



SPENCERVILLE
CHURCH

December 25, 2021

WELCOME

Merry Christmas! 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, sign up at 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 Foyer 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: 4:51 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 4:56 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 Chad Stuart
Songs of Praise	No. 119, Angels From The Realms of Glory No. 122, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	
Children's Lesson		Mark Willey
Songs of Praise	No. 124, Away in a Manger No. 130, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear	
Prayer		
Sermon	"The Evidence We Have Worshiped"	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	No. 132, O Come, All Ye Faithful	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Chesapeake Conference Advance

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Praise Team

Vocal: Emily Shallbetter

Piano: Michael Patterson

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

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Welcome		Pastor Chad Stuart
Prelude	Trumpet Sonata in D Major, Allegro George Telemann	Abner Marquez, trumpet
†Call to Worship	Veni Omnis (see page 13) by Bill Knott	Vivian Huynh-Edwards Michael Patterson
†Hymn of Praise, No. 132	O Come, All Ye Faithful <i>Tune: ADESTE FIDELIS</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Chad
Children's Lesson		Mark Willey
Prayer		Greg Whitsett
Lesson One	Luke 1:26-35, 38	Merle Poirier
Anthem	An Old Carol Roger Quilter	Emily Shallbetter
Lesson Two	Luke 2:1-16	Bill Knott
Carol, No. 124	Away in a Manger <i>Tune: CRADLE SONG</i>	

† Indicates congregation is to stand

Lesson Three	John 1:1-14	Mark Willey
Sermon	“The Evidence We Have Worshiped”	Pastor Chad
†Hymn of Response, No. 122	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing <i>Tune: MENDELSSOHN</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Chad
**Postlude	Tocatta on “Antioch” Craig Phillips	Mark Willey, organ

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** During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to depart in the joy of Jesus Christ.

WORSHIP NOTES

Merry Christmas! Today’s service concludes a thematic thread from the month of December entitled: Wait, Watch, Seek, and Worship. The service features an assortment of Lessons and Carols that point to the birth and inevitable worship of the Christ child. Our guest singer is Emily Shallbetter and guest trumpeter is Abner Marquez. Also performing is the Spencerville String Mosaic.

The carol renditions for today’s service are arranged by Sir David Willcocks and Dr. Anwar Ottley. What a joy it is to celebrate and adore Christ, the Lord on the day of His birth.

We pray that you enjoy the concluding worship service of 2021!

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 spencervillechurch.org/mask-update.

CONDOLENCES

We regret to share that Robert Schwindt, a longtime member of Spencerville Church and professor at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) passed to his rest in the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 21. Dr. Schwindt was on our homebound visitation list for several years, and had recently been placed on hospice care. Please keep his family and friends in prayer as they mourn. Once known, service information will be shared with the church family.

Kristin Dahabura, a friend of Spencerville Church, shared that her grandfather, Lowell Irving Trip, passed away on December 7, at

the age of 100. He was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Betty Jean Tripp, in 2018. Lowell was well-known to many in the Spencerville Church community as he spent 35 years working for church in Risk Management.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on January 22, 2022, at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church. The service will also be available on the Atholton Facebook page and YouTube channel.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH ON YOUTUBE

The performance of Handel's Messiah at the church last Sabbath afternoon was a huge success and a blessing to those in attendance. If you'd like to watch a replay of the concert, it's available on-demand at spencervillechurch.org/youtube.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARY VIDEOS RETURN

After a positive reception in 2020, Pastor Chad and Dr. Frank Hasel are back with a new series of Sabbath School Lesson Commentary videos covering the lesson study on the book of Hebrews for the first quarter of 2022. The first video in the series went live yesterday. Each week's video for the next week will be posted on Friday. We will also share the videos in Friday's Worship Update email, our social media channels, [the church website](#) and [our YouTube 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 in 2022.

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 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 co-leaders Sebrena Sawtell and Trent Truman at pathfinders@spencervillechurch.org.

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SPENCERVILLE ACADEMY SEEKING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND PART-TIME ADMIN HELP

Spencerville Adventist Academy is looking for substitute teachers for both elementary and high school classes. 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 bthorp@spencerville.org.

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

Two weeks ago, areas of the midwest were impacted by deadly tornados. Our hearts are heavy for those affected, and we mourn for the lives lost. Adventist Community Services has disaster response units on the ground serving people in the affected areas of Kentucky, Illinois, and Arkansas. We invite you to support the work of Adventist Community Services, please consider [donating online](#) or mark your offering envelope “KYTN Disaster Relief.”

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 AdventistBookCenter.com.

SERMON NOTES

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 prayerline@spencervillechurch.org.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

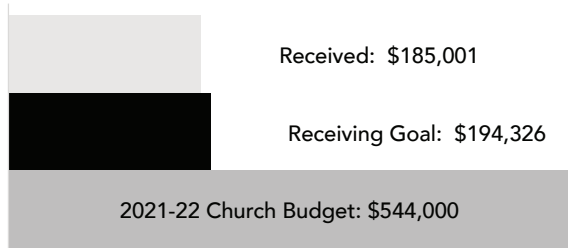
- 27 Church Office Closed
- 28 Prayer Meeting via Zoom // 7:00 p.m.
- 30 [Facebook](#) Devotional // 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Church Office Closed

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year! (Church Office Closed)
- 8 Pathfinder Meeting // 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Young Professionals Vespers // 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Church Office Closed
- 23 Pathfinder Meeting // 9:30 a.m.

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

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!

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National Domestic Violence Hotline.....800-799-7233



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Making Jesus Better Known and Better Loved





VENI OMNIS

A Responsive Reading, by Bill Knott

Readers: The carol lifts us to our feet
With hearts aflame and voices sweet:

All: *“O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.”
But we are not all joyful;
And we are not all faithful.*

Readers: “Triumphant” is a claim that stays
A year or two—or ten—away.
We’ve lost the cadence in our rhyme;
We’ve lost the ones we loved to time
Or dimming memory or disease—
Where is this house of bread and ease?
Yet still we tread with hope that clings;
We murmur faith and barely sing
On each hard day, through each dark night:

All: *“There is a God who makes things right.”*

Readers: O come, ye worried and undone;
O come, ye who have often run.
O come, ye broken and confused;
O come, ye bullied and abused.
O come, when sin requires grace;
O come, when you have missed the race.
Yes, come, ye doubters, restless souls—

All: **This Child will live to make you whole.**

Readers: Come now, adore Him; bring your pain;
To where uncomprehending beasts have lain.
There is no humbler place than this;
This is a Life you dare not miss.
His first sound was an anguished cry;
His last words will demand a “Why?”
He will know weakness, grief, and loss;

All: The manger’s shadow is a cross.

Readers: So when we call you, bend your knee;
Allow a fear-struck world to see
This Babe can be your loving Lord—
Without an army or a sword.
He gives away His power, His life;
And though the earth itself is rife
With sin and greed and doubt and dread,

All: His joy will rise and raise the dead.

O come, let us adore Him;

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O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord.


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