



SPENCERVILLE
CHURCH

December 9, 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

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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: 4:45 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 Chad Stuart
Song of Praise	O Come, All Ye Faithful	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Songs of Praise	O Come, O Come Emmanuel I Found It All	
Prayer		
Sermon	Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Message: "The Giving Christ"	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	How Deep The Father's Love For Us	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

*The offering this Sabbath has been designated for
Adventist Community Services - North American Division*

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: Giulia Balint, Emily Musika

Strings: Alexei Elliott, Jon-Carlo Celestial

Cello: Elise Welch

Piano: Elsa Balint

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

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Welcome		Pastor Chad Stuart
Prelude	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming <i>15th century carol</i>	Spencerville Sanctuary Choir
†Call to Worship	<i>Leader: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.</i> All: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <i>Leader: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.</i> All: We come together, in awe and wonder, giving thanks to God for His indescribable gift: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Let us worship God!	John Gonzalez
†Hymn of Praise, No. 122	Hark! the Herald Angels Sing <i>TUNE: MENDELSSOHN</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Chad
Baptism	Jeroy Acosta	Pastor Matthew Piersanti
Children's Lesson		Sasha Ram

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Call to Prayer, No. 140	Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne <i>(Remain seated and join in singing verse 1)</i>	Congregation
Prayer		Nayeli Moretta-Gonzalez
Anthem	The Snow Lay on the Ground <i>Venice Adoremus (arr. H. Helvey)</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sermon	Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Message: “The Giving Christ”	Pastor Chad
†Hymn of Response, No. 125	Joy to the World <i>TUNE: ANTIOCH</i>	
Benediction		Pastor Chad
Benediction Response	Of the Father’s Love Begotten <i>13th century plainsong</i>	Sanctuary Choir
**Postlude	Toccatà on ‘Veni Emmanuel’ <i>Andrew Carter</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 is an arrangement by contemporary American composer Howard Helvey of the tune “Venite Adoremus” or “Come Let Us Adore Him.” It is also called the “Bagpiper’s Carol,” deriving from an old Italian “pifferari” or “piper’s tune,” typically played as a lively dance. Its English lyrics, penned in the 17th century, began featuring in English hymnals by the mid-1800s. While the carol gained popularity among door-to-door carolers and church handbell choirs, its origins remain largely obscure. The text tells the story of Christ’s birth and encourages us to join with the heavenly host and “come adore Him, and praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

CHURCH BUSINESS

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION

This is the second reading.

SAA SCHOOL BOARD

Amanda Ambrose-Brown

This is the first reading.

TREASURY ASSISTANT

Ricardo Flores, Sr.

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

CONDOLENCES

Debbie Bahr, along with her family, is grieving the loss of her husband, *Casey* (70), who died suddenly on December 1 following a stroke. A memorial service will be held in January at the Glendale City Church in Southern California. Debbie was a faithful member of our Sanctuary choir until her move to California about a year ago.

With sadness of heart we report that long-time Spencerville member, *Naomi Borchers* (93) died on December 3 following a stroke. We've missed her musical touch on the piano as health issues prevented her from playing.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they adjust to life without their loved ones.

FAREWELL TO THE PIERSANTI'S

Today marks Pastor Matthew's final Sabbath with us at Spencerville Church. As we bid farewell to a cherished friend and colleague, we also celebrate the beginning of an exciting new chapter of ministry as the Lead Pastor of the Ellicott City Seventh-day Adventist Church. Join us in honoring Pastor Matthew, his wife Amy, and their three boys, Evan, Aiden, and Lucas, during today's services. We want to convey our appreciation and gratitude for their time with us and wish them God's abundant blessings in their new journey!

OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 9

Today's offering is for Adventist Community Services - North American Division

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 spencervillechurch.org/give.

EVENSONG CONCERT: LESSONS AND CAROLS

Next 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 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. 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.

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 bit.ly/irs-tax-free and, as always, consult your tax advisor.

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.

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Our annual toy drive for the children of Adventist HealthCare is here once again! **Sabbath, December 23**, is the last Sabbath we will be collecting toys in the foyer. 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 bradmartin214@gmail.com. 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

A NOTE ON END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Your generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of the Spencerville Church throughout this past year has been greatly appreciated.

MAILED CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to be included in the 2022 calendar year, your contribution must be postmarked no later than December 31.

HAND-DELIVERED CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you are dropping off your contribution at the church office, other than on **Sabbath, December 30**, this must be done during regular office hours, keeping in mind that the church office closes at 12:00 noon on December 29. Donations received after the cutoff will be received in 2023.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions made online by debit or credit card through AdventistGiving will be received in the year that the AdventistGiving server receives the authorization to charge your card.

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 9 Adventurer Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- 12 Keep in Stitches - 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 15 Young Adult Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Evensong: Lessons and Carols - 4:00 p.m.

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.

PRAYER NEWSLETTER



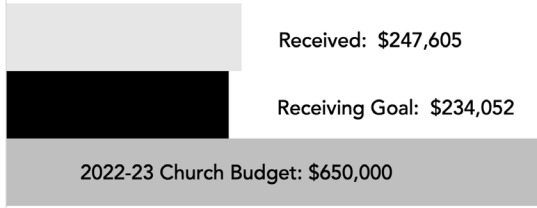
Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Use the QR code to sign up, or visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry.

SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

The Spencerville Athletic Booster Club will be hosting our Annual Winter Classic Middle School Basketball Tournament this evening, **December 9 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.** and tomorrow, **December 10 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** Please come out to support the student athletes. Concessions will be sold as well. We hope to see you there! For more information, email sabcornets@gmail.com.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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



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

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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