

MEETING GOD THROUGH WORSHIP 10:45 AM

MISSION EMPHASIS	Video
SONGS OF PRAISE	Music Team
INVOCATION	Twyla Luke
WELCOME	Mike McBride
OFFERING	Church Budget
<i>Offering Box is in the foyer.</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP	

Psalm 95:1-7

SONGS OF WORSHIP	On Screen
<i>Infant Holy, Infant, Lowly, Hymn #127</i>	
<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming, Hymn #131</i>	
<i>Now is Born the Divine Christ Child, Hymn #133</i>	

PRAYER	Roz Edmisten
CHRISTMAS CAROLS	On Screen

O Little Town of Bethlehem, Hymn #135
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne, Hymn #140
Angels We Have Heard on High, Hymn #142

SCRIPTURE	Debbie Collins
<i>Luke 2: 25.36-38</i>	

MESSAGE	Cristian Bobocea
<i>Who Wants A Consolation Prize Anyway?!</i>	

CHRISTMAS CAROLS	On Screen
<i>Silent Night, Holy Night, Hymn #143</i>	
<i>O Holy Night</i>	

BENEDICTION	Cristian Bobocea
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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Organ: Donna Woods
Piano: Linda Yip
Elder: Mike McBride
Deacon: Dave Iverson
Deaconess: Birdie Wentland

Media Service: Karen Iverson
Greeters: Sheri Dixon, Cliff Kruse,
 Michael & Joanie Schmoll
Flowers provided by: Dee Gregory

SABBATH SCHOOL OPTIONS

Children's Classes by Ages
0-4 Beginners; **5-12** Kindergarten/Primary/Junior
13+ **Teen Class** (Upstairs Fellowship Hall)

Adult Classes
 -Sanctuary Class
 -Meeting Room (north side next to breezeway)
 -Sunroom North, (entrance of fellowship hall by outside stairs)
 -Fireside Room (by the fireplace in the fellowship hall)
 -Choir Room (by baptistery)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We are happy that you have joined us this morning. May God bless us as we worship Him and share His love.

Children's Church happens today at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. All children are welcome.

All are invited to a fellowship meal today following the worship service. Next meal will be January 3 with Team Staci serving. Reminder that all-church fellowship meals will happen on the first Sabbath of each month only. This gives opportunities for you to invite guests home or reserve the fellowship hall for your group.

Bulletin Deadline is Tuesday evening. The church office will be closed Christmas Day and December 26.

Prayer Meeting will not be held during the holiday season. It will resume Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm.

Heart of Jesus Church will be using the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 24 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm.

Have you had your directory photo taken? Please stop by the church office during office hours or on Sabbaths through January 3. If you already have a 2025 family photo, please send to sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org, or bring for Jay to scan.

Address listing for the directory can be found on the wall by the bulletin board. Please mark your OK or make corrections. What is listed will be printed, so please check.

Pastor Cristian would like to meet individually with church members and their families for a brief introduction and a time of prayer. Members who are willing to set aside up to thirty minutes for this purpose are kindly invited to contact him by phone at 360.300.7870 or by email at bobocris@yahoo.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Today	9:30 am	SABBATH SCHOOL
	10:50 am	WORSHIP SERVICE -Christmas Carols and Homily by Cristian Bobocea
	11:00 am	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
	12:30 pm	FELLOWSHIP MEAL , Team Donna
Tuesday	---	NO COMMUNITY SERVICES
	---	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Wednesday	---	NO PRAYER MEETING
Thursday	---	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
		NO BACKPACK PROGRAM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Friday	---	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Next Sabbath	9:30 am	SABBATH SCHOOL
	10:50 am	WORSHIP SERVICE -Speaker: Doug Woods

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 24	12:00-4:00 pm	Church Use - Heart of Jesus Church
Dec 25 & 26	---	Church Office Closed
Dec 29	1:30-6:00 pm	Church Use -Private Event
Jan 1	---	Church Office Closed
Jan 2	9:00-2:00 pm	Fellowship Hall Use -Pathfinders
Jan 3	12:30 pm	Fellowship Meal , Team Staci
Jan 5	3:30 pm	Adventurers
Jan 8	2:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
Jan 8	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Jan 10	10:50 am	Communion during worship service
Jan 12	6:30 pm	School Board

TODAY'S MESSAGE

If you are in the race for the first place, in any competition, you would not like to receive a consolation prize. Definitely!

Absolutely NOT!

Because anyone who really wants to simply win, wants THE prize. No matter what benefits the second or the third place brings, the first place will always be, well, the first place! And until the next competition at least, you have gotten the first place!!

Well, you see, that's the problem with the first place: given the time and different circumstances, there will always be somebody else taking it. There will always be someone faster, or quicker, or stronger, or have more of what it takes to win that coveted spot.

It is rather hilarious when people offer consolation or even participation prizes in a world that lives and breathes for the bragging rights of "the first". It rather adds insult to the injury, and it doesn't teach anything about winning.

It is annoying at best.

It is by design that God has sent His Son in this world as a baby to teach us differently. A baby is helpless and cannot win any competition.

This baby came to show the world that life is not a competition against others but "... anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

In His ministry, Christ has brought a lot of comfort and joy to those who the "winning" society rejected, to the "losers". Jesus continued to show love, acceptance and compassion even when He was rejected. For the first time, the world has seen the character of God reflected in the most vulnerable person one can imagine in this world. It started as a helpless baby, continued as a Rabbi that had no place of His own to lay His head, and ended with the One who was too weak to carry His own cross.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor Cristian Bobocea 360-300-7870; bobocris@yahoo.com
Church Secretary Jay Richmond 360-683-7373
Office Hours Monday.-Friday 9:00 am-1:30 pm
Bulletin Deadline Wednesday — *send info to:*
sequimadventist@sequimsdachurch.org

E-mail to send requests - prayers, wanted items, help needed, etc
sequimsdachurch@gmail.com

Archived Sermons: Podcasts page of church website

Sunset Tonight: 4:22 pm

Sunset Next Friday: 4:26 pm

Offering Next Sabbath: WA Youth: Children

PENINSULA ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Address: 255 Medsker Road, Sequim
School Office: 360-683-6170
E-mail: paesinfosequim@gmail.com
Website: www.PeninsulaAdventistElementarySchool.com
Facebook: Peninsula Adventist Elementary School - PAES
Instagram: @peninsulaadventistelementary

FULL PANTRY PROJECT

Food Donation List for December:

Canned tuna (no soy) or chicken, pasta, peanut butter, canned vegetables (low salt), and canned fruit (in their own juice).

TREASURER'S REPORT

*Suggested plan for giving to combined budget is 4%.
A binder can be found in the church office with monthly statements.*

YTD Church Budget 2025-2026:	\$50,800.00
YTD Received through November:	\$68,163.55
Gain/Loss	+\$17,363.55
Monthly combined budget goal:	\$10,160.00
Combined Budget December:	\$5,307.00
Student Sponsorship received for December:	\$2,510.00
PAE School received for December:	\$2,710.00
Local Radio Goal:	\$500.00
Received for December:	\$110.00



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