

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

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
Monday	3:30 PM	Neville Peter Concert
	5:00 PM	Pathfinder - meeting, dress uniform
	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

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

### Praising His Name

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>	

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

### Proclaiming the Word

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

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**

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

**Bulletin information** should be sent to email: [sassy898@gmail.com](mailto: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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 Elder .....Steven Dovich ..... 978-494-0519  
 Membership Clerk .....Joan Reiss..... 978-256-1671  
 Pastor .....Kevin Robert..... 774-219-2995  
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**Sunset Tonight 04:11 PM**

**Next Friday 04:12 PM**

### Announcements Cont.

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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](http://commteam.org)

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