | Discipleship Class |
| | 10:00 AM | Sabbath School |
| | 11:30 AM | Worship Service |
| | 1:00 PM | Fellowship Dinner |
| | 2:00 PM | Pathfinder Staff Meeting |
| | 2:00 PM | Pathfinder Bible Experience - CANCELED |
| | 3:30 PM | Neville Peter Concert |
| | 5:00 PM | Pathfinder - meeting, dress uniform |
| Monday | 7:00 PM | 28 Fundamental Beliefs Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Mid-week Discipleship Study |
| Thursday | 7:00 PM | Church Board |

Announcements

Christmas Concert: Neville Peter is here with us today for a special Advent concert at 3:30pm. He was here with the Lesser Light Collective in October and was happy to return for this event. We would like to use this opportunity to invite our unchurched friends and family to come to our church and hear beautiful music about the 1st coming of our savior. Please plan to attend with non-members if possible. It's an ideal way to introduce people to Jesus through music. After the concert his music will be available for purchase.

Second Reading: Jose Santana selected to worship committee.

Gathering to Worship

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| Prelude | Carla Bonfim & Angela Santana |
| Worship Host's Greeting | Steven Dovich |
| Call to Worship | Steven Dovich |

Praising His Name

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| Praise Songs | Marge Patch & Rita McCall |
| <i>Away in a Manger #124</i> | |
| <i>O Come All Ye Faithful #132</i> | |
| <i>For He Alone Is Worthy</i> | |

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| Congregational Prayer | Caitlin Connolly |
| Gifts of Worship | Shirley Profit |
| <i>Adventist Community Services</i> | |
| Offertory | Sherri Dovich |

Proclaiming the Word

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| Children's Corner | Joe Connolly |
| Scripture Lesson | Kelvin Gutu |
| <i>Luke 2:8-14</i> | |
| Worship in Word & Song | |
| <i>Thoughts of Advent</i> | Steven Dovich |
| <i>O Holy Night</i> | Irene Maranga |
| <i>Mary Did You Know?</i> | Rex Pajela |
| <i>Thank You for Your Only Son</i> | Kids Chorus |

Dedicating Our Lives

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| Worship in Song | Neville Peter |
| Prayer of Dedication | Steven Dovich |
| Worship Host's Benediction | Steven Dovich |
| Postlude | Sherri Dovich |

Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

Future Church Events

Every Sat 10:00 AM Sabbath School
 Every Sat 11:30 AM Worship Service
 Every Mon 7:00 PM 28 Fundamental Beliefs Bible Study
 Every Wed 7:00 PM Mid-week Discipleship Study
 Dec 16 3:00 PM Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice
 3:00 PM Adventurer Meeting-Field Uniform
 5:00 PM Pathfinder-meeting, Christmas Party
 Dec 17 12:00 PM Adventurer Christmas Party
 Dec 23 9:30 AM Prelude Praise practice
 10:00 AM Discipleship Class
 Dec 25 7:00 PM Elders Meeting
 Jan 6 3:00 PM Adventurer Meeting-Dress Uniform
 Jan 7 TBD Pathfinder - CPR training
 Jan 11 7:00 PM Church Board

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:
<http://www.mvsda.org/Calendar/>

Giving Hearts: December to date Report

| Offerings | <u>Received</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> |
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| Church Budget | \$1,430.00 | \$5,663.00 |

Bulletin information should be sent to email: sassy898@gmail.com or phone Vivianne Lewandowski at [603-893-7141](tel:603-893-7141). Items submitted each week by 7 p.m. Wednesday evening will be considered for inclusion in the bulletin.

Here to Serve

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Sunset Tonight 04:11 PM

Next Friday 04:12 PM

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Pastor unavailable: Due to a medical procedure on December 8 Pastor Robert will be unavailable at least in person for about a week or so from that date. He will be available via phone and email during this time.

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Missional Retreat: The Retreat will take place February 16-18 at Camp Winnekeag. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We have room for 15 so be sure to sign up quickly to reserve your spot. Each family member counts as a sign up spot. Remember the church is subsidizing \$50 per person.

Gifts for Jesus Offering: This year our gifts for Jesus offering will go to support an important community organization in Lowell called Community Teamwork. They are a non-profit organization that provides many ways of building stronger communities. They help with housing, family counseling, emergency assistance, job placement, community service with youth programs and so much more. The faith community (that's us) partners with this organization often to help them provide emergency assistance to families in need. This is the likely place our funds will be the most help. This will be a way we can partner with our community to work together to help the needy. We want the world to know we are here to help. For more info go to their website at commteam.org

Prayer Requests: Do you have a prayer request? There is a prayer box in the foyer of the church. Fill out a request form, fold it, and put it in the box or e-mail the prayer team at: prayer@mvsda.org and the prayer team will bring your request before the Lord.

Church members need to check their emails to see when they are scheduled to participate in the worship service and/or the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

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