



**December 5, 2020**

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Whether you're a guest or a member, we're excited that you've chosen to worship with us. To protect the health and safety of those participating, our worship services are pre-recorded in the auditorium at Spencerville Adventist Academy while the renovations in our Sanctuary continue. Look for additional ways to digitally connect with your church family in our Friday email, the *Worship Update*. If you would like to receive these updates, visit [spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update](http://spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update) to sign up online.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly receiving goal: \$8,723

### Local Combined Budget Giving

Giving through October 31, 2020 - Week 18

Received: \$139,405

Receiving Goal: \$153,328

Annual Budget: \$550,000

## ADVENTIST GIVING ONLINE

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

Visit [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give)

Log into the secure site.

Receive a confirmation via email.

Current Debt as of November 30, 2020 \$3,064,878

## SUNSET TIMES:

Today: 4:43 p.m./Next Sabbath: 4:43 p.m.

## CHURCH STAFF DIRECTORY

Senior Pastor Chad Stuart  
Associate Pastors Lerone Carson  
Jason Lombard  
Matthew Piersanti  
Kandace Zollman  
Pastor Emeritus Charlotte McClure

Minister of Music Michael Patterson  
Organist Mark Willey  
Office Manager Carol Strack  
Treasurer Eugene Korff  
Prayer Request Voicemail 301-384-2920 ext. 140  
Spencerville Adventist Academy 301-421-9101  
SAA Head Principal Tissiana Bowerman

National Domestic Violence Hotline — 800-799-7233

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:15 a.m.

WELCOME

Pastor Chad Stuart

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 125:

Joy to the World

Elmer and Barbara Carreno,  
choristers

ANTIOCH

PRAYER

Nathan Hess

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Pastor Matthew Piersanti

MEDITATION:

Süsser De Glocken  
traditional German Christmas Carol  
arr. Jon Schmidt

Michael Patterson, piano

SERMON:

Jesus Loves You: As Your Savior  
Isaiah 53

Pastor Stuart

\*\*RESPONSE:

Communion  
music by Maverick City

Camilia Howell, vocal  
Rachel Rajarathinam, vocal  
Caleb Salazar, vocal  
Cameron Mayer, vocal and guitar

BENEDICTION

Pastor Stuart

\*POSTLUDE:

Joy to the World  
Lowell Mason arr. Fred Bock

Mark Willey, organ

\* recorded in the Sanctuary on December 14, 2019

\*\* recorded in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium on August 15, 2020

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning! We will continue to provide updates on the status of our “in-person” worship services. Visit [spencervillechurch.org](http://spencervillechurch.org) for the latest information.

## **Congratulations are in Order!**

**Logan Jared Reeve Gannt** is joining the many baby boys born to Spencerville members over the past several months. His big brother Liam, along with their parents, Jonathan and Blossom is excited and happy for the new addition to their family. Logan arrived weighing in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 1/2 inches long.

**Vienna Elizabeth Anne Guldin** was born on November 27 at MedStar Montgomery Medical Center in Olney to Chris and Melissa. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 18 inches. Despite being on the smaller side (mom was small too!), Vienna is strong, alert, and healthy. Chris and Melissa are happy to be home with their little one; their cats, however, have no idea what to think of 'their new little sister.'

## **Condolences**

Jeyakody Edward, brother of Spencerville member, Anne Saggurthi, died at his home in Silver Spring surrounded by his wife, Suprabha Edward, and his children in the early morning of November 22. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, a memorial service in his honor will be held, most likely mid next year. We are all thankful for the many prayers on his behalf.

## **Prayer Line**

The holidays are not always "merry and bright" under the best of circumstances, and the pandemic is causing us to look ahead through a shadowed uncertainty. But as followers of

"Immanuel—God with us" we know where to go for reassurance and direction! Beginning this **Monday, December 7, at 7:30 a.m.**, we will be starting a call-in prayer line for those who would like to join together as a family and pray for one another. The call will last 15-30 minutes, depending on the number of people on the line, and will be facilitated by one of our church prayer leaders. Each person will have an opportunity to give a short expression of what he/she wants to share in prayer, and then the group will pray as a whole. We understand that most people have busy morning schedules, so we encourage you to share longer conversations at a later time. The prayer line will be operate Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m., as well as Sabbath and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. To join the prayer call, dial **425-436-6376**. **When you are asked for an access code, type in 7924151**, and follow the directions. Let's come together and tap into the most powerful Force in the universe. He was willing to come here to reclaim His people...and He is eager to have us come together and share our battles with Him.

## **Thank You for Giving!**

*The offering on December 5 has been designated for Local Church Budget*

Your continued support of the ministry being done through Spencerville Church is appreciated. Thank you! Please continue to use the Adventist Giving website to remit your tithe and offerings at [spencervillechurch.org/give](http://spencervillechurch.org/give). Alternatively,

we can receive contributions by mail. Our mailing address is:

*Spencerville Adventist Church  
16325 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20905*

## **Drive-in Worship Services**

Those who have attended the drive-in services these past two Sabbaths have expressed what a blessing it was to attend a live worship service. With COVID-19 appropriate safety precautions in place, many enjoyed being able to visit in person following the service. The plan is that, weather permitting, weekly drive-in worship services will be held each Sabbath in the back parking lot of the church at 11:30 a.m. Join us as we worship together! If you have one, bring your Church Hymnal! Pre-registration is requested at [spencervillechurch.org/drivein](http://spencervillechurch.org/drivein).

## **Show & Tell Holiday Presentations**

You are cordially invited to participate in our remaining presentations with the idea of providing fun, emotional support, and inspiration during the Christmas Season. We've heard reports from those who enjoyed the first two presentations on November 22 and 29. All of the presentations will be delivered online via Zoom and are for everyone—women, men, youth, and children—all are welcome! Remaining presentations are scheduled as follows:

### **An Enchanted Photo Trip to the Beautiful Countries of Iceland and Namibia**

*December 6 from 5:00-6:00 p.m.*

A photo presentation with Dan Weber, as well as the making of an Icelandic dish with Heidi Weber.

### **Favorite Christmas Carols from the Homes of Our Church Members**

*December 13—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

### **Sharing Your Best Christmas Ever**

*December 20—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

An interactive evening with Geri Mueller.

### **Surprise Yourself with Night of Painting**

*December 27—5:00-6:00 p.m.*

Online Paint Night with Cheryl Roeske. A list of necessary art supplies will be provided for those who want to paint, but all are invited to come and watch!

**To receive a Zoom link for the presentations, please contact Geri Mueller by email at [gerimueller@gmail.com](mailto:gerimueller@gmail.com).**

## **Holiday Food Drive**

We are in the midst of our annual Food Drive to support families in our congregation and community who need a little help. This year, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are doing things a little bit differently than usual. Instead of the Pathfinders collecting donations from the community around the church, we are asking each of you to get

involved. You can support the food drive in one of the following ways:

### **1. Collect donations from your neighbors.**

Paper bags are available at the church office for your neighbors to fill with their donations. Each bag has a list of requested food items attached, along with instructions for returning the filled bags. Please take as many bags as you need, and leave one with each of your neighbors. They can drop off their filled bags at the church, or you can ask them to drop off their filled bags at your house, or collect them directly from your neighbors. If you decide to pick up donations or ask your neighbors to drop them off at your house, we ask that you make sure any expired items are removed before dropping them off at the church.

### **2. Donate food items directly.**

You can also donate non-perishable food items such as macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas, etc.), boxed cereal (corn flakes, Cheerios, Frosted Mini Wheats, etc), canned fruit (peaches, pears, apples, etc.), canned soup (vegetable, minestrone, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom or celery, etc.), rice (bags or boxes), stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, muffin or corn bread mix, packaged bread crumbs, pie crust mix and fillings, just to name a few suggestions.

Donations can be dropped off by the entrance door under the portico on the north side of the building. Please make sure that all items have their original labels, and that items are not

expired. **All donations must be dropped off at the church no later than December 12 or delivered in person between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on December 13.**

## **Christmas Toy Drive for Kids at Shady Grove Hospital**

Every year, the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church partners with Shady Grove Adventist Hospital to provide toys for children hospitalized during the Christmas season. Being away from home during the holidays can be tough for kids, but your generosity can help make their experience a little bit brighter. Here are a few ideas for some of the most requested items: Barbies (fashion dolls), action figures/superheroes, small toddler toys, stuffed animals (12-15 inches tall, no beanie babies), Megablocks/Duplos, small Lego sets, Paw Patrol items, teenage coloring books, Big Mo's toy baby cars (other cars of this size), baby socks, sensory infant books, baby rattles/toys.

You can participate in any of the following ways:

**1. Bring your new, unwrapped donations to the church** no later than December 12, or deliver them in person between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on December 13.

**2. Make a monetary donation**, either by check or online at [www.spencervillechurch.org](http://www.spencervillechurch.org). Be sure to mark your donation with "Christmas Toy Drive."

**3. Purchase your items online**, through retailers such as Amazon, Walmart, etc. and have them delivered to the church to the

attention of Brad Martin. If you decide to use this method, make sure that all items will be delivered no later than December 12!

## **Advent Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert**

To preserve a long-standing tradition that the Spencerville Church has held, we will again hold our Lessons and Carols Christmas Concert again this year; however, this year it will be pre-recorded and made available for broadcast on **December 19 at 4:30 p.m.** Using best practices and social distancing, we have pre-recorded of all the pieces and readings separately to limit the number of people in the room at any one time. In this time of COVID-19, when we are unable to be together in a single room, we are praying that the shared experience of this concert will help the Christmas season feel as special as possible. The concert will air on the church website and social media pages. To enjoy the concert, visit [spencervillechurch.org/carols](http://spencervillechurch.org/carols).

## **Men's Monday Night Football(less) Virtual Bible Study Group**

The next MNF gathering will take place this coming Monday, December 7, at 7:15 p.m. via Zoom. The Bible study begins at 7:30 and adjourns by 8:45. Join us online using this link: [spencervillechurch.org/mnf-bible-study](http://spencervillechurch.org/mnf-bible-study). If you have questions, contact Paul Rivera at [mensministry@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:mensministry@spencervillechurch.org) or 301.949.6367. Also, please take three minutes to complete the online Men's Ministry registration at [spencervillechurch.org/mens-ministry](http://spencervillechurch.org/mens-ministry).

## **Tuesday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Prayer meeting is a vibrant small group meeting every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock via Zoom. The group is currently in a series discussing the prayers in the Bible—with a new prayer each week—led by Kevin Sullivan and Tim Lale. Join prayer meeting on your device through [spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](http://spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting). Alternatively, you can join the meeting through your phone by calling 301.715.8592. You'll need the meeting ID: 479 808 915. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening!

## **Attention Parents!**

It's always a treat to see your children via Zoom each Sabbath morning. Although we would love to see them in person again, we are thankful for technology which allows us to remain connected while apart. We realize that at times we each need a break from Zoom, and so **for the holiday Sabbaths of November 28 and December 26, we will be suspending the Children's and Middle School Sabbath School classes** so that you may have this time to be with your loved ones. We pray that you will continue to stay safe, especially during the holidays, and we look forward to the day when we can meet together again.

## **Evening Devotions on Facebook Live**

Join Pastor Kandace online on the Spencerville Facebook page: [facebook.com/spencervillesda](https://facebook.com/spencervillesda) for a devotional time of prayer on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## **It's Never Too Late To Get Connected!**

We believe that small groups are the best way to have every person in the Spencerville Community growing spiritually and relationally. We would enjoy the opportunity to tell you more about it! Please visit [spencervillechurch.org/smallgroups](http://spencervillechurch.org/smallgroups) to learn more. As the Holy Spirit convicts your heart, we want to hear from you!

## **Do You Have a Prayer Request?**

Call the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave a message with your prayer request and/or praise report to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team. Leave a number if you wish someone to return your call.