



December 22, 2018

## Words to Live By

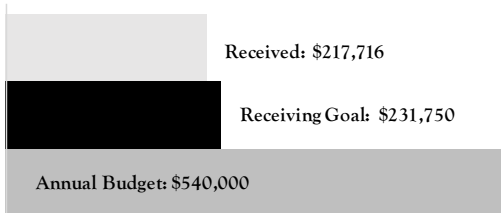
Christmas is coming, and in fact, has arrived this morning at Spencerville. We hope you enjoy the telling of the Christmas story through scripture and song during our second service. We also hope you will participate by following along as well as singing. Did you know that hymns and carols are not just songs to sing, but words to embrace? Together, we hope these texts and lyrics will uplift your soul and help you to embrace the real reason for this holiday season—the birth of our Saviour and King. If you would to comment or connect with us, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$24,000 (for December only)

#### Local Combined Budget Giving

Through December 8, 2018 - Week 23



### ONLINE ADVENTIST GIVING

A safe and easy way to give your tithes and offerings!

- Go to web site: [spencervillesda.org](http://spencervillesda.org)
- Use an electronic check or credit card
- *Click* into secure site
- Receive confirmation via e-mail

Three-and-Done Debt .....\$970,000

Total Debt.....\$3,875,196

### SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:47 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:51 p.m.

**JOINING SPENCERVILLE:** If you would like to transfer your membership or be baptized to become a member of the Spencerville Adventist Church, please submit a Connection or Welcome Card to the Hospitality Desk in the Foyer or in the offering plate.

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 800-799-7233

## CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor	Chad Stuart	Minister of Music and Organist	Mark Willey
Associate Pastors	Lerone Carson	Office Manager	Carol Strack
	Gaspar Colón	Treasurer	Eugene Korff
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Pastors Emeritus	Charlotte McClure	Spencerville Adventist Academy	301-421-9101
	Steve Willsey		

Diaconate Team Leaders on duty: Arthur, Jacobson, Thomas

H.I.S. Team on duty: Volunteers from All Teams

WiFi connectivity is available. The network is: SpencervilleChurch and the password is: Spencerville16325.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:	Three Versets on 'Away in a manger' Mark Blatchly	
IN COMMUNITY		Pastor Chad Stuart
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 132:	O Come All Ye Faithful ADESTES FIDELIS	
PRAYER		Eugene Korff
THANK OFFERING		Eugene Korff
CHILDREN'S LESSON		Pastor Stuart
CHRISTMAS HOMILY		Pastor Stuart
OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 125:	Joy to the World ANTIOCH	
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
SONG SERVICE		Amber Davis, chorister Beatriz Taylor, pianist
Special Feature	Songs of the Season Voices of Praise Johanna Preston, Rosemarie Flores, Juliana Baioni, Amber Davis, Beatriz Taylor  String Ensemble Jason Garcia, Andrew Garcia, Thomas Taylor, Lorraine Jhoy Matira, Jessica Flores	

†Indicates congregation is to stand

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.  
You may be photographed or appear in video during the services this morning.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

PRELUDE: Three Versets on 'Away in a manger'  
Mark Blatchly

INTROIT: All my heart this night rejoices  
Johann Georg Ebeling

IN COMMUNITY Pastor Chad Stuart

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 132: O Come, All Ye Faithful  
ADESTE FIDELIS

†INVOCATION Pastor Stuart

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 Gaspar Colón

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
**Congregation: Thanks Be to God**

CAROL: O Come, O Come Immanuel Sanctuary Choir  
15th Century French Carol (arr. L. Larson)

SECOND LESSON: Luke 2:3-7 Alexis O'Neil

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her

firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks Be to God

CAROL: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Sanctuary Choir  
14th Century German Carol (arr. D. Govenor)

THIRD LESSON: Luke 2:8-16 Deborah Knott

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks Be to God

†HYMN NO. 141: Hark the Herald Angels Sing Congregation  
MENDELSSOHN

PRAYER Nathan Hess

THANK OFFERING Nathan Hess

CHILDREN'S LESSON Pastor Stuart

CAROL: Wexford Carol Sanctuary Choir  
Irish Traditional Carol (arr. John Rutter)

†HYMN NO. 144:

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem  
KINGSFOLD

Congregation

FOURTH LESSON (OFFERING):

Matthew 2:1-11

Carrie Hess

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

CAROL:

In dulci jubilo  
German Carol (arr. R. L. Pearsall)

Choir

FIFTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

Bill Knott

John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word

was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord  
Congregation: Thanks Be to God

†HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 125: Joy to the World  
ANTIOCH

†BENEDICTION Pastor Stuart

†CHORAL BENEDICTION: Come, then, let us hasten yonder! Choir  
Johann Georg Ebeling

POSTLUDE: Ding Dong Merrily on High  
French Carol (arr. Jack Parton)

Thank you to this morning's guest musicians: Nathan Clark, Mike Delaune, and David Workman, trumpets; Josh Cullum, and David Sisk, trombone; Willie Clark, tuba; Nate Lavy, timpani; and Joy-Leilani Garbutt, organ

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### Worship Notes

Today's worship is one where all may participate. Please follow along in your bulletin. We indicate when to stand with a symbol (†). Bold print indicates a verbal congregational response. May your participation today be meaningful and a blessing.

### Special Evensong Concert

Our Evensong Concert Series presents a special end-of-year concert December 29 at 4:00 p.m., with conductor and cellist Amit Peled and the Mount Vernon Virtuosi Orchestra. They will journey through music from Russia (Tchaikovsky), Norway (Grieg), Israel, Romania, and more.

### 2018 Charitable Contributions

In order for contributions to be received for 2018,

donations must be post-marked or received in the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 (please remember that the office is closed from December 24-28). Mail will be collected daily from our mailbox. Donations received after 5:00 p.m. on December 31 will be received as 2019 contributions. Contributions made via Adventist Online Giving by debit card or credit card will be received in the year in which the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

### New Year's Communion Service

There will be a New Year's communion service in the church sanctuary, Friday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we participate in this sacred, yet simple, hour of worship, seeking to pause from the busyness of life by carving out time at the beginning of a new year.

## Alumni Weekend

Seeing your kids this Christmas? Did they attend SJA or SAA? Tell them about Alumni weekend May 10-11, 2019. Included that weekend will be a celebration of 75 years of Adventist education (1943-2018)! Tell your kids they won't want to miss this event. Exciting things are planned including the Friday evening program held in the original SJA/SAA gymnasium. Your kids (and you) are gonna want to be there! Honor classes are 1999, 2009, and 2014, but we're hoping to see everyone.

## Lost and Found

Did you lose something at church in 2018? If so, you might want to take a look in the coat rack area in the east hallway (near Fellowship Hall). In fact, even if you don't think you lost something, look anyway. You may have and don't know it! All items will be donated to C-4 during the first week of January.

## NEXT SABBATH AT A GLANCE

### Sabbath, December 29

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services:

Speaker: Andrea Jakobson

Offering: Chesapeake Evangelism

Diaconate Team: Arthur, Jacobson, Thomas

HIS Team: Richli, Robinson, Wangness

4:00 p.m.—Special Evensong Concert: Amit Peled and orchestra

## SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath School meets from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for all age groups. There are many classes to choose from, and we invite you and your family members to select which class is right for you.

Most of the adult classes follow the Adult Bible Study Guide, but with different emphases. Adult Bible Study Guides are available for free at the Welcome Desk.

Please see the directory below to find a class that is right for you. For more information, please visit our Welcome Desk.

Sanctuary Class: Gaspar Colón .....	Sanctuary
George Reid Class.....	South Porch, Classroom A
Spanish-language Class.....	South Porch Classroom B
Prayer and Praise Class.....	South Porch Classroom C
Hallway Class.....	Hallway Off Foyer
Conference Room Class.....	Conference Room
Great Expectations Class.....	Family Room A
A Practical Approach .....	Family Room B
Bible Discussion Class: 1 Kings.....	Family Room C
Young Adults.....	Fellowship Hall—Fireplace End
Collegiate Class .....	Fellowship Hall—Kitchen End
Youth (Grades 9 - 12).....	East Wing
Middle School (Grades 7 - 8).....	East Wing
Juniors (Grades 5 & 6).....	East Wing
Primary 2 (Grades 3 & 4) .....	East Wing
Primary 1 (Grades 1 & 2).....	East Wing
Kindergarten (ages 4 and 5) .....	East Wing
Beginners 2 (Ages 3 through 4).....	West Wing
Beginners 1 (Birth through 2) .....	West Wing

**Emergency Medical Assistance.** This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator. If a medical emergency arises, immediately call attention to the situation. Trained individuals will respond. If you are in need of immediate assistance, contact a deacon. A nurse or physician will respond to assist you.