



DECEMBER 7 2024

WELCOME

We're happy that you chose to praise God with us during this Christmas season. Please take a moment to explore the resources listed below. Let us know how we can serve, pray for, or help you get involved in ministry at Spencerville Church. The contact information for our pastoral staff can be found on page 9. Alternatively, you may also reach out through our website at spencervillechurch.org/contact. Thank you for worshiping with us. May God richly bless your time worshiping here today.

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INTERNET ACCESS

Network: LCSA-Guest Password: lcsawifi

SUNSET TIMES

Today: 4:45 p.m. Next Sabbath: 4:46 p.m.

CONNECT WITH US

   @spencervillesda

RESOURCES

Quick links for common requests related to life in the Spencerville Church community:

REQUEST PRAYER

spencervillechurch.org/prayer

REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

spencervillechurch.org/baptism

REQUEST FOR A BABY DEDICATION

spencervillechurch.org/dedication

REQUEST MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

spencervillechurch.org/transfer

CHURCH CALENDAR

spencervillechurch.org/calendar

CONNECT GROUPS

spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups

TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool

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	O Come All Ye Faithful	
Children's Lesson		Alisha Gope and Sophia Ly
Songs of Praise	Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful) How Great Thou Art	
Prayer		
Sermon	"Step into the Light"	Pastor John Gonzalez
Song of Response	In Christ Alone	
Benediction		Pastor John

The offering this Sabbath has been designated for Local Church Budget
Tithe and offerings will be collected at the back doors following the worship service,
you may also give online at spencervillechurch.org/give,
or by mail using the address on the back cover.

Praise Team
Vocals: Elsa Balint, Felicity Zappia, Giulia Balint
Strings: Jon-Carlo Celestial
Piano: Aiden Zinke

SECOND SERVICE

11:30 A.M.

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Prelude	Improvisation on the Tune Regent Square	Pastor Erwin, organ
Welcome		Pastor Crystal E. Ward
Scripture Reading	John 8:12	Aiden Zinke
†Invocation		Pastor John Gonzalez
†Hymn of Praise	No. 21, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise TUNE: ST. DENIO	Congregation
Children's Lesson		Alisha Gope and Sophia Ly
Choral Meditation	Go Tell it on the Mountain <i>Stacey Gibbs</i>	SAA Cantares
†Responsive Reading		Emma Kornick
†Hymn of Praise	No. 122, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing TUNE: MENDELSSOHN	Congregation
Call to Prayer	Refrain: No. 132, O Come, All Ye Faithful TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES	Congregation
*Congregational Prayer		Regan Tenali
Anthem	A Celtic Silent Night <i>Franz Gruber</i>	SAA Cantares Alexei Elliott, violin Sam Miranda, piano

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

Sermon	“Step into the Light”	Pastor John Gonzalez
†Hymn of Response	No. 120, There’s a Song in the Air TUNE: CHRISTMAS SONG	Congregation
†Benediction		Pastor John
**Postlude	Hallelujah <i>G. F. Händel</i>	SAA Cantares

* Indicates congregation to please kneel

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

WORSHIP NOTES

DECEMBER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Our music and worship teams have an exciting December planned! During the 11:30 worship hour, we look forward to several special worship experiences emphasizing music and the Word, along with our Christmas Lessons and Carols service on December 21, at 4:00 in the afternoon.

- December 14:** Spencerville Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra with selections from Messiah by G.F. Händel
- December 21:** Worship Service featuring Congregational Caroling
- December 21:** Evensong—Christmas Lessons and Carols in the General Conference Auditorium at 4:00 p.m., with a reception to follow
- December 28:** Communion Sabbath

CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

CONDOLENCE

With sadness we announce that Larry Show, father of Brian Show died this past November 1 following complications from a fall. Please remember Brian, his wife, Cheryl, and their sons, Adam and Brandon in your prayers.

THE OFFERING FOR DEC. 7

*Today's offering is for our
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 tithe and offering at spencervillechurch.org/give.

CONNECT GROUP CAROLING

Let's spread holiday cheer together! Join us as members of our Connect Groups meet at the Sawtell home on **Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.** for festive fun. We'll fill the streets near the Lutheran Church of St. Andrew with joyful songs and hand out small gifts for our neighbors, including a special invitation to Sabbath worship!

After caroling, we'll return to the Sawtells for hot drinks and snacks to close the evening. Let's make this a night to remember! We hope to see you there! Sign-up by visiting spencervillechurch.org/caroling

FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

We have many Sabbath School classes where you can join the discussion, or sit quietly and absorb the discussion around you. Visit spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

FIRST QUARTER, 2025 ADULT STUDY GUIDES

The quarterlies for the first quarter of 2025 are available at the Welcome/Information Desk in the foyer. You can pick up your copy there.

MIDWEEK AT SPENCERVILLE

Join us every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium for Midweek—a time of singing, a short message, and group prayer, all within 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!

PRAYER NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving the weekly newsletter from Prayer Ministry? Visit: spencervillechurch.org/prayerministry to sign-up.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE CHOIR OR ORCHESTRA?

Are you interested in singing in the choir or playing in the orchestra for our worship services on December 14 or 21, or for our upcoming Lessons & Carols Evensong? We'd love to have you share your talents! Visit our church website to join one of these groups or contact Pastor Erwin Nanasi, Minister of Music, at enanasi@spencervillechurch.org for more information.

END-OF-YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your faithfulness in returning your title, and supporting the ministries and expenses of our church during this year. We have had challenges this year, and your commitment and dedication to the financial needs of the Spencerville Church is greatly appreciated.

Mailed Contributions:

In order to be included in the 2024 calendar year, your contribution must be postmarked no later than December 31. All envelopes post-marked on or before December 31 will be treated as a 2024 contribution. Envelopes postmarked after December 31 will be included with 2025 contributions.

Hand-delivered Contributions:

Because we no longer have a church office, there is no provision this year for hand-delivered contributions.

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.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS?

Several contribution statements that were mailed for the quarter ending September 30, 2024 indicating your contributions/donations/tithe and offerings to date have been returned to us by the post office as undeliverable. We want to be sure that everyone receives their end-of-year statements in a timely manner. If your address has changed anytime in 2024, please send an email to office@spencervillechurch.org so we can be sure the Spencerville Treasury database is accurate before the end-of-year statements are mailed.

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

Did you know that individuals aged 70 1/2 and older can transfer up to \$105,000 from their IRA account to a charity of their choosing tax-free during 2024? These transfers, known as qualified charitable distributions or QCDs, offer a great way to give to a worthy cause. And, for those at least 73 years old, QCDs count toward the

required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. For more information, visit bit.ly/irs-tax-free and, as always, consult your tax advisor.

DONATE TO REBUILD OUR CHURCH

We're grateful for the many people who have asked how they can financially help Spencerville Church after the fire! A secure, easy-to-use donation page is available on our church website at spencervillechurch.org/rebuild. However, if you've already signed up for AdventistGiving and want to donate to the rebuilding efforts, please add the amount to your digital envelope on our Adventist Giving website using the line item labeled "Capital/Rebuild." Please feel free to share the link with anyone who asks how they can help!

CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

If you'd like to receive the two emails published by Spencerville Church, sign up at spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update. *The Weekly Update*, for all church news will be sent each Thursday. The *Worship Update*, for all things related to the weekly worship services will continue to be sent each Friday.

SPENCERVILLE ADVENTIST ACADEMY NEW STUDENTS

Spencerville Adventist Academy's 2025-2026 school year applications are officially open! Start your student's application at

spencervilleacademy.org/apply to ensure you're prepared for the new student enrollment period. Priority enrollment for Spencerville Church members runs from **January 30 through February 11, 2025**. Application questions may be directed to the school office at 301.421.9101.

WINTER CLASSIC MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Spencerville Adventist Athletic Department will be hosting their Annual Winter Classic Middle School Basketball Tournament on **December 14 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and December 15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** at Spencerville Adventist Academy, located at 2502 Spencerville Road. Please come to support the student athletes that attend your church. This is a great family event and concessions will be sold. We hope to see you there! For more information, feel free to email: sabchornets@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 8 Adventurer Christmas Brunch - 9:00 a.m.
- 10 Virtual Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Midweek at SAA Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Connect Group Caroling - 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Evensong: Christmas Lessons and Carols G.C. Auditorium - 4:00 p.m.

STAFF DIRECTORY

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 Member Care Line..... ext. 141..... membercare@spencervillechurch.org
 Spencerville Academy..... 301.421.9101..... info@spencerville.org
 Chesapeake Conference301.596.5600info@ccosda.org
 National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING BUDGET GIVING

October 26, 2024 - Week 17 of 53

Received: \$173,525
Receiving Goal \$203,302
2024-25 Church Budget: \$704,000

CURRENT DEBT AS OF NOV 15, 2024

\$2,450,414

OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024-25

\$704,000

(our fiscal year began July 1, 2024)



Meeting at:

The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew
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