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of **Christ**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

December 15, 2018

Worship Celebration

Moving Towards Christ

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Our speaker today is Pastor Kevin Robert. Today's music is brought to us by Harp Ensemble - Elizabeth Dovich, Meg Hoffman, and Sophia Piper, under the direction of Emily Halpern Lewis.

Do you desire Bible Studies, baptism, a pastoral visit or prayer? Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Thought Spot: "God would be well pleased if on Christmas each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offerings, great and small, for these houses of worship...There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen and placing it in our churches, but the sin lies in the motive which prompts to action and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree. AH 482.1 The tree may be as tall and its branches as wide as shall best suit the occasion; but let its boughs be laden with the golden and silver fruit of your beneficence, and present this to Him as your Christmas gift. Let your donations be sanctified by prayer."9The Review and Herald, December 11, 1879

Church Events This Coming Week

Today	9:30 AM	Sabbath School Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School
	10:15 AM	Harp ensemble - tune, warm-up
	11:20 AM	Worship service
	2:30 PM	Adventurer Meeting
	2:30 PM	Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice
	5:00 PM	Pathfinder - meeting, Christmas party, field uniform
	8:00 PM	Pathfinder - sleepover, games
Tomorrow	9:00 AM	Pathfinder - Breakfast
Monday	7:00 PM	Book of Revelation Bible Study

Announcements

Membership Transfer - First Reading: Cherie Pryce from Stoneham Memorial Church to MVSDA Church.

Bottle Deposit Fundraising will help the King's Kids Pathfinder Club raise funds for the 2019 International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, WI. Collect all recyclable cans/bottles with a MA deposit, bring them to church, and place them in the collection boxes. Contact pathfinders@mvsda.org with any questions.

Praising His Name

Worship Host's Greeting	Lydia Abay
Praise Songs	Bonnie C, Shayla C & Rita M
<i>O Come Let Us Adore Him</i>	
<i>Isn't He #50</i>	
<i>It Came Upon a Midnight Clear #130</i>	
<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing #122</i>	
<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain #121</i>	
<i>Jesus Our Emmanuel</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Jerusha Arika
Gifts of Worship	Derrick Foreshaw
<i>Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Harp Ensemble

Proclaiming The Word

Children's Corner	Rita McCall
Scripture Lesson	Chasity Foreshaw
<i>Matthew 2:1</i>	
Worship in Song	Harp Ensemble
Sabbath Message	Pastor Kevin Robert
<i>"Orient Express and the Great Light part 1"</i>	

Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	Bonnie C, Shayla C & Rita M
<i>We Three Kings #137</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Pastor Kevin Robert
Worship Host's Benediction	Lydia Abay
Postlude	Harp Ensemble

Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

Future Church Events

Every Sat 10:00 AM Sabbath School
 Every Sat 11:20 AM Worship service
 Every Mon 7:00 PM Book of Revelation Bible Study
 Dec 22 9:30 AM Prelude Praise practice
 Dec 31 7:00 PM Elders Meeting
 Jan 5 1:00 PM Pathfinder staff meeting
 2:30 PM Adventurer Meeting
 2:30 PM Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice
 5:00 PM Pathfinder - meeting, arts & crafts, field uniform
 Jan 10 7:00 PM Church Board
 Jan 12 MVSDA AY Ministry
 1:00 PM Fellowship Dinner
 Jan 19 2:30 PM Adventurer Meeting
 2:30 PM Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice

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>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Church Budget	\$3,387.00	\$5,846.00	(\$2,459.00)
GBA Budget	\$1,001.00	\$2,000.00	(\$999.00)

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

Audio/Visual Andreas Goelzer603-236-9423
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 Elder..... Steven Dovich978-494-0519
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 Pastor..... Kevin Robert.....774-219-2995
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Sunset Tonight 04:12 PM

Next Friday 04:14 PM

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Personal Ministries: We are working towards all church members to be involved in discipleship accountability groups, also called "DNA groups". They are small groups 2-5 people gender specific that live close by each other. They will Disciple each other by encouraging them to Jesus, as well as Nurture each other in habits that work against self and the flesh, but also and most importantly hold each other Accountable to a mission driven life. Rahab will be looking for names and cities today so we can connect our members to each other. More details will be available for this exciting foundational movement in our church to reach the lost.

Visitors Day: On 2/9/2019 we will all have Visitors Day. All members are encouraged to bring at least one non-Adventist visitor. It can be a co-worker, friend, neighbor, relative etc. There after we will have a fellowship dinner. All departments (men ministry, women ministry, youth, pathfinders, and adventurers are encouraged to plan outreach ministries such as: Prison ministries, shelter visitations, literature, nursing homes and hospital ministries. New ideas are welcome directed to Personal Ministry Council/Director. Our main goal and vision for Merrimack Valley church is to be involved in soul winning outreach ministry, to reach the unreached, and hasten the second coming of Jesus.

GBA: We are a little over halfway there in our goal of supporting GBA with \$2000 a month. If you have not pledged your support yet please see one of the elders, Rita Mcall, or Marge Patch to give your pledge. Everything helps. We have an evangelistic outreach to our youth at that school.

Israel & Jordan Bible Tour March 20-31, 2019 Southern New England Conference | Ministerial Dept. Join us as we accent your spiritual discovery of God, His historic people, and detailed plan of salvation with this once in a lifetime Bible Tour journey to Israel, March 20-31, 2019. Walk the very streets and towns where Christ walked, healed, and changed the world for eternity! There is lots of time to plan and budget. Limited spaces...Register today!

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