



October 7, 2023

WELCOME

Whether you are a member or our 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 by using 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

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NEED TO KNOW

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

If you'd like to transfer your church membership or be baptized into membership at the Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church, please let us know by submitting 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: 6:41 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 6:31 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 Crystal E. Ward
Song of Praise	Rest On Us	
Children's Lesson		Lesley Beckett
Songs of Praise	Holy Spirit Draw Me Close	
Prayer		
Sermon	"Got Oil?"	Pastor Crystal
Song of Response	The Commission	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal

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 spencervillechurch.org/give, or by mail using the address on the back cover.

Praise Team

Vocalist: Daniela Cruz, Caleb Salazar

Guitar: Ethan Wu

Violin: Matthew Nashed

Piano: Jago Prates

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 Crystal E. Ward
Prelude	Sicilienne <i>Maria Theresia von Paradis</i>	Jason West, organ
†Call to Worship		John Beckett
	<i>Leader: The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.</i>	
	All: “Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.	
	<i>Leader: Stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.</i>	
	All: May his coming find us with oil in our lamps, trimmed and burning bright for Him.	
	<i>Leader: Let us worship the God of truth and light!</i>	
†Hymn of Praise, No. 448	O, When Shall I See Jesus <i>TUNE: THE MORNING TRUMPET</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Crystal
Children’s Lesson		Jerry and Valerie Backus
	<i>“Remain seated and join in singing the call to prayer”</i>	
Call to Prayer, No. 668	O Thou Who Hearest <i>Morecambe</i>	

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Prayer		Elder Bill Knott
Anthem	I Wanna Be Ready <i>Traditional Spiritual (arr. J. Miller)</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	“Got Oil?”	Pastor Crystal
†Hymn of Response, No. 595	Let Every Lamp Be Burning <i>Diligence</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal
**Postlude	Toccatà Giocosa <i>Gilbert M. Martin</i>	Jason West, organ

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

MUSIC NOTES

Heaven is a central theme in the spirituals of enslaved Africans, signifying longing, deliverance, and liberation. Phrases like “Deep river, my home is over Jordan” express this yearning, while “I’ve got a robe, you’ve got a robe, All God’s children got a robe” visualizes heavenly rewards. Heaven is seen as a place of reunion with Jesus, as denoted in the line “I’m gonna sit at the welcome table.” However, spirituals also emphasize judgment and resisting Satan’s temptations.

Revelation 21:10–27 inspired the spiritual “I Want to Be Ready,” also known as “Walk in Jerusalem Just Like John”, portraying heaven’s grandeur. Notably, African American scholar Wyatt Tee Walker explains that John’s Revelation does not feature him walking in Jerusalem but observing a new celestial realm. This spiritual, with multiple variations, potentially has antebellum origins.

CHURCH BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the second reading.

INCOMING

Mxolisi, Ntombizanele, Sibabalo, Sinedinga, and Saneliso Sokupa from Triadelphia Adventist Church in Clarksville, Maryland

OUTGOING

Reia Tobias Henley, Ryan and Hannah-Joy Tobias to Beltsville Adventist Church in Beltsville Maryland

This is the first reading.

INCOMING

Angel & Rayner Almaraz from Glenmont Spanish Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland

Alycia Regis from Pennsylvania Avenue Adventist Church in Capitol Heights, Maryland

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Sokpua Family. Mxolisi (Michael) works at the General Conference office. His wife, Ntombizanele (Zanele) also works at the GC. Their daughter, Sibabalo, is currently attending classes at University of Wisconsin, their son Sinedinga (Dinga) is planning to begin law school soon, and their son Soneliso (Sonny) is in the 8th grade at Spencerville Adventist Academy.

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 7

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget

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 at spencervillechurch.org/give.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The family of William Longard, who passed away on October 16, 2022, will remember him in a memorial this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The flowers on the deacon's table in the foyer are given by his family in his memory.

FREE SACRED CONCERT

Join us this **Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 p.m.** in the Spencerville Sanctuary as we're treated to an evening of inspirational music from acclaimed musicians Matt and Josie Minikus. You'll enjoy their acoustic singer/songwriter style blended with elements of folk and gospel music. Matt and Josie have accompanied many evangelistic series with our friends David Asscherick and Ty Gibson and enjoy sharing the power of the Gospel through their original songs. The church is covering the cost, so attendance is free for our members, friends, and the community.

IT'S A SURPRISE!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we're surprising our pastors with this bulletin announcement! The rest is up to you. Find a moment to thank the pastors for their work in serving our church and the surrounding community. This can be as simple or involved as you choose. There will be note cards at the Welcome Desk throughout the month of October. Stop by, write a note, and place in the basket. Or buy your own card and add it to the basket. Gifts in the form of a gift card, meals, special treats, flowers, or any other creative way are also ways to express appreciation. Let's find multiple ways to encourage our pastoral team.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Beginning next week, Pastor Crystal will lead a series of public meetings in the Spencerville Church Sanctuary from **October 13 to 24**. The title of this gospel-focused series is "*Love Has the Final Word: Finding Hope in a World That's Lost It.*" Begin praying that God will reveal who He'd like you to invite! You can sign up at FindingHopeMaryland.com

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CHILDREN'S WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

We are partnering with the Cedar Ridge Community Church (next door to Spencerville Adventist Academy) again this year to collect winter clothing for the underserved children of Greencastle Elementary School. This collection has made a huge difference for the kids in previous years! Your donation of new children's coats, hats, gloves, scarves or boots for all elementary children (ages 4-13) is needed! Collection boxes for the winter clothing will be located in the foyer and near the church office beginning **today and continuing through Sabbath, October 28**. Questions about the campaign may be directed to Brad Martin through our Community Services ministry at communityservices@spencervillechurch.org. If you wish to contribute financially, funds can be submitted online through AdventistGiving at spencervillechurch.org/give click the "more offering categories" link and search for the fund "Community Services" Donations can also be made via a tithe envelope by marking "Community Services Fund" on a blank line.

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.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A STUDENT AWAY AT SCHOOL?

Throughout the year our pastoral staff frequently attends meetings that take them to locations near our various Adventist colleges and universities. While there, they enjoy taking groups of Spencerville-connected students out to dinner. If you have a son or daughter attending one of our universities, even if they've recently graduated but are still living near one of our Adventist schools, please update the church office at 301-384-2920 or office@spencervillechurch.org and share your student's school information, year of graduation, and their best email address. We look forward to continuing to minister to your students in a group setting, sharing fellowship, and treating them to a free meal!

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.

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.

2023 WOMEN IN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HISTORY CONFERENCE

Don't miss the upcoming Women in Seventh-day Adventist History Conference, October 12-14!

Discover the extraordinary stories of Adventist women who shaped history. Join us at Sligo Church, Washington Adventist University, for this enlightening event. Secure your spot now at nadadventist.org/womenshistoryconf.

ATTENTION TEEN GIRLS

"*In His Presence*" is the theme of the 2023 Teen Girls retreat to be held from October 27-29. Fliers with additional details are available at the Welcome Desk. Register by visiting ccosda.org/wretreat.

SAA FALL FESTIVAL

Gather your family for some fun, food and games at the Spencerville Adventist Academy Fall Festival held on **Sunday, October 22 from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 7 Matt and Josie Minikus in Concert - 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Adventurer Family Dinner - 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Keep in Stitches - 10:00 a.m.
- 10 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Fitness Connect Group - 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Evangelistic Meeting - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Adventurer Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- 14 Pathfinder Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- 14 Evangelistic Meeting - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



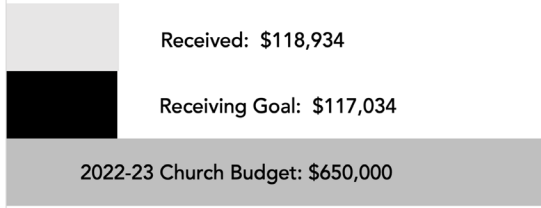
Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 - WEEK 11 OF 52



CURRENT DEBT AS OF SEPT. 15, 2023 \$ 2,554,539

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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