



SPENCERVILLE
CHURCH

December 16, 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: 4:46 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 4:50 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	Hark the Herald Angels Sing	
Children's Lesson		Michael Campbell
Songs of Praise	The First Noel Joy to the World / Joyful, Joyful	
Prayer		
Sermon	Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Message: "Two Words of Worship" (Part 2)	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	O Come, All Ye Faithful	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

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: Carla David, Crystal E. Ward, Lerone Carson, Karen Miranda

Guitar: Armando Miranda, German Rodriguez

Piano: Sam Miranda

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

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Prelude	In Dulci Jubilo <i>Marçel Dupré</i>	Mark Willey, organ
Welcome		Pastor Chad Stuart
Choral Introit	Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light <i>Johann Schop</i>	Spencerville Sanctuary Choir
†Call to Worship	<i>Leader: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.</i> All: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <i>Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.</i> All: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”	Jodie Chilson
†Hymn of Praise, No. 119	Angels From the Realms of Glory <i>TUNE: REGENT SQUARE</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Chad
Children’s Lesson		Michael Campbell

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

(Remain seated and join in singing verses 1 and 3)

Call to Prayer, No. 124 Away in a Manger Congregation
TUNE: CRADLE SONG

Prayer Sam Neves

Anthem Angels We Have Heard on High Sanctuary Choir
French Carol (arr. H. Helvey)

Sermon Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Pastor Chad
Message: “Two Words of Worship” (Part 2)

†Hymn of Response, No. 132 O Come, All Ye Faithful
TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES

Benediction Pastor Chad

Benediction Response Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Sanctuary Choir
Johann Schop

**Postlude Rhapsodie sur des Noël's Mark Willey, organ
Eugène Gigout

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

MUSIC NOTES

The hymn tune “Gloria” makes two appearances in our worship service this morning. The tune’s origins come from a traditional French song, composer unknown, titled “*Les Anges dans nos campagnes*” (The Angels in our countryside). James Chadwick, an Irish priest, adapted the French lyrics, creating the hymn we now know as “*Angels We Have Heard on High*.” The choir sings an arrangement of this hymn by contemporary American composer Howard Helvey (b. 1968), who created a jubilant accompaniment for piano, four hands. In 1889, French composer Eugene Gigout published a collection of 10 pieces for organ. Among them is a piece titled “*Rhapsodie sur de Noël's*,” considered to be a mashup of several popular French Christmas tunes. The piece includes songs that might be less familiar to American listeners, but it’s hard to miss the fanfare strains of “Gloria” that bring the piece to a fanfare ending.

CHURCH BUSINESS

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION

This is the second reading.

TREASURY ASSISTANT

Ricardo Flores, Sr.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the first reading.

INCOMING

Carina Franca from Washington Brazilian Adventist Church in College Park, Maryland

Lisa Rocco from Washington-Spencerville Korean Adventist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 16

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 spencervillechurch.org/give.

EVENSONG CONCERT: LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us in the Sanctuary at **4:00 p.m. this afternoon** as we welcome our Sanctuary Choir, along with community musicians. They will present a Christmas concert of music and traditional Scripture readings that tell the wondrous story of Christ's first coming to this earth. Enjoy hearing the story again and singing the carols of Christmas.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Mark your calendars! **Next Sabbath, December 23** is our Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Join us for delightful conversation, and delicious food. Members, plan to bring enough food to feed your family and others. Our guests are especially welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Please note that beginning **December 18, and continuing through January 2**, there will be limited office hours. If you need to stop by, please call ahead to be sure someone will be here to assist you.

KEEP IN STITCHES

The Keep in Stitches group will be taking a break for the holidays. Their get-togethers will begin again on **January 9 at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome to join. If you have questions, contact the church office at 301.384.2920.

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.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Our annual toy drive for the children of Adventist HealthCare continues through **next Sabbath, December 23**. 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

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE?

In January, the 2023 donation/tithe statements will be mailed. Do we have your current mailing address? To ensure 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.

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.

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.

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 2023 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 has limited office hours between December 18-27, regular hours on December 28 and closes at 12:00 noon on December 29. Donations received after the cutoff will be receipted in 2024.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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.

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.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 16 Evensong: Lessons and Carols - 4:00 p.m.
- 16 Pathfinder Christmas Party- 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Monthly Potluck Lunch
- 25 Church Office Closed: Christmas Day

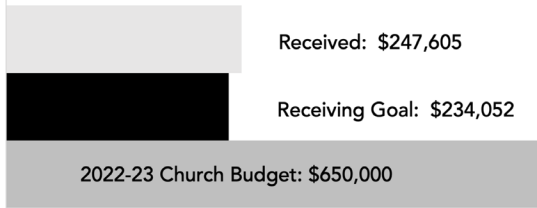
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FINANCIAL REPORT

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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