

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

December 12, 2020

FIRST WORSHIP SERVICE

Sanctuary – Masks Required

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Song Service

Sermon – Pastor Matthew Durante

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE

Sanctuary – Masks Optional

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Welcome/Announcements	Bill Mitchell
Invocation	Bill Mitchell
Opening Hymn	<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i> #122
Special Music	Arisha Arvat
Pastoral Prayer	John Robertson
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 9:1-7 John Robertson
Sermon	Pastor Matthew Durante <i>“Advent: The Personhood of the Messiah, Part I”</i>
Closing Hymn	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i> #132
Benediction	Pastor Matthew Durante

SERVING TODAY

Elder in Charge: Bill Mitchell

Deacon on Duty: Alex Horton

Piano: Heather Lopez

Chorister: Theresa Doran

Sound Tech: Jessica Collier

Live Streaming: Innocent Rudasingwa

Adult Sabbath School Class and Second Sabbath Worship Service will be live streamed and available on Facebook, YouTube and Roku.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

10:15 – 11:00am Adult Sabbath School Class

Gene Runne (Church Sanctuary)

10:00 – 11:00am Youth Sabbath School Class

Mark Jones

(Ages 11-18 KAS Gym)

Children’s Sabbath School Class

Debbie Dowling (Carithers)

(Ages 4-10 Kindergarten Room)

Cradle Roll Sabbath School Class

Theresa Doran (Beginner’s Room)

At 11:05am the church congregation assembles in the Sanctuary for praise and worship!

KNOXVILLE FIRST SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

3611 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville, TN 37939

Church Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9am -2pm
Tuesday, 9am - 1:30pm

Church Office Number: (865) 524-7842

Church Office Fax: (865) 523-7471

Church Office Email: knoxsda@gccsda.com

Church Website: knoxvillefirstsda.com

Church Wi-Fi Sanctuary Guestpw: guest 2020

Senior Pastor: Marcus Bates (865) 524-7842
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Facebook Page: Knoxville 1st Seventh-day Adventist Church

Woman’s Ministry Facebook page:
Knoxville 1st SDA Women’s Ministry



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"Since Jesus came to dwell with us, we know that God is acquainted with our trials & sympathizes with our griefs. **Every son & daughter of Adam may understand that our Creator is the friend of sinners.** For in every doctrine of grace, every promise of joy, every deed of love, every divine attraction presented in the Saviour's life on earth, we see 'God with us.' "

Desire of Ages, 24

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Members and Honored Guests

LET'S LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS

Kristy Siddel, Susan Melton, Donna Norton, Dan Belic, Debbie Simmons, Wayne Knickman, Sande' Korp, Joe Ellison, Heather Brockett, Elvin Vence, Scott Hansen; all of our church members and guests who have health or personal issues; those needing spiritual victories in their lives; those affected by recent events, including healthcare workers, first responders and volunteers; our missionaries; our elected officials; those serving in law enforcement and military.

OFFERING SCHEDULE

(Please mark your tithe envelope)

Today: Adventist Community Services

Next Week: Local Church Budget

Today's loose offering goes to Church Family Budget

Church Giving Through

December 05, 2020

	Last Week	Weekly Goal	YTD Received	YTD Needed
Combined Budget	\$ 1,031	\$4,512	\$191,228	\$221,088
Worthy Student	\$ 101	\$1,000	\$ 47,641	\$ 49,000

THREE OPTIONS TO RETURN YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A beautifully carved box is available in the Sanctuary; give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/#/org/ANTFJL/envelope/start>; or mail to Knoxville First SDA Church, P.O. Box 10952, Knoxville, TN 37939. Please remember our Local Church Budget and Children's Offerings.

CHRISTMAS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Christmas gift bags are available in the church foyer to distribute to our homebound members. Please consider delivering a bag this weekend. Each member's name and address is attached to their bag. A great big Thank You to all who took part in this ministry.

2021 DEVOTIONAL BOOKS – SPECIAL OFFER

ABC special prices are good through January 31, 2021. Orders must be placed through the church office to insure the special pricing. Brochures are available in the Literature/Coat room. Orders for Christmas must be received no later than December 14th. Payment due after delivery. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER REQUEST: (First Reading)

To Knoxville First SDA Church:

- David and Donna Zackrison from North Knoxville SDA Church, Knoxville, TN.

NEW STUDY FOR PRAYER MEETING

This Wednesday evening (Dec. 16, 7pm) we will be starting a verse-by-verse study on the book of Hebrews. Outlines on each chapter will be made available via email and on the church website. To join this weekly study, we will be using the normal Zoom login information, which is <https://zoom.us/j/8987439349>. The meeting ID is 898-743-9349. To join by phone, please call (646) 558-8656 and enter the meeting ID. This weekly event will be streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and Roku. Please join us for this mid-week Bible study blessing!

"AMINA'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT": Amina Newton began this Christmas project to encourage our church members to bless neighbors and strangers with books by Ellen White. **This ministry continues, in Amina's memory. Gift bags are available in the church foyer and in the Conference Room for members to give out during the holidays. They include Steps to Christ, The Great Hope, and sharing cards.** *THANK YOU* to Rachel Arner and Carol Goodge who gave their time in helping prepare these gift bags.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: If you know of any church member that is homebound, please contact the church office.

COMPASSION COALITION: Do you know someone in need of assistance with food, rent, utilities, etc. call 865-251-1591. (Church members in need can contact Carolyn Hanson. All inquiries held in the strictest of confidence.) Request help and/or volunteer at Compassion Coalition.

GRIEFSHARE DVD SET: If you know the whereabouts of the GriefShare 5 DVD set please contact Mark Horton or John Geli.

WEBSITE CALENDAR: Check out our church calendar on our website. As our church opens up it is now possible for members to see the time and place of approved events and activities scheduled. Platform and other Sabbath schedules are also listed. As always, if you have any questions, please call or email the church office.

AREA LITERATURE EVANGELIST LEADER: Aaron Harlock is our local Georgia-Cumberland Conference literature evangelist leader for this area. If you have any questions or desire to learn more about the conference literature work in this area, please contact Aaron at (423) 907-4422 or aharlock@gccsda.com.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND FREE ECARDS WITH LIFETALK RADIO: Gifts for you to share the joy! Enjoy the Christmas music on LifeTalk Radio. Listen on the free mobile app, on Amazon Echo, Google Home, ROKU, or online! Plus, you can order free printed sharing cards for Christmas and other occasions at lifetalk.net/sharing-cards/, or send free Christmas eCards via email! Share the joy of Christ's coming with the help of LifeTalk Radio's sharing cards, eCards, stickers, and programs.

OASIS - HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: Feb. 5 & 6. Our annual retreat is going virtual for 2021. If you are an SDA student (grades 9-12) who does not attend an SDA school, this Bible conference type event is for you. The event is FREE to join, but we still ask that you register by Feb. 1 for planning purposes. For more information or to register, go to www.gccsda.com/events/oasis2021. Have questions? Call Alyse at 706-629-7951, ext. 346.

COHUTTA SPRINGS YOUTH CAMP: We are looking for young people to minister at camp next summer. If you will be at least 18 years old by summer 2021 and you are looking for a way to minister, summer camp may be the right fit. Applications are being accepted at www.cs-yc.com. Click on "Staff Application" under the Staff heading.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sabbath

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

5:22 p.m.

December 12, 2020

First Worship Service – Pastor Matthew Durante
Cradle Roll, Children's and Youth's SS Classes
Sabbath School Class – Adult
Second Worship Service
Pastor Matthew Durante
Sunset

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

December 16, 2020

Prayer meeting and study on Zoom

Friday

5:24 p.m.

December 18, 2020

Sunset

Sabbath

9:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m.

5:24 p.m.

December 19, 2020

First Worship Service - Pastor Marcus Bates
Cradle Roll, Children's and Youth's SS Classes
Sabbath School Class – Adult
Second Worship Service - Pastor Marcus Bates
Sunset