



March 12, 2022

# 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! 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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/</u> <u>weekly-update</u>. Again, welcome! We're glad to have you join us as we worship together!

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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



### **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 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: 6:12 p.m. Next Sabbath: 7:19 p.m.

## **FIRST SERVICE**

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 Matthew Piersanti
Song of Praise	The Lord Is My Salvation	
Children's Lesson		Mark Willey
Songs of Praise	Almost Home Praise To The Lord The Almighty	
Sermon	"Two Brothers. Two Ditches. One Grac (Part Two)	e." Pastor Matthew
Song of Response	Jesus Take All Of Me (Just As I Am)	
Benediction		Pastor Matthew

#### The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Adventist World Radio

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

#### Praise Team

Vocals: Armando Miranda, Karen Miranda Guitar: German Rodriguez Violin: Matthew Nashed Piano: Samuel Miranda

## **SECOND SERVICE**

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 Matthew Piersanti
Prelude		Mark Willey, organ
Introit	O Send Out Your Light Charles Callahan	Spencerville Chamber Singers
†Hymn of Praise, No. 29	Sing Praise to God Tune: Mit Freuden Zart	
Invocation		Pastor Matthew
Dedication	Alric Tristan Carson Benjamin Solomon Carson, III	Dr. Ben Carson
Children's Lesson		Mark Willey
Call to Prayer	Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson	Chamber Singers
Prayer		James Winegardner
Anthem	Grace Arr. Mark Hayes	Chamber Singers
Sermon	"Two Brothers. Two Ditches. O (Part Two)	ne Grace." Pastor Matthew
†Hymn of Response, No. 108	Amazing Grace Tune: New Britain	
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Benediction

Pastor Matthew

\*Benediction Response

May the Grace of Our Lord Be Upon You Chamber Singers *James Rivers* 

\*\*Postlude

Mark Willey, organ

\* You may be seated for the benediction response.

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

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

The flowers in the Foyer are given with love by Children's Ministries, along with friends, in remembrance of Marcy Chang, who died on March 10, one year ago. Marcy served in the Kindergarten Sabbath School for many years, and also filled a number of different roles in our church and school community. Her presence and leadership are greatly missed.

# **MUSIC NOTES**

Today's anthem is sung by the Spencerville Chamber Singers. The song is entitled Grace, which is an arrangement by American composer Mark Hayes. Hayes uses the text of "Amazing Grace" by John Newton as it's traditionally heard (Adventist hymnal, No. 108), but sets the text to the tune of a traditional folk song called "O Waly, Waly." The origins of this tune date back to the middle of the 18th century, and it is often debated as to whether is originates out of Scotland or England.

This tune can be found as a reference in the Adventist hymnal, No. 397, "An Upper Room". The melodic and harmonic direction of Hayes' rendition of Amazing Grace is a wonderful journey of the experience of being freed from the burdens of sin and breathing in the mercy and grace of God's love.

# **MEMBER TRANSFERS**

### OUTGOING

This is the second reading.

Georgia Kent to Volunteer Park Adventist Church in Seattle, Washington Michael Rouzer to Westminster Adventist Church in Westminster, Maryland

# **CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE**

### MASK MANDATE LIFTED, HOWEVER MASKS ARE STILL RECOMMENDED FOR THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED AND UNVACCINATED

The Spencerville Church Board voted to lift the indoor mask mandate this past Sunday, March 6. This date was chosen as it is a full two weeks after Montgomery County lifted the indoor mask mandate. Today, March 12, is the first Sabbath where masks will no longer be required for indoor activities (including Sabbath School classes and worship services). Spencerville Church continues to recommend masks for those who are immunocompromised, unvaccinated, or those who may feel more comfortable wearing a mask, as studies show that properly fitted N95 and KN95 masks provide a reasonable level of protection.

Our goal is that Spencerville Church remains a safe place for people to grow spiritually and relationally, free of assumption and without fear of judgment or ridiculemask or no mask. Your help is needed to ensure that Spencerville remains a place where people from all backgrounds can come together in worship while continuing to grow into who Jesus has called them to be. An updated statement is posted on our website at <u>spencervillechurch.org/mask-update</u>.

### WELCOME, BABY AVERY!

Brady and Meagan Knott are excited to announce the arrival of Avery James Knott. He was born on Saturday, March 5, at 6:40 pm, weighing 8 lbs 11 oz, and measuring 20.25 inches in length. Mom and Avery are doing well, and three-year-old Henry has been great at the initial transition to big brother. Celebrating with the family are grandparents, Bill and Debby Knott, along with Darryl and Darlene Thompson.

### WELCOME, BABY XARA!

Warrick Carson has a brand new baby sister! Murray and Pastor Lerone welcomed their daughter, Xara Rose, just past midnight on March 6. She made her appearance weighing in at 7 pounds and stretching to 20 inches long. We praise God for this new addition to the Carson Family.

#### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

It's time to spring forward! Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday at 2:00 am. Don't forget to reset your clocks!

### EVENSONG CONCERT NEXT SABBATH

Next Sabbath, March 19, at 4:00 p.m. we will present a special memorial concert, featuring Gabriel Fauré's beloved Requiem and works for chamber orchestra, directed by Michael Patterson. Restrictions over the course of the Covid pandemic often prohibited us from fully memorializing those who died, whether to Covid or other causes. We will take a moment during this program of music that looks to the promise of eternal life, to remember those who died these past two years, through the reading of their names, which will be printed in the concert program. We invite you to submit names for the program by emailing Michael Patterson: mpatterson@spencervillechurch.org.

#### **COLLEGIATE SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS**

A new Collegiate Sabbath School Class began this past Sabbath. If you are an undergrad or graduate student, plan to check out this class created just for you. This class meets in the Fellowship Hall D (next to the kitchen).

#### **"FRESH BEGINNINGS" CLASS**

Explore ways to live faithfully, love deeply, and be the salt and light God has called us to be in our community. Join Pastor Kandace, along with Juan Cabrera and Greg and Amy Whitsett at 10:00 a.m. in person in Fellowship Hall B or online at 10:00. Online sign-in information is in the Worship Update, which is sent via email on Fridays.

### YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED!

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Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Spencerville Church! You may remit your tithe and offerings at <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u>.

## **CALENDAR**

#### MARCH

- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 15 Prayer Meeting via Zoom // 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Facebook Devotional // 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Evensong: In Memoriam // 4:00 p.m.
- 27 Pathfinder Meeting // 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 28 Church Board // 7:00 p.m.

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS**

Activity bulletins are available each Sabbath for children ages 3-6 and 7+. The bulletins are available in the Children's Sabbath School classrooms or at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

### WATCH OUR WEEKLY SABBATH SCHOOL VIDEOS ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

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 first quarter 2022. The eleventh episode went live yesterday (Friday) morning. You can find the videos on YouTube at <u>spencervillechurch.org/youtube</u>.

## HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT OUR SPRING 2022 CONNECT GROUPS?

A new season has arrived for our Connect Groups. We invite you to take a moment to visit the Connect Groups page on the church website and explore what each group has to offer. If you don't see anything that feels like the right fit, perhaps God is calling you to start your own Connect Group? The only requirement for Connect Groups is that the group is actively seeking to connect with other people and with Jesus! Have questions? Contact Nancy Cabrera, our Connect Group Coordinator, at <u>connectgroups@</u> <u>spencervillechurch.org</u>.

### 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. Alternatively, you may send an email to the prayer team at <u>prayerline@</u> spencervillechurch.org.

#### THE SAA RACE AND FUN RUN IS BACK!

The Sixth Annual Spencerville Adventist Academy 5K Cross-Country-style race and Fun Run will take place rain or shine on April 3, 2022. Races start at 9:00 a.m. Register: <u>spencervillechurch.org/saa-5k</u>.

### **VISIT THE HOPE CHANNEL STUDIOS**

Hope Channel cordially invites you to IMPACT DAY on **May 1, 2022**. This event will be held at the Hope Channel studio in Silver Spring, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. During the event you will get a tour of the Hope Channel studios, meet the hosts of some of your favorite programs such as Hope Sabbath School, and receive exciting updates on how God is using the network to prepare the world for Christ's Second Coming. A free lunch will be served. This event will be limited to 60 people and the registration deadline is April 10, 2022. To register please go to <u>hopetv.org/impactday</u> or call 240-381-6684.

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING

Received: \$348,921

Receiving Goal: \$384,990

2021-22 Church Budget: \$544,000

CURRENT DEBT AS OF FEB. 20, 2022 \$2,688,938

### **ONLINE GIVING**



Visit the church website at <u>spencervillesda.org/give</u> 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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#### **OTHER CONTACTS**

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Member Care Line	ext. 101	membercare@spencervillechurch.org
Spencerville Academy		info@spencerville.org
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National Domestic Violence Hotline		0

## **SERMON NOTES**

#### KEY BIBLE TEXTS FROM TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Luke 15:25-33

## RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR A DEEPER LOOK AT TODAY'S TOPIC:

The Parables of Jesus by Helmut Thielicke



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