

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! Today we will be blessed with the worship ministry shared by faculty and students from Greater Boston Academy under the leadership of chaplain Mark Ishikawa. Let us celebrate the glorious freedom that is ours in Christ!

Forty Days of Purpose



The **Forty Days of Purpose** campaign will be held January 22 - March 5. During this six week venture our worship services, small groups, and daily devotions will focus on God's purpose for us: To be people of worship, fellowship, discipleship, ministry, and mission. Eleven people have volunteered to lead small groups that will be held across the valley during the week and on Sabbath mornings. Please plan to join one of these groups. It will synergize your spiritual journey during this forty day venture.

Church Events This Coming Week

Today	6:30 pm	Adult Christmas Party
Sunday	10:00 am	Conference Constituency Meeting
Friday	6:00 pm	Live Nativity
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
Sabbath	11:30 am	Christmas Cantata: <i>Comfort & Joy</i>

Giving Hearts: November Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$3,275.00	\$3,033.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$3,036.00	\$3,725.00

Announcements

The Adult Christmas Party is tonight at 6:30. Bring holiday foods for supper and a wrapped "white elephant" gift for the Yankee Swap.

Christmas Wish Tree tags can be taken from the tree in the foyer. Please purchase the indicated item and return the wrapped package with the tag by December 18.

Warm Coats, mittens, hats, and gloves are needed for local community services contacts. All donations should be clean and in good repair. Donations can be left in the foyer basket.

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 4, 2004

Worship Celebration

Glorious Freedom

Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Ingrid Mergenthaler
Worship Host Greetings	Gustav Mergenthaler

Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Bruno & Patrick Monteiro, Karen McClendon & Marge Patch
<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	
<i>Sweet Jesus/I'll Live For Jesus</i>	
<i>Emmanuel</i>	
<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Jonathan Martin
Church Alive	Jerrell Gilkenson
Gifts of Worship	Gustav Mergenthaler
Church Budget	
Offertory	Anaely Arocho

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	The Master's Hands
Scripture Lesson	Rebecca Valentin
Psalm 100	
Worship in Song	GBA Men's Quartet
Sabbath Message	Mark Ishikawa
<i>Unshackled</i>	

Dedicating Our Lives

Song of Dedication	
<i>He Touched Me</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Mark Ishikawa
Worship Host's Benediction	Gustav Mergenthaler
Postlude	Ingrid Mergenthaler

Panther Pause, the electronic newsletter for Edgewood/Greater Boston Academy, is now available on the school's website, www.greaterbostonacademy.com.

Mission Trip: Brenda Candelario is planning a mission trip to Venezuela during December and January. Donations to help with this venture can be marked "Brenda's Mission Trip."

Invite Your Family and Friends to These Holiday Events

The Live Nativity will be staged 6:00 - 9:00 this coming Friday evening. Bring your family and friends for this community event sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist and Christ Church United churches.

The Comfort and Joy Cantata will be performed in our church on December 11 during the worship celebration. A reception will follow.

Sing a Song of Christmas will be performed by our children during the December 18 worship celebration.

Christmas Carols will be shared in a community Christmas Eve celebration on December 24. Steven Dovich is coordinating this event.

A Family Christmas will be enjoyed by all at the December 25 worship celebration. Marianne Wiacek is coordinating this event.

A New Year's Eve Agape Feast and Communion will be celebrated on December 31.

Sunset Tonight 4:11

Next Friday 4:11

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Infant Holy Infant Lowly

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing, Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging, angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil 'till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you. Christ the Babe was born for you.

In a manger He is lying, who will greet Him as He sleeps?
Baby Jesus, infant Christ child, who will greet Him as He sleeps?
Angels winging, praises singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all. Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

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Sweet Jesus/I'll Live for Jesus

Sweet Jesus, sweet Jesus, what a wonder You are!
You're brighter than the Morning Star.
You're fairer, much fairer than the lily that grows by the wayside.
Precious, more precious than gold.

I'll live for Jesus day after day, I'll live for Jesus let come what may.
The Holy Spirit I will obey, I'll live for Jesus day after day.

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Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.

(Repeat)

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O Come All Ye Faithful #132

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

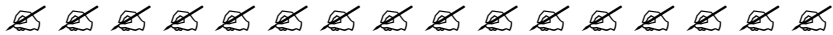
Chorus:

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, all glory in the highest.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n.
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.

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He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame.
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Chorus:

He touched me, O, He touched me, and O, the joy that floods my soul.
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me
whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him, I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

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