



July 22, 2023

WELCOME

Whether you are a member or a guest, watching online or sitting in our Sanctuary, we are happy that you have chosen to join us for worship this morning. We consider you a part of our church family and are excited to spend this special time with you. We would enjoy hearing from you via the Connection Card in your bulletin, or contacting us via our website. We wish you a Sabbath filled with blessings. Again, welcome, we are glad you are here.

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INTERNET ACCESS

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

Network: SpencervilleChurchGuest

CONNECT WITH US

@spencervillesda

NEED TO KNOW

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, please submit a Connection Card to the Welcome Desk or place it in the offering box, both of which are located in the foyer.

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: 8:29 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 8:23 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 Matthew Piersanti
Song of Praise	Love Won't Give Up	
Children's Lesson		Chris Howell
Songs of Praise	Reckless Love Gratitude	
Prayer		
Sermon	"It's Complicated..."	Pastor Matthew
Song of Response	Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)	
Benediction		Pastor Matthew

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Chesapeake Advance

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

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

*Please assist us in maintaining a reverent spirit of worship by muting your electronic devices.
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Welcome		Pastor Matthew Piersanti
Prelude	Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart <i>F.C. Atkinson (arr. J. Sanborn)</i>	Mark Willey, organ
†Call to Worship	<i>Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so has our Lord removed our transgressions from us. Let us worship in gratitude.</i> All: God's love for us is great, his mercy boundless. Let us worship in humility. <i>Leader: We are loved unconditionally, as a father loves his children. Let us worship in awe of such love.</i> All: We gather, with the knowledge of God's steadfast love for us. Let us worship in joy. <i>Leader: Let us worship God!</i>	David Howell
†Hymn of Praise, No. 522	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less <i>TUNE: THE SOLID ROCK</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Matthew
Children's Lesson		Chris Howell
Call to Prayer	Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord <i>Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Prayer		Kelly Howell

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Anthem	Amazing Grace <i>Traditional American (arr. S. Poorman)</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	“It’s Complicated…”	Pastor Matthew
†Hymn of Response, No. 338	Redeemed! <i>TUNE: ADA</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Matthew
**Postlude	Festive Trumpet Tune <i>David German</i>	Mark Willey, organ

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

MUSIC NOTES

The choral anthem this morning is by John Newton, the mariner turned minister, and author of the hymn ‘*Amazing Grace*’, who lived a life of profound transformation. His early life at sea, which began at eleven, led him to the brutal world of the slave trade. An enforced enlistment, a disgraceful desertion, and a stint on a slave ship marked his early adult years. Finding solace in Thomas Kempis’s ‘*Imitation of Christ*’ amidst inhuman conditions, Newton’s spiritual awakening began. After narrowly escaping death in a violent storm, he pledged his life to Christ, eventually rising to the rank of Captain. He left seafaring after seven years, dedicating himself to ministry.

As a preacher in Olney and London for over four decades, Newton remained acutely aware of his past and his redemption. His writing on spiritual transformation asserted that only divine intervention could lift the scales from human eyes. Newton’s personal testimony on the atrocities of the slave trade was heard by King George III, contributing to the abolition of the trade through acts of parliament in 1807 and 1808, and its complete cessation by 1833. His self-penned epitaph in St. Mary Woolnoth, London, succinctly captures his journey: from an “infidel and libertine, a servant of slaves in Africa” to one “restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the gospel he had long labored to destroy.”

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

OFFERING FOR JULY 22

Today's offering is for Chesapeake Advance

Your prayerful support of the Church Operating Budget, which funds the ministries, utilities, and maintenance of our church, is appreciated.

Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your faithful contributions are at spencervillechurch.org/give.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Today is our monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Our guests are especially invited to attend. Members have prepared delicious food to be enjoyed while spending time in the company of current friends while making some new friends as well. Join us in the Fellowship Hall following the close of the second worship service.

CHURCH PICNIC & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

You won't want to miss our annual church picnic and ice cream social on the south lawn of the church, **Sunday, August 6 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** We'll provide food, games, watermelon, and plenty of ice cream! Invite your friends. We look forward to seeing you on August 6! Please RSVP at spencervillechurch.org/picnic.

NEW RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

A Russian-language Sabbath School class is now available in the South Porch B (middle) classroom. It begins at 10:15 a.m.

SPANISH LANGUAGE SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

Spanish-language Sabbath School class meets in the South Porch A (front) classroom. It begins at 10:15 a.m.

SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

For information to join the Tuesday evening virtual meeting on the web, visit spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting. When prompted, enter the password "prayer." The in-person meeting is held in the Sanctuary each Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 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.

CONNECT WITH US



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NEW CONNECT GROUP

Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community? Join our new connect group, Matthew 25, a service-oriented group dedicated to extending the love and mercy of Christ through the exercise of our unique spiritual gifts. Matthew 25 gathers on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 3:00 p.m. on Zoom, and once a month, meet in person for hands-on service projects that create a tangible impact. For more information and to get involved, contact Luceta McRoy dlcmcroym@gmail.com. We look forward to serving with you!

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

The fourth episode of season three of our Biblical Perspectives series has been posted and is now available on YouTube. Hosted by Pastor Chad and theologian, Dr. Frank Hasel, this season's videos explore the book of Ephesians. We invite you to watch the videos on our YouTube channel at spencervillechurch.org/bpvideo. After doing so, be sure to leave a comment letting us know your thoughts!

STAY UP-TO-DATE

If you'd like to receive the two weekly emails published by Spencerville Church, the *Weekly Update* for church news, and the *Worship Update* for all things related to the weekly worship services, sign up at spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update.

FIND COMMUNITY IN A CONNECT GROUP



View a list of open Connect Groups and sign up using the QR code below, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

Spencerville Church is asking for your help with back-to-school supplies to support students in need within our community. This project will benefit students from Greencastle Elementary, Emmanuel Brinklow Church, and Connection Community Church in Laurel. Our goal is to assist more than 300 students with school supplies; hence we need your generous support of this project! A list of preferred NEW supplies can be found on the church website, in the *Weekly Update* email newsletter, or at the Welcome Desk. **You may bring your donations to church through August 12.** Look for the cart in the foyer where you can place your items. Monetary contributions can also be made through the tithe envelope by marking a blank line "Back-to-School Supplies." Questions about this campaign may be directed to our Community Services ministry at communityservices@spencervillechurch.org.

SLIGO BY THE SEA

If you find yourself in or near Ocean City on the Eastern Shore this summer, plan to visit the Adventist Church service held each Sabbath morning. Sabbath School begins at 10:00 a.m., and the worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. These services are held during the summer months only at the First Presbyterian Church located at 1301 Philadelphia Avenue, in Ocean City. Pick up a schedule of worship speakers at the Welcome Desk.

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

Our Prayer Ministry team would be happy to pray for you. Leave a message with your prayer request or praise report on the Spencerville Prayer line at 301.384.2920, ext. 140. Leave your number if you would like someone to return your call. Alternatively, you can also send an email to the prayer team at prayerline@spencervillechurch.org.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry.

2023 ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT

The theme for this year's Chesapeake Conference Women's Retreat is "In His Presence". It will be held in Pocono Manor, Pennsylvania from **October 27-29**. Visit ccosda.org/wmretreat for additional information and to register.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Customer Support, Analysis and IT Project Management Positions

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has several job openings and is looking for individuals who have experience/expertise in customer support, analysis, and IT project management. Applicants must be Seventh-day Adventist church members in good standing.

For additional information on current openings, contact Johanna Prestol-Dominguez prestoljd@gc.adventist.org.

CALENDAR

JULY

- 25 Keep in Stitches
- 25 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST

- 6 Church Picnic and Ice Cream Social
- 15 SAA First Day of School

FINANCIAL REPORT

END-OF-FISCAL-YEAR GIVING THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2023 - WEEK 52 OF 52

CURRENT DEBT AS OF JUN 15, 2023 \$2,576,077

Received: \$597,177 *Thank you, church!*

Receiving Goal: \$580,000

2022-23 Church Budget: \$580,000

ONLINE GIVING



To make a donation, visit the church website at spencervillechurch.org/give or scan the QR code with your mobile device. Thank you for your generosity!

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