

Prayer Thoughts and Requests

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

"There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."

Edith Wharton

Pray for God to use you as a beacon of His love and truth, reflecting His goodness through your actions and words and life, so others are drawn to Him

Pray for God to shine His light on those hurting and for the comfort and love of Christ in difficult times

Remember those in prison: pray for help for our Prison Ministry to show their light; pray for God to be with the families of the prisoners, giving them patience and love

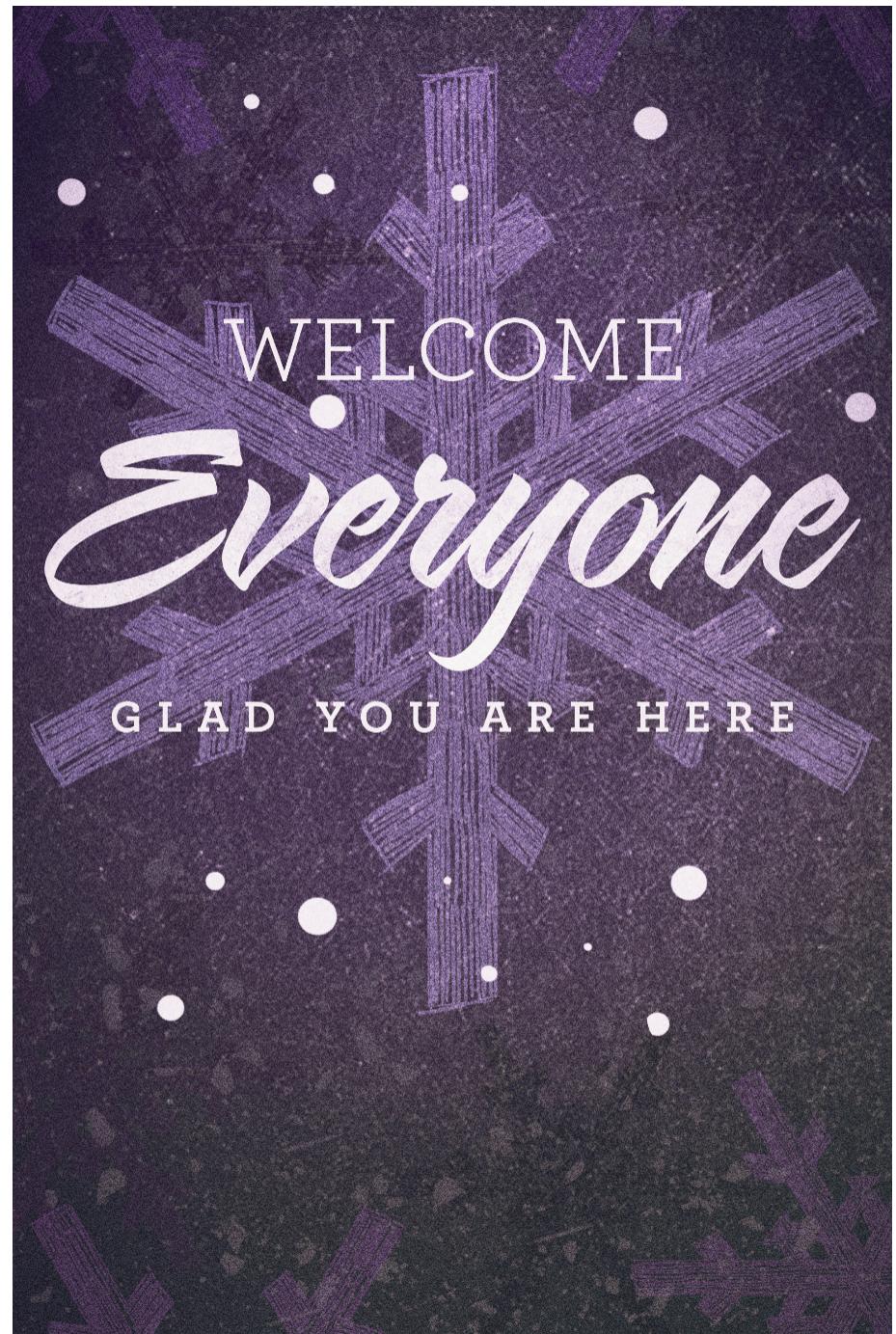
Pray for those that have been through winter storms this week, that they find safety, comfort, and strength, with power restored and hearts kept peaceful despite the cold

Pray that the "Light of the World" shines through our pastors and leaders, overcoming darkness and guiding the congregation

Pray for the needs of the Sri Lanka missionaries to be met—focus on emotional, financial and physical needs, asking for resilience against opposition and fatigue; may their lives serve as a testament to the gospel, reflecting light rather than darkness

Pray for protection for the crews and caregivers working in dangerous conditions as they help others

Thank you Father for being the light of the world, for shining light into the darkness, and for showing us how to live a life that honors you



Giving Guide

We thank you for supporting our local and global church through your giving. You may place a tithe envelope in any of the locked boxes at the sanctuary entrance doors or scan the QR code in the box below to give online.

Financial Report through January 17, 2025

To financially support any of our church ministries, please mark your tithe envelope accordingly. Any undesignated contributions turned in by tithe envelope will remain in the local church



Yearly Budget	Monthly Budget	Rec. this month	Budget to date	YTD Rec.
Church Budget*	\$223,200	\$18,600	\$10,583	\$12,878
Media Ministry	\$20,500	\$1,708	\$112	\$1,185

*Church Budget consists of: Christian Education (41%), Church Expense (30%), Operating Reserves (Working Capital) (4%), Evangelism (3.5%), Building Maintenance (3%), Media Ministry (3%), Personal Ministries (3%), Sabbath School (3%), Contingency (2%), Youth/YA (2%), Community Services (2%), Adventurers (1%), Pathfinders (1%), Worthy Student (1%), and Social Committee (0.5%).

January 31, 2026

Happy Sabbath and Welcome to the Cicero SDA Church

Sabbath School – 9:45 a.m.

There are adult Sabbath School classes located in the church sanctuary and in the fellowship hall – please feel free to join either class. For the location of children and youth classes, please ask a greeter for directions.

Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements	Art Miller
Praise through Singing	
Worship through the Written Word	Randy Griffin
	<i>Revelation 1:20</i>
Garden of Prayer	Randy Griffin
Children's Story	
Shine & Share	
Worship through Giving	Art Miller
	<i>Church Budget</i>
Music for Meditation	Matt Haus & Jordan Reichert
Worship Through the Spoken Word	Pastor Jesus
	<i>"The Heavens Declare: The Church as God's Constellation"</i>
Closing Hymn	#506
	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>

Sunset tonight at 6:03 p.m.

Sunset next Friday at 6:11 p.m.

Announcements

Membership Transfer – First Reading

To Cicero:

Thomas Thompson from Boyne City SDA Church, Boyne City, MI

Church Business Meeting

We will have a church business meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll be reviewing the proposed 2026 budget and other church business. Come out and join us and be a part of the business of your church. There will be light refreshments served at 8:45 a.m.

Cicero Thrift Store Needs

We have needs for a variety of volunteers to keep our thrift store running smoothly (not just on the days it is open). If you can help, please contact Monique Hines for details, or see the Pastor's weekly email. There are many opportunities to help, and many of you have the skills needed. Come and help give back to the community through this ministry.

Gather to Give Project

Our *Gather 2 Give* ministry is supporting the mission team going to Sri Lanka. We are collecting new and "very gently used" clothing for boys and girls ages 5-14, and hair clips for the girls. Average temps in Kandy, where the orphanage is located, range from 65-90 degrees, so lighter-weight clothing is most needed. NO super-hero or character themed items, please. Donations can be dropped off at the Beginners Sabbath School room. Thank you for your support and If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Smith.

Reach Out Sri Lanka

It's hard to believe we're just five and a half weeks from our mission trip! In addition to your prayers, we do have two projects needing your help. We will be funding work on a bakery expansion on their campus – which will cost around \$15,000. And we also have some scholarships for the trip itself to fund. You can give to *Reach Out Sri Lanka - Trip* or *Reach Out Sri Lanka - Construction*. A continued thank you to those that have helped already and those that will help before we leave!

Youth Congress Coming Up

Every two years the Lake Union sponsors a youth congress focused on evangelism. We will have several of our youth from Cicero attending this year (as we have at the last several congresses). The dates are February 13-15. Please keep this group in your prayers as they go to learn about how to better lead evangelism in their community and as they pick their project and get funding for it.