



SPENCERVILLE
CHURCH

December 23, 2023

WELCOME

Merry Christmas! We're glad to have you with us as we worship this morning. Please take a moment and fill out the Connect Card in your bulletin, or contact us through the website at spencervillechurch.org/contact. Let us know how we can serve you or pray for you, or if you'd like to get involved in ministry here at Spencerville Church. We pray that your Sabbath is filled with many blessings. Thank you for being here to worship with us!

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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: 4:50 p.m.

Next Sabbath: 4:54 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	Angels We Have Heard on High	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Kandace Zollman
Baptism	Eli Perry	Pastor Chad
Songs of Praise	Good Christians, Now Rejoice Away in a Manger	
Prayer		
Sermon	Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Message: "There's a Mission for You" (Part 3)	Pastor Chad
Song of Response	Joy to the World	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Conference Advance

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: Roman Jordache, Sofya Puyul, Nikolai Tomenko, Elena Tomenko

Strings: Deric Tomenko, Keri Tomenko

Guitar: Joe Perry

Piano: Erwin Nanasi

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

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Prelude	Prelude on 'Greensleeves' <i>Traditional English Carol /arr. R. Purvis</i>	Mark Willey, organ
Welcome		Pastor Chad Stuart
Choral Introit	Let There Be Peace on Earth <i>Craig Courtney</i>	Spencerville Sanctuary Choir
†Call to Worship	<p><i>Leader: At this Christmas season, we recall and celebrate the stories of God using ordinary people in extraordinary ways. From shepherds to wise men, from Mary to Joseph, each playing their part in the divine narrative.</i></p> <p>All: God has a purpose for each of us, woven into the tapestry of His divine plan.</p> <p><i>Leader: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."</i></p> <p>All: With hearts full of joy and anticipation, we join together in worship, ready to play our part in God's ongoing story of salvation.</p> <p>All: Let us worship God!</p>	Tim Lale
†Hymn of Praise, No. 142	Angels We Have Heard on High <i>TUNE: GLORIA</i>	
Invocation		Pastor Chad

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Children's Lesson

Pastor Kandace Zollman

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

Call to Prayer, No. 127

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Congregation

Prayer

Pastor Crystal E. Ward

Anthem

In the Bleak Midwinter
Harold Darke

Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

Series: Gentle Reminders from the Christmas Story Pastor Chad
Message: "There's a Mission for You" (Part 3)

†Hymn of Response, No. 143

Silent Night, Holy Night
TUNE: STILLE NACHT

Benediction

Pastor Chad

Benediction Response

God of Love
Erwin Nanasi

Sanctuary Choir

**Postlude

Tocatta on 'Antioch'
Craig Phillips

Mark Willey, organ

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

MUSIC NOTES

This morning's anthem, "In the Bleak Midwinter," was written by English composer and organist Harold Darke (1888-1976). He composed this piece in 1909, setting a text by English poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). Darke used a melody written just three years earlier by Gustav Holst for his anthem. Darke's composition gave each verse a musical setting that matched the effect of the underlying text. The emotional heart of the piece comes in the last verse where, after picturesque verses describing the birth of Jesus, as if it happened in a snowy place and time, the author muses about what gifts she can bring to honor the birth of the Savior.

CHURCH BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

This is the second reading.

INCOMING

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

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

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Carina Franca is currently working for Adventist Risk Management. She is married to Charles, and they have two sons, Kyle and Lucca, who attend Spencerville Adventist Academy.

Lisa Ruocco is a Director of Financial Resources for the Navy. She grew up attending Spencerville Adventist Academy and graduated from Takoma Academy. She is married to Jim, who works for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Their son, Lucas, is a junior, and Isabella is in 8th grade, at Spencerville Adventist Academy.

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

OFFERING FOR DECEMBER 23

*Today's offering is for
Local Conference Advance*

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.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

Today is our Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Join us for delightful conversation, and delicious food. 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.

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.



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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.

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.

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.

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.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

There are exciting things coming to Spencerville Church in 2024! None more important than starting the New Year with an emphasis on prayer. Save the date and make plans to join your church family each evening from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on January 18 to 26** from as we embark on Ten Days of Prayer.

This is an all-church event—we want our kids to be praying too! A children's program will be offered for ages 5-10.

FRESH BEGINNINGS CLASS

Explore ways to live faithfully, love deeply, and be the salt and light God has called us to be in our community. Join Pastor Kandace, along with teachers Juan Cabrera and Greg and Amy Whitsett at 10:00 a.m. in person in the Conference Room or online. Online sign-in information is in the Worship Update, which is sent via email each Friday.

SAVE THE DATE: STATE OF THE CHURCH ADDRESS AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL

Join your Spencerville Church family for our State of the Church presentation in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium at **6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 27**. In this presentation, Pastor Chad will share what we've accomplished as a church in the past year and where we're headed in the future.

Following the State of the Church, join us for our International Social from **7:00 to 10:00 p.m.** in the multipurpose room, also at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Enjoy special cultural cuisine, games, and music that reflect the broad cultural diversity present within Spencerville Church! If you'd like to participate and represent your country of origin or culture, sign up at spencervillechurch.org/intlsocial or contact Denisse Hernandez at denissemhernandez@gmail.com.

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.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 23 Monthly Potluck after Second Service
- 25 Church Office Closed: Christmas Day
- 26 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 Sanctuary Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- 30 Communion Sabbath

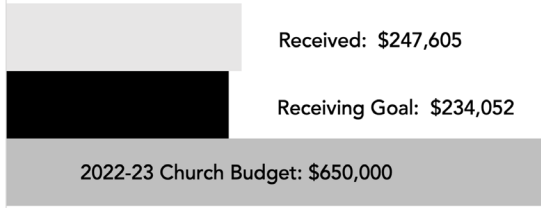
JANUARY

- 1 Church Office Closed: New Year's Day
- 5 Youth/ High School Vespers - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Adventurers Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Pathfinders Meeting - 2:30 p.m.
- 7 Moms Night Out - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For a complete list of events taking place at Spencerville Church, you can find the calendar on the website at spencervillechurch.org/calendar.

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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