



December 21, 2019

Words to Live By

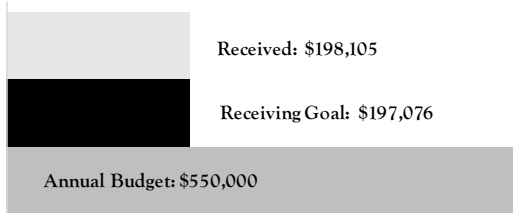
Christmas is coming, and in fact, has arrived this morning at Spencerville. We hope you enjoy the telling of the Christmas story through scripture and song during our second service. We also hope you will participate by following along as well as singing. Did you know that hymns and carols are not just 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 like to comment or connect with us, please fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Receiving Goal for December: \$38,723

Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through November 30, 2019 - Week 22



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A safe and easy way to give your tithes and offerings online using an electronic check or debit/credit card!

Go to: spencervillechurch.org/give

Click into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt\$3,223,697

SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:46 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:49 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
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE:	Fantasia on “In Dulcia Jubilo” Johann Sebastian Bach	
WELCOME		Pastor Chad Stuart
†HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 122:	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing	
PRAYER		Tom Wetmore
THANK OFFERING		Tom Wetmore
CHILDREN’S LESSON		James Standish
HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 118:	The First Noel THE FIRST NOEL	
SERMON:	Three Revelations, One Response	Pastor Stuart
OFFERTORY HYMN NO. 132:	O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELIS	
BENEDICTION		Pastor Stuart
		
SONG SERVICE		
LESSON STUDY: Sanctuary Class (other classes listed on p. 8)		Costin Jordache

†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:	Fantasia on “In Dulcia Jubilo” Johann Sebastian Bach	
WELCOME		Pastor Chad Stuart
INTROIT:	Ding Dong! Merrily on High 16th Century French Melody	Sanctuary Choir
†PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 149:	Once in Royal David’s City IRBY	Choir With Congregation
†INVOCATION		Pastor Stuart
FIRST LESSON:	Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7	Regan Tenali

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 Emmanuel 15th Century French Processional (arr. L. Larson)	Sanctuary Choir
SECOND LESSON:	Luke 2:3-7	Malachi McRoy

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,

ANTHEM:

2. Domine Deus (from “Gloria”)
John Rutter

Sanctuary Choir

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

CHRISTMAS HOMILY:

Three Revelations, One Response

Pastor Stuart

†HYMN NO. 122:

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
MENDELSSOHN

FOURTH LESSON (OFFERING):

Matthew 2:1-11

Doug Zinke

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.

OFFERTORY:

A New Carol for Today
Music: Michael Patterson; Text: Bill Knott

Sanctuary Choir

FIFTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

Leah Jordache

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. 132:

O Come All Ye Faithful

Congregation

ADESTE FIDELES

†BLESSING

Pastor Stuart

RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE:

3. Quoniam tu solus sanctus (from “Gloria”)
John Rutter

Choir

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Thank you to this morning’s guest musicians: Trumpets: Mike Brest, Nathan Clark, Mike Delaune, David Workman; Trombones: Josh Cullum, Ben Polk, Will Timmons; Tuba: Chris Quade; Timpani: Nate Lavy; Percussion: Randall Flash, Randy Gorman

Worship Notes

Today’s second 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.

The service incorporates John Rutter’s “Gloria,” its three movements serving as some of the “carols” in our lessons and carols service.

The text “Gloria in excelsis Deo...” is Latin for “Glory to God in the highest” and is a very old text known as the Greater Doxology and the Angelic Hymn so named because it begins with the

words the angels sang when the birth of Christ was announced to the shepherds in Luke 2:14.

This work was commissioned by the American choral musician Melvin Olson for his chorus, Olson’s Voices. In 1974, John Rutter visited the United States to conduct the premiere in Omaha, Nebraska. Rutter sets this joyous text to music that is eclectic, with influences of French and English choral literature and American classic songwriting. Since its composition the “Gloria” has become one of the great standards of the choral literature and is often performed around the time of Christmas.

We hope that your participation and presence here today will be meaningful and blessed.

We are also happy to have Rick Remmers, Chesapeake Conference president, worshipping with us today. He will offer the prayer in second service.

Condolences

With sadness we share the news Helen Rochon, 83, mother of Debby Knott, died this past Monday, December 16 in Winchendon, MA. Helen had been struggling with Alzheimers for several years, but this development was unexpected at this time. Please remember the Knott family in your prayers. With great hope we look forward to the soon return of Jesus, where we will see our loved ones again.

Jaime Jorge in Concert Today

The concert is at 5:30 p.m., today at Reaching Hearts International. Also featuring Javier Gonzalez, tenor; Karla Rivera, soprano; Paulette Jumalon, soprano; and Michael Patterson as accompanist.

2019 Charitable Contributions

In order to be receipted for 2019, contributions must be post-marked by December 31, or received in the church office by 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 31. Donations received in the church office after 5:00 p.m., on December 31 will be receipted as 2020 contributions. Contributions made via Adventist Online Giving by debit card or credit card will be receipted in the year in which the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card. Please note office hours will be: December 30, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon; and 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Holiday Schedule Changes

The Tuesday Night Study Group and Prayer

Gathering will not meet December 24 or 31. We encourage you to study your Bibles and create some time for prayer during this time. Our regular schedule will begin again on January 7.

Grief Relief Seminar

Grief seminars are being held each Sunday through February 23. No registration is required. The seminar begins at 2:00 p.m. each Sunday. December 22 will be presented by Sam Nunez on "Confusion." December 29 will be Pastor Mike Oxentanko on "Regret."

SAA Academy Day

Academy Day at SAA is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students in 8th grade and up who would like to learn what the high school has to offer should register at www.spencervilleacademy.org under the Academy Day tab. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Gigi Mattox at 240-883-3502 or gmattox@spencerville.org.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tomorrow, December 22

2:00 p.m. — Grief Relief Seminar

Monday, December 23

5:00 p.m. — Bulletin Information Deadline

Sabbath, December 28

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

Speaker: Chad Stuart

Offering: Chesapeake Advance

Diaconate Team: Roth, Sackett, Stele, Wangsness

HIS Team: Henkel, Hess, Wetmore