



December 2, 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 submiting 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: 4:46 p.m. **Next Sabbath:** 4:45 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		Emma Kornick
Song of Praise	House of Miracles	
Children's Lesson		Seth Jednaszewski Sam Miranda
Songs of Praise	Whole Heart (Hold Me Now) Greater Still	
Prayer		
Sermon	"News Flash: God is Working in Your Life—Now What?"	Timothy Levterov Makenzie Martz
Song of Response	Yes I Will	
Benediction		Pastor Matthew Piersanti

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

Praise Team Vocalist: Jennifer Lalaki, Anjali Christian, Caleb Salazar Guitar: Isaac Tyman Violin: Matthew Nashed Piano: Marlyn Antwan

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 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		Emma Kornick
Prelude	Declamation on 'Dix' Conrad Kocher (arr. C. Phillips)	Mark Willey, organ
†Call to Worship	Leader: "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the la of deep darkness, a light has dawned." (Isaiah	
	All: We eagerly await His coming again, bringing hope, peace, joy, and love.	
	Leader: But our call is not only to wait; it is also to share the good news; to "go into all the world and preach the gospel	to all creation."
	All: As the shepherds who first encountered went to spread the news, we too will share about our own encounters with Jesus.	
	Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, come. We are read to share, and to spread the gospel of your love.	
†Hymn of Praise, No. 123	As With Gladness Men of Old Tune: Dix	
Invocation		Makenzie Martz
Children's Lesson		Seth Jednaszewski Sam Miranda

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Call to Prayer	O Come All Ye Faithful arr. by Derric Johnson	Spencerville Adventist Academy Cantares Choir
Prayer		Elsa Balint
Anthem	Oh Holy Night arr. Johnson/Ricketts	SAA Cantares Choir
Sermon	"News Flash: God is Working in Your Life—Now What?"	g Timothy Levterov Makenzie Martz
†Hymn of Response, No. 378	Go, Preach My Gospel Tune: Truro	
Benediction		Timothy Levterov
**Postlude	Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jul BWV 729 Louis Vierne	bilo', Mark Willey, organ

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

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome the Spencerville Adventist Academy Cantares, directed by Emilie Flores. They sing two seasonal selections, *O Come All Ye Faithful* (arranged by Derric Johnson), and *Oh Holy Night* (arr. Johnson/Ricketts). Both are recently composed, contemporary arrangements of well loved Christmas favorites and are previews of some of the great music they will be performing this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH BUSINESS

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION

This is the first reading.

SAA SCHOOL BOARD

Amanda Ambrose-Brown

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the second reading.

INCOMING

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

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Campbell Family. Michael is the director of Archives, Statistics, and Research for the North American Division. His wife Heidi is a PhD Candidate in history at Baylor University in Waco, TX. Her dissertation titled "*Women at the Cross*" focuses on the impact of politics on the representation of females in sermons in sixteenth and early seventeenth century England. The couple has two children who both attend Spencerville Adventist Academy. Emma is a junior, and David is a freshman.

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

CONDOLENCE

With sorrowful hearts we share the news that on November 23, Justin Waln (39) son of Bev Waln, died unexpectedly. Please remember Bev in your prayers as she grieves the loss of her son. We look for the day when there will be no more pain or suffering, or loss of loved ones. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 2

Today's offering is for Local Church Budget

Thank you for your prayerful support of our Church Operating Budget, which funds the ministries, utilities, and maintenance of our church, is appreciated. As God leads, please also remember the Church Capital Budget, which covers our facility maintenance and repairs—such as the new roof and sidewalks. Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your contributions at <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u>.

SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY

This year the annual Christmas Concert by Spencerville Adventist Academy will include a Walk-Through Bethlehem beginning at 4:00 p.m., just before the concert begins at 5:00 p.m.

Let us come together as a community and celebrate the season as a family. Come see live animals, a live nativity and Christmas carols.

CONNECT GROUPS CHRISTMAS CAROLING

If you're a member of a Connect Group or interested in becoming one, we invite you to join us **this coming 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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/caroling</u>.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO MAKE A TAX-FREE GIFT TO A CHARITABLE CAUSE?

Did you know that individuals aged 70½ or over can transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA account to a charity of their choosing tax-free each year? These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer eligible older Americans a great way to give to a worthy cause before the end of the year. And, for those at least 73 years old, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. For more information, visit <u>bit.ly/irs-tax-free</u> and, as always, consult your tax advisor.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Our annual toy drive for the children of Adventist HealthCare is here once again! We are collecting toys in the lobby for the next two Sabbaths (December 9 and 16). Please consider giving a gift to the children who will be in the hospital over the holiday season. A list of suggested items can be found below.

Please ensure that all gift items are new and not gift-wrapped. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. For questions or more information, please contact Brad Martin at <u>bradmartin214@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Suggested Toys:

Bluey, Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol Plush Toys Superhero Figurines, Cocomelon Dinosaur items, Unicorn items, Barbies Baby Dolls, Legos/Duplos, Toddler cars and books, Stuffed animals, Craft supplies

EVENSONG CONCERT LESSONS AND CAROLS

On Sabbath, **December 16, at 4:00 p.m.** the Spencerville Sanctuary Choir, along with community musicians will present a Christmas concert of music and traditional Scripture readings that tell the wondrous story of Christ's first coming to this earth. Join us to hear the story and sing the carols of Christmas.

SPENCERVILLE PRAYER MEETINGS

For information to join the **Tuesday** evening virtual meeting on the web, visit <u>spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting</u>. 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. If there are other updates for your family, such as, email addresses, telephone numbers, births, marriages, etc. we would appreciate hearing about those as well.

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 <u>prayerline@</u> <u>spencervillechurch.org</u>.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



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

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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update</u>.

FIND COMMUNITY IN A CONNECT GROUP



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

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 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.
- 5 Keep in Stitches 10:00 a.m.
- 5 Virtual Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Connect Groups Caroling 5:00 p.m.
- 9 Adventurer Meeting 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Evensong: Lessons and Carols 4:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING NOVEMBER 25, 2023 - WEEK 22 OF 52



Received: \$247,605

Receiving Goal: \$234,052

2022-23 Church Budget: \$650,000

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

ONLINE GIVING



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

STAFF DIRECTORY

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Member Care Line	ext. 141	membercare@spencervillechurch.org
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Chesapeake Conference		info@ccosda.org
National Domestic Violence Hotline		

SERMON NOTES
