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become  
*Fully devoted followers*  
of **Christ**

## Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

November 18, 2017

# Worship Celebration

Keep the Commandments

### Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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

**Thought Spot:** "Christ is the tenderness of the shepherd, the affection of the parent, and the matchless grace of the compassionate Saviour. His blessings He presents in the most alluring terms. He is not content merely to announce these blessings; He presents them in the most attractive way, to excite a desire to possess them. So His servants are to present the riches of the glory of the unspeakable Gift. The wonderful love of Christ will melt and subdue hearts, when the mere reiteration of doctrines would accomplish nothing." Desire of Ages pg. 826

### Church Events This Coming Week

|           |          |                                    |
|-----------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Today     | 10:00 AM | Sabbath School                     |
|           | 11:30 AM | Worship Service                    |
|           | 2:30 PM  | Bill Brace Concert/Series Cont.    |
|           | 3:00 PM  | Adventurer Meeting-Field Uniform   |
| Sunday    | 11:00 AM | Adventurer Swimming                |
| Monday    | 7:00 PM  | 28 Fundamental Beliefs Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM  | Mid-week Discipleship Study        |

### Announcements

**Happy Thanksgiving:** "It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich"- Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving from Tanya, Kevin and our Girls!

**A Body You Have Given Me:** Please welcome Pastor Bill Brace today as he continues to open the scriptures to us during the worship hour and this afternoon at 3pm. Bill is the founder of a non-profit foundation that seeks to raise funds for Christian education. He also has been in Pastoral Ministry in the Metro Boston area for more than 40 years. The Brace Foundation Singers will also be presenting a 30 minute concert at 2:30pm before Bill speaks later today.

### Gathering to Worship

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Prelude                 | Juan Infante & Angela Santana |
| Worship Host's Greeting | Roselene Bellevue             |
| Call to Worship         | Roselene Bellevue             |

### Praising His Name

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Praise Songs              | Idelsy Infante & Nadia Jorge |
| <i>Give Thanks</i>        |                              |
| <i>Amazing Grace #108</i> |                              |
| <i>Cares Chorus #141</i>  |                              |
| Congregational Prayer     | Joseph Connolly              |
| Gifts of Worship          | Cassidy Connolly             |
| Our Church Budget         |                              |
| Offertory                 | Faguison Iina                |

### Proclaiming the Word

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Children's Corner                         | Rahab Kimani      |
| Scripture Lesson                          | Roselene Bellevue |
| <i>Revelation 14:12</i>                   |                   |
| Worship in Song                           | Faguison Lima     |
| Sabbath Message                           | Pastor Bill Brace |
| <i>"The Fullness of the Commandments"</i> |                   |

### Dedicating Our Lives

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hymn of Dedication         | Idelsy Infante & Nadia Jorge |
| At the Cross #163          |                              |
| Prayer of Dedication       | Pastor Bill Brace            |
| Worship Host's Benediction | Roselene Bellevue            |
| Postlude                   | Carla Bonfim                 |

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  
 Nov 25 9:30 AM Prelude Praise practice  
 Nov 26 10:00 AM Christmas Decorating  
 Nov 27 7:00 PM Elders Meeting  
 Dec 2 3:00 PM Adventurer Meeting-Dress Uniform  
 Dec 9 10:00 AM Discipleship Class  
           1:00 PM Fellowship Dinner  
           2:00 PM Pathfinder Staff Meeting  
           2:00 PM Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice  
           3:30 PM Neville Peter Concert  
           5:00 PM Pathfinder - meeting, dress uniform

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:

<http://www.mvsda.org/Calendar/>

### Giving Hearts: November 2017 to date Report

| <u>Offerings</u>     | <u>Received</u> | <u>Monthly Budget</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Church Budget</b> | \$3,264.00      | \$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

Audio/Visual .....Andreas Goelzer..... 603-236-9423  
 Deacon .....Gary Patch..... 978-314-9970  
 Deaconess .....Natalie Connolly ..... 978-957-6528  
 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 04:20 PM**

**Next Friday 04:16 PM**

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**Your help is needed** for Christmas decorating Sunday, November 26, 10:00-1:00. Please come & help (this is not just for the ladies! We need some strong men too)

**AUC HOSTS 20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POPS FAMILY CONCERT BY ATLANTIC WIND SYMPHONY!**  
**Saturday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. Machlan Auditorium, Atlantic Union College**

**WHAT:** Atlantic Union College hosts the 20th Annual Christmas Pops Concert by the Atlantic Wind Symphony under the direction of Maestro Earl Raney. The concert will also feature guest choirs: *Il Vocé* from South Lancaster Academy and the *Thayer Performing Arts Center Festival Choir* performing stunning arrangements of beloved Christmas classics and Boston Pops favorites, including Bizet's *Farandole*, Anderson's *Christmas Festival*, *Jingle All the Way*, *Up On a Husetop*, *All I Want for Christmas is You*, *Sleigh Ride*, plus many more. Conductor Raney says, "This family concert promises to be a fabulous evening of musical merriment with a special visit by Santa! Bring your family and friends to ring in the season with our wonderful community musicians and singers." Admission at the door: \$12 adults, \$10 seniors/students, \$30 family (parents and children under 18). Pre-concert tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students. Tickets available at Thayer Performing Arts Center & Community Music School. For more information call 978-368-2100 or text 508-331-4435 or visit [www.tpacma.org](http://www.tpacma.org).

**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.

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