



**March 16, 2024**

# WELCOME

We're glad to have you with us as we worship this morning. Please take a moment and fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin, or contact us through our website at [spencervillechurch.org/contact](http://spencervillechurch.org/contact). Let us know how we can serve you, 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 worshiping 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:** 7:16 p.m.

**Next Sabbath:** 7:23 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 Crystal E. Ward
Song of Praise	10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Songs of Praise	His Mercy Is More Be Thou My Vision	
Prayer		
Sermon	"Understanding Your Assignment"	Pastor Crystal
Song of Response	The Commission	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal

*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](http://spencervillechurch.org/give), or by mail using the address on the back cover.

## Praise Team

**Vocals:** Elsa Balint, Giulia Balint, Aiden Zinke, Felicity Zappia

**Guitar:** Nikolai Tomenko

**Strings:** Alexei Elliot, Elise Welch

**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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Prelude	Erwin Nanasi	
Welcome	Pastor Crystal E. Ward	
†Call to Worship	Shirley Evans	
<i>Leader: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’”</i>		
<b><i>All: Here am I. Send me!</i></b>		
<i>Leader: God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. Let us come before the Lord with open hearts and willing spirits.</i>		
<b><i>All: Here we are. Send us! Let us worship God!</i></b>		
†Hymn of Praise, No. 21	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise <i>TUNE: ST. DENIO</i>	
Invocation	Pastor Crystal	
Prayer of Dedication	Mission Trip Participants	Pastor Crystal
Children’s Lesson	Pastor Lerone Carson	
Call to Prayer, No. 684	Hear Our Prayer, O Lord <i>Please remain seated, and join in singing</i>	Congregation
Prayer	Tom Evans	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 28:18-20	Cindy Di Pinto
Instrumental Anthem	Berceuse de Jocelyn <i>B. Godard</i>	Christian Hernandez, clarinet

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Sermon	“Understanding Your Assignment”	Pastor Crystal
†Hymn of Response, No. 373	Seeking The Lost	
Benediction		Pastor Crystal
**Postlude	Air D’Église	Christian Hernandez, clarinet
	<i>Alessandro Stradellavon (arr. Robert Schumann)</i>	

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

## MUSIC NOTES

The instrumental anthem and postlude are played by 16-year-old clarinetist Christian Hernandez, a scholarship recipient at Washington Adventist University’s MusicFest 2024. The instrumental anthem “*Berceuse de Jocelyn*” is a famous aria from the opera “*Jocelyn*” by French composer and violinist Benjamin Godard (1849–1895). The opera was composed in 1888 and “*Berceuse*” is one of its most well-known pieces. The aria is also known as “*Angels Guard Thee*.” The piece is a beautiful example of late Romantic music, evoking a sense of tenderness and nostalgia characterized by its lyrical and gentle melody. The postlude “*Air D’Église*” is an arrangement by Robert Schumann (1810–1856) of the “*Largo*” from the Sinfonia in D minor by Alessandro Stradella (1643-1682), an Italian composer from the Baroque era. The term “*Air D’Église*” translates from French to “Church Air” indicating that it was intended for use in church settings. The piece showcases both the talents of Stradella as a Baroque composer and Schumann’s skill in arranging and adapting music for different instruments.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

### INCOMING

*This is the second reading.*

Eric, Marie, and Adam Barbe from Sligo Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Maryland

### MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

**Eric**, (who prefers to go by *Aniel*) is the Director for Stewardship at the General Conference. Currently he's pursuing a Phd in leadership from Andrews University.

**Marie** (who prefers *Micheline*) works as an administrative assistant in the presidential office at the General Conference. Their son, Adam, is in the seventh grade at Spencerville Adventist Academy.

# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service will be held for *Justin Waln*, son of Bev Waln, **tomorrow, March 17 at 2:00 p.m.** The service and the repast to follow will both be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Spencerville Church.

### THE OFFERING FOR MARCH 16

*Today's offering is for Local Church Budget*

We appreciate your continued generosity in support of the Operating Budget of Spencerville Church. Our online giving page is available 24/7 to receive your contributions at [spencervillechurch.org/give](https://spencervillechurch.org/give).

### EVENSONG CONCERT SERIES

Join us in the Sanctuary **this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** for what is sure to be a wonderful hour of music. Pianist Jidong Zhong, and cellist Sonia Yatsyshyna present a program of music for piano solo, and cello and piano duets, including Beethoven's Variations in F major, Brahms' Paganini Variations, Book I, Troubled Water by Margaret Bonds, and Schumann's Cello Concerto in A minor.

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## MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCH

**Next Sabbath** is our Monthly Fellowship Potluck Lunch. Plan to join us for this special time together. Members, be sure to bring enough food to feed your family and guests. Food is to be brought ready to serve. There are refrigerators, a freezer, and a warming oven for items that need to stay cold or hot; and plenty of counter space for dishes that can be left at room temperature until the end of the second worship service. Whether you're a member or our guest, join us next **Sabbath, March 23**, in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the close of the second service. Bon Appetite!

## JOIN OUR CHURCH ORCHESTRA FOR A SPECIAL PASSION WEEK EVENSONG

If you play an instrument, join our church orchestra for a special Passion Evensong on Sabbath, March 30. Rehearsal starts at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Evensong at 4:00 p.m. All interested members are encouraged to participate. Contact Pastor Erwin at [enanasi@spencervillechurch.org](mailto:enanasi@spencervillechurch.org) for sheet music and details.

## JOIN WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FOR A COLONIAL HIGH TEA

Join the ladies of Women's Ministries for a special Colonial High Tea in Annapolis on **April 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** You'll be treated to fine teas, scrumptious finger foods, and a short, thought-provoking

devotional by Pastor Crystal. Don't wait! Space is extremely limited due to the size of the venue. The cost is \$30 per person, and requires pre-registration at [spencervillechurch.org/wmtea](http://spencervillechurch.org/wmtea).

## PASSION WEEK IS COMING MARCH 24-31

Experience a profound journey of love, grace, sacrifice, and redemption as we explore Matthew's Gospel account of the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry. **Save the date for our Passion Week series, Sunday, March 24, to Friday March 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 30 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. with a reception following.** Each evening meeting will be an immersive experience in word and song as we remember the events leading to Jesus' death.

Yet death was not the end—He lives! As we close this powerful week, you'll want to get up early to be with us for a sunrise service on **Sunday, March 31, at 7:00 a.m.** as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior and what it means for us today! Stay with us after the sunrise service for food and fellowship as we host breakfast for those in attendance. Watch this space for more information!

## 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.

## 10-3-2 GIVING INITIATIVE

Last year, we launched a new giving initiative called the 10.3.2 initiative. You may remember seeing it in the bulletin, or hearing Pastor Chad mention it from the front on Sabbath. Our goal under the 10.3.2. initiative represents **10% of income to tithe, 3% to the church operating budget, and 2% to the capital fund.** Endorsed by the Spencerville Church board and finance committee, the 10.3.2 initiative is also in line with North American Division recommendations.

Returning 10% of our income to God as a tithe is biblical (Genesis 28:20-22, Numbers 18:36, Malachi 3:8-10) and should always be our first priority as Christians. However, we also have regular local expenses at Spencerville Church, such as funding for our ministries, electricity for lighting, water, bathroom supplies, Sabbath School materials, and more. For a church of our size, these expenses can be significant and are paid for through our operating budget, which is why giving 3% of income is suggested to defray these ongoing monthly expenses. The final recommendation is 2% of income is for our capital budget. The capital budget covers larger, non-regular expenses, such as equipment like air conditioners, carpets, roofing, sidewalks, our IT infrastructure, and much more. It also pays the monthly mortgage on the horse farm property next door, allowing us to expand our facility's footprint at some point.

Above all, there is a blessing found in prayerfully returning to the Lord a portion of that with which He has blessed us. "Test me and see, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Malachi 3:10). The 10.3.2 initiative provides recommendations or goals for giving in each of these areas.

If you're not currently returning a tithe, prayerfully start there. If you're not giving to the operating or capital budgets, pray about starting to give in these areas while asking God to guide you in giving more over time as He continues to bless you.

## LOVE TO BIRD WATCH?

Join the newest Connect Group at Spencerville. "Spencerville Birding Connect Group" led by Michael Campbell. Their first walk will be on **March 30 at 3:00 p.m.** in Patuxent Refuge (north tract). Explore Maryland's diverse

bird species with monthly walks near Spencerville Church. All levels welcome. No binoculars needed—just show up! Join us for friendship, prayer, and appreciation of nature. Contact Michael Campbell [thewalkingstick@gmail.com](mailto:thewalkingstick@gmail.com) for details.

## TUESDAY VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

Join the **Tuesday evening** virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the web, visit [spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](https://spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting). When prompted, enter the password “prayer.”

## MIDWEEK AT SPENCERVILLE

Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** for Midweek at Spencerville. During our Midweek service, we'll sing together, enjoy a short teaching time, and then break into groups for a time of prayer—all within about an hour. If you have young children (ages 5-10), they'll enjoy the songs with the adults in the Sanctuary, before being dismissed to Midweek Kids, an exciting and purpose-built kids program led by Pastor Lerone and her team! Wednesday evenings at Spencerville Church are a time for the whole family!

## YOU'D LOOK GREAT IN PICTURES!

Get your photo taken for our upcoming digital church directory! On **April 6, 13, and 20**, we'll have a photo station in the church foyer, along with a table staffed with helpful volunteers to assist you with our Church Center app.

Our new directory is “digital first” through the Church Center app. However, there will be a printed paper option made available by request. The printed version is anticipated to be available by the fall of this year. More information will be available at the table next month.

## SPENCERVILLE DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Spencerville Athletic Booster Club will be hosting our Spencerville's Doubles Pickleball Tournament on **Sunday, April 21. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.** The event is being held at Spencerville Adventist Academy. Bring your family out to support you. Prize drawings and concessions will be sold. We hope to see you there! For more information, feel free to email: [SpencervillePickleball@gmail.com](mailto:SpencervillePickleball@gmail.com) Register by March 22: [bit.ly/SAAPickleball](https://bit.ly/SAAPickleball) (\$35 fee per player).

## DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH SLEEP?

Plan to attend the **FREE** seminar, **tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.** at LivingWell in Silver Spring. David Emerson, Doctor of Internal Medicine will be addressing the health benefits of sleeping well, and how to sleep “like a baby”. Registration at [livingwellabc.com/journeytohealth](https://livingwellabc.com/journeytohealth).

## 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).

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Last month, Spencerville Church hosted a seminar on human trafficking led by our own Amanda Rodriguez. Amanda is the director of Turn Around, Inc., which provides counseling, support, and advocacy for victims of human trafficking, domestic violence, and more.

Later this month, Turn Around is opening a home for trafficked children in the greater Baltimore area. The home will serve 8 children at a time and will also house the staff needed for counseling and supervision. Amanda has provided a list of things needed to make this home a warm and welcoming place for these children who have already endured so much. Please prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

### Needed items include:

- Twin bedding (sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, bedspreads)
- Towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- Place settings (dishes, glasses, flatware, cups)
- Shelf-stable food items (catsup, mayonnaise, mustard, salt, pepper, sugar, etc.)
- Cooking supplies (pots, pans, mixing bowls, cooking utensils, cookie sheets, hot pads)
- Kitchen items (can opener, trash can, trash can liners, paper towels, dish soap)

- Cleaning supplies
- Hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, sanitary products, toilet paper)

Items purchased can be brought to the church over the next several Sabbaths and placed on the white cart in the foyer. Online orders may also be delivered to the church address at:

Turn Around  
c/o Spencerville Church  
16325 New Hampshire Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Please ensure that all online orders are clearly addressed to Turn Around.

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

16 Evensong Concert - 4:00 p.m.

16-24 SAA Spring Break

17-26 Youth Mission Trip

19 Keep in Stitches - 10:00 a.m.

19 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

20 Midweek at Spencerville - 7:00 p.m.

20 Sanctuary Choir Practice - 7:30 p.m.

23 Monthly Church Potluck Lunch

24-31 Passion Week (*see announcement*)

*For a complete list of events taking place at Spencerville Church, you can find the calendar on the website at [spencervillechurch.org/calendar](http://spencervillechurch.org/calendar).*

# FINANCIAL REPORT

LOCAL COMBINED BUDGET GIVING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - WEEK 35 OF 52

Received: \$440,515
Receiving Goal: \$469,156
2022-23 Church Budget: \$650,000

CURRENT DEBT AS OF FEB. 15, 2024 \$2,518,054

## 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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