



**November 25, 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

## CONNECT WITH US

@spencervillesda

## 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:** 4:48 p.m.

**Next Sabbath:** 4:46 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	Come, Now is the Time to Worship	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Songs of Praise	Mighty to Save Gratitude	
Prayer		
Sermon	"Delayed Gratification"	Pastor Matthew
Song of Response	My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness	
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](http://spencervillechurch.org/give), or by mail using the address on the back cover.

## **Praise Team**

**Vocalist:** Felicity Zappia, Andre Miranda, Emma Kornick, Gabriella Ramirez

**Choir:** Youth Worship Choir

**Strings:** Elise Welch, Nikolai Tomenko

**Bass:** Anthony Ortiz

**Guitar:** Sanilesio Zokupa

**Piano:** Samuel Miranda

# 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	If You Will Trust in God to Guide You Mark Willey, organ BWV 642 <i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
†Call to Worship	Kevin Sullivan  <i>Leader: Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.</i>  <b>All: We thank the Lord for His faithfulness, even in our waiting.</b>  <i>Leader: "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"</i>  <b>All: We wait upon the Lord, trusting in His promises.</b>  <i>Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and truth, confident in His unwavering love and provision.</i>
†Hymn of Praise, No. 557	Come, Ye Thankful People TUNE: ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Invocation	Pastor Matthew
Children's Lesson	Pastor Lerone Carson
Call to Prayer	
Prayer	Pastor Chad Stuart
Anthem	

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Sermon “Delayed Gratification” Pastor Matthew

†Hymn of Response, No. 517 My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
*TUNE: OLIVET*

Benediction Pastor Matthew

\*\*Postlude Final, Op. 14 (Symphonie No. 1 in D minor) Mark Willey, organ  
*Louis Vierne*

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

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## MUSIC NOTES

Our opening hymn this morning is one of the great hymns of thanksgiving, sung by Christians throughout the world. In 1844, Henry Alford, then rector of Aston Sandford in Buckinghamshire, England, penned “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.*” Originally titled “*After Harvest,*” the hymn debuted with seven verses in the publication “*Hymns and Psalms.*” It wasn’t until 1858 that the hymn found its musical counterpart in George J. Elvey’s composition, “*St. George’s, Windsor.*” Alford made two major revisions of the hymn, in 1865 and ’67, refining and distilling the hymn to its current form. From its English origins, the hymn has gained popularity in the United States, becoming a staple in Thanksgiving celebrations. The hymn’s first verse exalts the harvest, urging gratitude to God, while the final two verses draw inspiration from the Parable of the Tares, addressing the ultimate harvest at the Second Coming of Jesus.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

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## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

*This is the second reading.*

### INCOMING

**Eduard Burcea** from Baneasa Adventist Church in Voluntari, Romania

**Je Annie Mai Lanning** from Palawan Adventist Church in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, Philippines

*This is the first reading.*

### INCOMING

**Michael, Heidi, Emma, & David Campbell** from Atholton Adventist Church in Columbia, Maryland

## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

*Eduard Burcea.* Eduard was born in Romania, and is currently completing the last classes necessary for his degree in history/political science from Southern Adventist University. Eduard's father works for the General Conference, and he has an older sister, who still lives in Romania. Eduard's parents have been Spencerville members for several years.

*Je Annie Mai Lanning.* Annie was born in the Philippines. Mission work is important to her, and she spent a number of years as a missionary in South Korea. Annie is married to Bradley Lanning. They have two sons who both attend Spencerville Adventist Academy. Jed (6) is in the 1st grade, and Brady (4) is in Pre-K. Annie is working as a teacher's aid at SAA.

# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

## OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER 25

*Today's offering is for Chesapeake Advance*

Prayerfully ask God how much He wants you to give Him by giving beyond your regular title and offerings. If you agree to give God what He is asking, He will provide what He as asked you to give.

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](https://spencervillechurch.org/give).

## THANK YOU

"I would like to thank my church family for all your prayers and well wishes as I recovered from my car accident. Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and food. God has truly performed a miracle on my behalf. My heart is full of gratitude and thankfulness for His loving kindness." - *Sophie Arthur*

## SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

For information to join the **Tuesday** evening virtual meeting on the web, visit [spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](https://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.

## ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

In January, the 2023 donation/tithe statements will be mailed. Do we have your current mailing address? To insure that your statement arrives at your home in timely fashion, we must have your current mailing address. Please send address updates to the church office at [office@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:office@spencervillechurch.org). If there are other updates for your family, such as, email address, telephone number, births, marriages, etc. we would appreciate hearing about those as well.

## CONNECT GROUPS CHRISTMAS CAROLING

If you're a member of a Connect Group or interested in becoming one, we invite you to join us on **Friday, December 8**, for an evening of fun! We'll begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a light meal, followed by Christmas carols in the neighborhoods around the church. Stick around afterward as we return to the church to warm up with hot chocolate and cookies. An RSVP is requested to help us plan for food and resources at [spencervillechurch.org/caroling](https://spencervillechurch.org/caroling).

## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Following the close of the second worship service, join us for our monthly potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Members have brought food to share with each other and our guests. We look forward to spending this time of Thanksgiving together.

## PRAYER NEWSLETTER



Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: [spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry](https://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](mailto:prayerline@spencervillechurch.org).

## POCKET SIGNS OF THE TIMES

November is *Pocket Signs* month! Use *Pocket Signs* to share your faith with a friend or neighbor? You can even share them with people you don't know. They are easy to leave at hotels, restaurants, and other places where you meet people. Lives will be changed by these fresh and interesting tracts. Join the thousands who have found that sharing Jesus is as easy as sharing a Pocket Signs. Take advantage of the special pricing for orders placed in November. Fliers with additional information are available 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](https://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](https://spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups).

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 25 Monthly Church Potluck following Second Service
- 28 Keep in Stitches - 10:00 a.m.
- 28 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

### DECEMBER

- 1 Youth/High-School Vespers - 6:30 p.m.
- 2 SAA Christmas Concert - 4:00 p.m.
- 3 Pathfinder Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
- 3 Mom's Night Out - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Church Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.



# FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING  
NOVEMBER 11, 2023 - WEEK 20 OF 52

CURRENT DEBT AS OF OCT. 15, 2023 \$2,547,122

Received: \$234,984

Receiving Goal: \$212,776

2022-23 Church Budget: \$650,000

## ONLINE GIVING



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

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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