

# WELCOME

We're glad to have you with us as we worship; whether you're watching online or sitting in our Sanctuary, know that we consider you part of our community! It's our prayer that the information in this bulletin serves you well. If you aren't receiving the two weekly emails from Spencerville Church, the Weekly Update for church news, and the Worship Update for all things related to the weekly worship service, you can sign up here: spencervillechurch. org/weekly-update.

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#### **INTERNET ACCESS**

Complementary internet access is available for those with WiFi equipped devices in order to facilitate participation in our services. You may connect using the information below:

Network: SpencervilleChurch Password: Spencerville16325

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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Adventist Church, please submit a Connection or Welcome Card to the Hospitality Desk in the Fover or in the offering plate.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

This facility is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). If a medical emergency arises, please call attention to the situation immediately and trained individuals will respond. All persons in the area should make room for the emergency responders to gain access. If you experience sudden illness and need immediate assistance, please contact the Welcome Desk or the deacon posted in the lobby. A nurse or physician will respond.

#### **SUNSET TIMES**

**Today:** 4:48 p.m. Next Sabbath: 4:51 p.m.

# **FIRST SERVICE**

9:00 A.M.

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 service.

Welcome Pastor Kandace Zollman

Song of Praise Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Children's Lesson Leah Jordache

Songs of Praise The First Noel

Joy to the World

Prayer

Sermon "A Common Quest" Costin Jordache

Song of Response O Come Let Us Adore Him

Benediction Costin Jordache

#### The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Church Budget

Tithe and offerings may be returned via the collection boxes in the foyer, online at <a href="mailto:spencervillechurch.org/give">spencervillechurch.org/give</a>, or by mail using the address on the back cover.

#### Praise Team

Vocals: Anjali Christian, Christine David

Piano: Lucas Marcondes

Strings: Matthew Nashed

Guitar: Joshua Madetti

# **SECOND SERVICE**

11:30 A.M.

Michael Patterson

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 service.

Welcome Pastor Kandace Zollman

Prelude Overture Spencerville Sanctuary Orchestra

from Messiah G. F. Handel

†Call to Worship Responsive Reading Pastor Kandace

"Follow the Star" (see insert)

by Bill Knott

†Hymn of Praise, No. 137 We Three Kings

Tune: King of Orient

Invocation Costin Jordache

Children's Lesson Leah Jordache

Call to Prayer Still, Still, Still Sanctuary Choir

arr. Andrew Gant

Prayer Leah Jordache

Anthem Then Shall a Star Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

from Christus Felix Mendelssohn

† Indicates congregation is to stand

Sermon	"A Common Quest"	Costin Jordache
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Tune: Antioch

Benediction Costin Jordache

\*\*Postlude Hallelujah Chorus Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

from Messiah G. F. Handel

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# **MEMBER TRANSFERS**

#### **INCOMING**

This is the second reading.

Jae Wook Shin from Seoul Sahmyook High School Adventist Church in Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea

#### **MEMBER BIO**

Jae is a graphic designer working in Baltimore. He and his wife Ellie have 2 boys: Joseph 15, and Benjamin, 10.

<sup>\*\*</sup> During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to depart in the joy of Jesus Christ.

# **CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR MASKING POLICY

The church board has voted unanimously to reinstate the requirement of masks, regardless of vaccination status, for all weekend services, children's activities, and weekday gatherings larger than ten people. Two weeks after the Christmas/New Year travel season, the board will reexamine the county's COVID-19 data and decide whether to extend or relax the mask policy. A full statement is available on our website at <a href="mailto:spencervillechurch.org/mask-update">spencervillechurch.org/mask-update</a>.

#### HANDEL'S MESSIAH IN CONCERT

Join us this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. as Michael Patterson, our Minister of Music, leads the church orchestra, choir, and soloists in a performance of part 1 from Handel's Messiah. Composed at the height of his dramatic compositional powers, Handel's Messiah became an immediate popular success, connecting with listeners through the beauty of the music and drama of the story. An experienced opera composer, Handel infused this oratorio with the classic three act dramatic structure. In part 1 we will hear the setup to the drama: the prophecies of a coming Messiah and his birth in Bethlehem.

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

The offering for December 18 has been designated for Local Church Budget

Your continued support of the ministry of the Spencerville Church is appreciated. You may remit tithe and offerings at spencervillechurch.org/give. Or you can mail your contributions through the postal system to the address on the back page.

# END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Mailed or Hand-Delivered Contributions

We greatly appreciate your generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Spencerville Church throughout this year. If you're considering a year-end gift, please know that to be receipted for 2021, your contribution must be postmarked by December 31 or delivered to the church office before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 31. Donations received after the cutoff will be receipted as 2022 contributions.

#### Online Contributions

Online contributions made through AdventistGiving by debit card or credit card will be receipted in the year when the AdventistGiving server receives the

authorization to charge your card. Thank you again for your generosity!

#### "FRESH BEGINNINGS" CLASS

Are you a new member who is desiring to live your faith in a meaningful and contagious way? Does your New Year's resolution list include wanting a deeper relationship with Jesus that is practical and transformative? Beginning January 1, Pastors Kandace and Chad, along with Juan Cabrera and Greg and Amy Whitsett will be leading a new Sabbath School class called "Fresh Beginnings." Join us as we explore ways to live faithfully, love deeply, and be the salt and light God has called us to be in our community.

#### TEACHERS NEEDED FOR PATHFINDER **HONORS**

Do you have a hobby or skill you could share? The Spencerville Church Polar Bears Pathfinder Club is seeking volunteers to help teach and/or finish honors (e.g., Origami, model airplanes, puppetry, model rockets, several health-related ones, etc). If you'd like to help, please contact Pathfinder coleaders Sebrena Sawtell and Trent Truman at pathfinders@ spencervillechurch.org.

## CONNECT WITH US **(1)**







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#### THE 2022 DEVOTIONAL BOOKS ARE **NOW AVAILABLE**

The 2022 Adventist devotional books are now available to order from the Adventist Book Center. No matter your stage of life, there's a book for you!

#### General Devotionals

The Hope and Glory by John

#### Bradshaw

Our High Calling by Ellen G. White

#### Women's Devotional

Covered and Carried by Carolyn Rathbun Sutton

#### Young Adult Devotional

Things They Never Taught Me by Tompaul Wheeler

#### Teen Devotional

113 Reasons by Javier Girarte Guillen

#### Earliteen and Middle School Devotional

More Power to Ya by Celeste Perrino

#### **Primary Devotional**

Heroes in Training by Vicki Redden

#### Preschool Devotional

Love Letters From Jesus by Rosanne C. Tetz

There are several ways to order this year's devotional books: visit your local Adventist Book Center, call them toll-free at 1-800-765-6955, or order online by visiting Adventist Book Center.com.

#### DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Call the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140 and leave a message with your prayer or praise to be shared with our Prayer Ministry team. Leave a number if you wish someone to return your call. Alternatively, you may send an email to the prayer team at <a href="mailto:prayerline@spencervillechurch.org">prayerline@spencervillechurch.org</a>.

# SPENCERVILLE ACADEMY SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND PART-TIME ADMIN HELP

Spencerville Adventist Academy is seeking substitute teachers for both elementary and high school. Applicants do not need to have teaching experience but should be comfortable using technology.

Spencerville Adventist Academy is also looking for a part-time administrative assistant in the high school office. Applicants should have good computer and phone skills and be able to multi-task.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Brittany Thorp at <a href="https://btb.com/

# SPECIAL APPEAL TO SUPPORT DISASTER RELIEF FOLLOWING DEADLY TORNADOS IN THE MIDWEST

Last Friday night and into early Saturday morning, areas of the midwest were impacted by deadly tornados. Please keep the victims in your prayers. Our hearts are heavy for those affected, and we mourn for the lives lost. In times like this, we are reminded this world is not our home.

Adventist Community Services has disaster response units on the ground serving people in the affected areas of Kentucky, Illinois, and Arkansas. If you'd like to support the work of Adventist Community Services financially, please consider donating online or you may mark your offering envelope "KYTN Disaster Relief" this Sabbath.

# **CALENDAR**

#### **DECEMBER**

- 18 Evensong Concert: Selected Works from Handel's Messiah // 4:00 p.m.
- 21 Prayer Meeting via Zoom // 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Facebook Devotional // 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Church Office Closed
- 27 Church Office Closed
- 31 Church Office Closed

# **SERMON NOTES**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF NOV. 27, 2021 - WEEK 22 OF 52

#### LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING

CURRENT DEBT AS OF OCT. 30, 2021  $\,\$\,2,\!715,\!696$ 



Received: \$185,001

Receiving Goal: \$194,326

2021-22 Church Budget: \$544,000

#### **ONLINE GIVING**



Visit the church website at spencervillesda.org/give or scan the QR code with your mobile device to make a donation. Thank you for your generosity!

# STAFF DIRECTORY/ CONTACT INFO

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Making Jesus Better Known and Better Loved





## **FOLLOW THE STAR**

A Responsive Reading, by Bill Knott

Readers: We're not all wise;

We're not all men.

We hail from North and South,

From West—and East—

With just a star in common.

All: We seek the Star arising out of Jacob.

Readers: "Not many of you were wise by human standards,

Not many were powerful,

Not many were of noble birth.

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise;

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

God chose what is low and despised in the world,

Things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are,

So that no one might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

Who became for us wisdom from God,

And righteousness and sanctification and redemption."

(1 Corinthians 1:26-30)

All: We have walked too long in darkness—

Stumbling, stretching toward the light.

Readers: "In Him was life,

And the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,

And the darkness did not overcome it...

Readers: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world,

And the world came into being through Him;

Yet the world did not know Him.

He came to what was His own,

And His own people did not accept Him.

But to all who received Him.

Who believed in His name,

He gave power to become children of God,

Who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, But of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,

And we have seen His glory,

The glory as of a father's only son,

Full of grace and truth....

From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

(John 1:4-5; 9-14, 16)

All: We seek the Star who is a Son—

of God, of man,

Who knows our pain,

Our loss, our dirt;

And loves us still;

Befriends us still;

Redeems us still.

On us this Sun of righteousness will rise,

With healing, wholeness, grace, shalom.

Readers: We're not all wise;

We're not all men.

We hail from North and South,

From West—and East—

With one bright Son among us.

#### (Congregation sing together)



All: We will seek the Star until we've found the Light.



