

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

## Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

December 2, 2017

# Worship Celebration

Christmas Caroling in Heaven

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

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

**Thought spot:** "The redeemed cast their glittering crowns at the feet of Jesus; and then the angelic choir strikes the note of victory, and the angels in the two columns take up the song, and the redeemed host join as though they had been singing the song on the earth, and they have been." – (Hvn 183.1)

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	10:00 AM	Sabbath School
	11:30 AM	Worship Service
	3:00 PM	Adventurer Meeting-Dress Uniform
	4:30 PM	Pathfinder - Health honor prep
Monday	7:00 PM	28 Fundamental Beliefs Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Mid-week Discipleship Study

### Announcements

**Christmas Fellowship Dinner December 9:** Please join us after the service for a wonderful holiday meal! This is a planned menu. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall, & once again pans are provided for your convenience on a table by the bulletin board. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Have you LOST something?** We have FOUND it! Please check the boxes in the fellowship hall for your items. There is a pair of real nice ladies boots, a little girl's back-pac, a girl's winter jacket & various other items. Anything not claimed by Dec 16 is being brought to the Salvation Army. Thanks for your help.

**First Reading:** Jose Santana selected to worship committee.

### Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Carla Bonfim & Angela Santana
Worship Host's Greeting	Lydia Abay
Call to Worship	Lydia Abay

### Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Carine Bonfim & Alice Gutu & Irene Maranga
<i>There's a Song in the Air #120</i>	
<i>Angels We Have Heard on High #142</i>	
<i>We'll Praise His Name Forever</i>	

Congregational Prayer	Jared Arika
Gifts of Worship	Gilda Newell
<i>Our Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Rumbie Gutu

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Jose Santana
Scripture Lesson	Elizabeth Dovich
<i>Revelation 14:1-3</i>	
Worship in Song	Rumbi Gutu
Sabbath Message	Scott Sassone
<i>Christmas Caroling in Heaven</i>	

### Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	Carine Bonfim & Alice Gutu & Irene Maranga
<i>Hark the Herald Angels Sing #122</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Scott Sassone
Worship Host's Benediction	Lydia Abay
Postlude	Carla Bonfim

Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

<b>Future Church Events</b>
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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 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
Dec 14	7:00 PM	Church Board
Dec 16	3:00 PM	Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice
	3:00 PM	Adventurer Meeting-Field Uniform
	5:00 PM	Pathfinder - meeting, Christmas Party

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:

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

<b>Giving Hearts: November Report</b>		
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**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
Recording Clerk.....	Sue Markin .....	978-957-6384
Sabbath School.....	Aaron Teckie .....	978-658-2633
Treasurer.....	Marge Patch .....	978-640-4949

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**Sunset Tonight 04:12 PM**

**Next Friday 04:11 PM**

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#### **AUC HOSTS 20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POPS FAMILY CONCERT BY ATLANTIC WIND SYMPHONY!**

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**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 Housetop*, *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).

**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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