

Sabbath School

Worship Service

Safety Lead: Mark Farley

Presiding Elder: Lowell Dunston

Presiding Deacons: Kurt Kleppe, Mark Dodd

Song Service	9:20 a.m.
Program	Christmas Breakfast No classes today
Next Sabbath	Politics and Religion in Peshawar, Pakistan Alvin & Sidney Kwiram
Adult Sabbath School Classes	10:00 a.m.

The sanctuary opens at 10:50. Prior to this time, rehearsing musicians appreciate privacy during their preparation for the worship service and thank you for this courtesy.

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES

Green Lake Church is noted for its diversity. We welcome you wherever you are in your search for truth. Some classes work within a traditional Seventh-day Adventist framework, while others take a nontraditional approach. Choose the one that best fits your needs today.

Quarterly – Myrtle Mitchell, Donna Van Fossen Auditorium, Front South
Follows the lessons in the Sabbath School Quarterly.

Walk Through the Bible – Matt and Liz Rickaby, Simon Tung Top Level Open Space
The book of Matthew.

Discussion – Simona Vuletic Room 303 (Library)
Encourages the open expression of ideas and experiences outside the scope of the traditional Sabbath School class.

Young Adults – B. Lundstrom, B. McGrath, J. Negretti, K. Zafiro Kitchen
Truth Exploration ... An interactive discussion based on the principles found in the Bible, using the Sabbath School Quarterly as a guide.

Russian-speaking Class – Rebekah Ley Auditorium, Rear North
Bible study for Russian speakers.

Pastor's Class – David Wood Auditorium, Rear South
The book of Job.

CHILDREN'S DIVISIONS

There is no Praise Time today, but the children's division classes will meet.

Beginners (ages 0 through 3.5) Room 101
Leaders: Classroom Parents

Kindergarten (ages 3.5 through 5) Room 301
Co-leaders: Melody Bennett Gayle, Lucille Bertholf, Stephanie Mays

Primary (ages 6 through 8) Room 203
Co-leaders: Jeremy Mays, Terri Smith-Weller

Juniors (ages 9 through 11) Room 202
Co-leaders: Kurt Johns, Michelle Talavera

Earliteen (ages 12 through 14) Chapel
Co-leaders: Heather Dye, Susan Massey

Youth (ages 15+) Room 302
Co-leaders: Len Case, Ken Fairchild, Sherry Roberts

Young Adults (ages 18+) are invited to attend the YA Quarterly class.

PRELUDE	<i>We Three Kings</i>	Setting by Janet Linker
CHURCH LIFE		David Wood and Tim Dunston
SONG FROM THE HEART		Liz Joseph and Rhona Kwiram
	Hymnal No. 141	<i>What Child Is This?</i>

CHRISTMAS READING John 1:1-14 Tim Dunston
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES Sandra Maroa
O Come, O Come, Immanuel
Rhona Kwiram

INVOCATION Tim Dunston

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP John Weaver
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 27 Tim Dunston
Reader The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear.

All One thing I ask of the Lord: that I may dwell in his house all the days of my life.

Reader For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle.

All Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

☼ **HYMN OF PRAISE Hymnal No. 132** Adeste fideles
O Come, All Ye Faithful

OFFERING Lowell Dunston
Today's Offering Church Budget

OFFERTORY Children and Youth Choirs

CHORAL CALL TO THE CHILDREN'S MOMENT arr. Roy Naden
Children of the Heavenly Father

CHILDREN'S STORY Goldilocks, Frank, and Myrtle David Wood
Hands Across the Water Offering for Pria Ministries

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Antony Baldwin
Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

MORNING PRAYER Lowel Dunston

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 2:9-11 NIV Nathan Kleppe

ANTHEM *In the Bleak Midwinter* Words by Christina Rossetti
Music by Gustav Holst
arr. Albin C. Whitworth

SERMON *Hath Not A Jew Eyes?* David Wood

☼ **HYMN OF CONSECRATION Hymnal No. 142** Gloria
Angels We Have Heard on High

☼ **BENEDICTION** David Wood

☼ **CHORAL BENEDICTION** Amen Michael Hennagin

POSTLUDE Marcel Dupré
Fugue and Toccata from "Variations on O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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*The poinsettias today are courtesy of Green Lake members.*  
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Welcome, visitors ... We rejoice that you have come to unite with us in praising the Creator of us all. If you would like to join our membership, fill in one of the cards in the pew holders and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the pastor of the day. Join us for the reception in the Chapel following the worship service today.

Sermon Synopsis ... When Shylock asks this question in *The Merchant of Venice*, he confronts the ugliness of discrimination and inequality that has sabotaged religious communities for as long as human records tell. The birth of Jesus answers Shylock's plaintive cry and rips "a pound of flesh" from all the world's injustice.

Advent ... In the season of Advent, we celebrate the expectant waiting for the coming of Jesus. Traditionally Advent begins on the fourth week before the observance of Christmas. Christians see the season as a reminder both of the coming of the Messiah as a baby and of the expected second coming of Christ. This season we are joining in this rich Christian tradition through a weekly lighting of the candles that symbolize the peace, love, hope, and joy of Christ's birth. The flame of each new candle reminds us that something significant is happening, and that more is yet to come. Finally, the light that has come into the world is plainly visible as the Christ candle is lit at Christmas, and we rejoice over the fact that the promise of long ago has been realized. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God, the eternal One, of His endless mercy, which has no beginning or end.

Announcements

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phones and pagers.

Elders on Call ... If you have a special need to pray individually with someone this morning, there are Elders who would welcome the opportunity to pray with you. Ask one of the church greeters to contact one of the Elders.

Children's Sabbath School Pick-up ... Because we are interested in our children's safety, we are asking that all parents pick up their children from Sabbath School promptly at 10:50. This requirement is for all children in the toddlers through primary age groups. Sabbath School teachers also would like to be able to attend the beginning of the worship service at 11 o'clock and are unable to leave their rooms until each child has been met by a caregiver.

Joy, Our Theme for Fourth Advent Sabbath . . . xx!

The song-play "What Sweeter Music," written by Rody Rowe and composed by Tim Amukele, will be presented at Green Lake Church on December 27, 2008. This second presentation will be different from the chorus with reader's theatre format that was used last year. It will be presented as a solo cantata interspersed with scripture readings. I hope that your mind will be challenged to a new and deeper appreciation of the mystery of "God with us" by this offering. - T. Amukele

Any children (at least 6 and older) who are available on December 27 to sing a simple song during Tim Amukele's cantata, please meet in Room 203 (Primary) for a brief practice immediately following the service today.

The weekly church bulletin is now available Tuesday afternoons on the Web site, www.greenlakesda.org. To be included, information for the worship service and announcements should arrive in the church office Tuesday morning.

Cypress School Scholarship Fund ... Thank you so much for the contributions that have come in for the Cypress Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your generosity we are almost there. We still need to raise \$7,400. You can give in two ways: a single sum or a designated monthly amount for 10 months. Mark donations "Cypress Scholarship." Donations can be made through Green Lake Church or mailed to Cypress Adventist School, 21500 Cypress Way, Lynnwood, WA 98036. Thank you for investing in a child.

From your Church Safety Team ... We encourage you to take a moment this evening and check your readiness for severe storms and extended self and family care in case of power outage or earthquake. Remember the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from charcoal grills and generators. Please visit the following sites for more information:
<http://www.emd.wa.gov/>, <http://www.takewinterbystorm.org>,

<http://www.redcrosswashington.org/>, <http://www.doh.wa.gov/phepr/handbook.htm>.
 Wishing you best and happiest holidays with God's blessings. Mark and the Safety Team

Member needing work will assist with household and yard projects. Contact the church office, 206-522-1330.

Please continue praying for:

- Scott Lanphear, dealing with further health issues.
- Jenette Logue-Sheridan, dealing with stage IV cancer.
- Isaac Sproul, in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital.

Donations Online ... It is now possible to make donations with your credit card or checking account to the church via the Internet. Go to the church's Web site, www.greenlakesda.org, and click on the link to AdventistGiving. You will be guided through the steps to establish an account with a password. AdventistGiving is a secure site. Funds will be transferred to Green Lake Church and to other recipients listed on the site, including ADRA, missions, and a host of Seventh-day Adventist Church ministries.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

David Wood..... 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bible StudyResumes January 14, 10:00 a.m.
 Clean Slate Improv December 20, 8:00 p.m.
 Church Board January 20, 7:30 p.m.
 Church in Business Session January 27, 7:30 p.m.
 Division Chairs..... January 20, 6:00 p.m.

PULPIT SCHEDULE

Be Not Afraid of Greatness
Fall 2008–Summer 2009

Fall Quarter Theme: Facing Our Fears

December: A Child of Hope

December 27 *Stepping Into Uncertainty* Roy Naden
 January 3 Communion David Wood

OFFERINGS

CHURCH BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Year to Date	\$ 147,031.12	\$ 184,690.50	(\$ 37,659.38)
12/13/08	3,418.42	3,693.81	(\$ 1,209.78)

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER 12/13/08 \$ 178.94 Total Available \$11,869.41

ORGAN CAMPAIGN	GIFTS	MATCH	TOTAL
Organ donations in prior years	\$ 34,585		\$ 34,585
2007 organ donations	34,518	\$ 34,037	68,555
2008 organ donations	17,365		17,365
Auction	15,963	15,963	31,926
Totals	102,431	50,000	152,431
Goal	150,000	50,000	200,000

Sunset Tonight 4:20 Next Friday 4:24



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