

# DECEMBER 14, 2024

# WELCOME

We're happy that you have chosen 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 10. Alternatively, you may also reach out through our website at <u>spencervillechurch.org/contact</u>. 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: 4:46 p.m. Next Sabbath: 4:49 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

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**

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
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Song of Praise	Go Tell It On the Mountain	
Scripture	Isaiah 9:6	
Songs of Praise	Hark the Herald Angels Sing Jesus Messiah	
Prayer		
Sermon	"His Fulfillment, Our Faith"	Pastor Chad Stuart
Song of Response	Come Thou Long Expected Jesus	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

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

Tithe and offerings will be collected at the back doors following the worship service, you may also give online at <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u>, or by mail using the address on the back cover.

> Praise Team Vocals: Amanda Perry, Cornelia Scribner, Ken Scribner Strings: Hadid Cortez Guitar: Joe Perry Piano: Cory Shim

# SECOND SERVICE

11:30 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.

Prelude	Sinfony (Overture) G. F. Händel	Sanctuary Orchestra
Welcome		Pastor Chad Stuart
† Invocation		
†Hymn of Praise	No. 125, Joy to the World Tune: Antioch	Congregation
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Interlude	Pifa G. F. Händel	Sanctuary Orchestra
Choral Praise	And the Glory of the Lord G. F. Händel	Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
† Responsive Reading		Tim Lale
† Hymn of Rejoicing	No. 119, Angels From the Realms <i>Tune: Regent Square</i>	of Glory Congregation
*Congregational Prayer		Ed Zinke
Hymn of Meditation	No. 115, O Come, O Come, Imma Tune: Veni Emmanuel	anuel Congregation
Choral Anthem	For Unto Us a Child is Born G. F. Händel	Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

\* Indicates congregation to please kneel

Sermon	"His Fulfillment, Our Faith"	Pastor Chad
Choral Response	Glory to God G. F. Händel	Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
† Hymn of Response	No. 122, Hark! the Herald Angels S Tune: Mendelssohn arr. David Willcocks	Sing Congregation
† Benediction		Pastor Chad
† Benediction Response	Hallelujah Chorus G. F. Händel	Congregation
** Postlude	Of the Father's Love Begotten Tune: Divinum Mysterium Setting by Phil Lehenbauer	Elizabeth Dumas Schneider, organist

\*\* 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 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 BUSINESS**

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

### INCOMING

This is the first reading.

Todd Huber from The Movement Germantown, Darnestown, Maryland

### OUTGOING

This is the first reading.

Deborah Bahr to Rolling Hills Adventist Church in Rolling Hills Estates, California

# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

### THE OFFERING FOR DEC. 14

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

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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/give</u>.

## 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 <u>spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool</u> to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

### CONNECT GROUP CAROLING

Let's spread holiday cheer and make this a night to remember! Join members of our Connect Groups at the Sawtell home **tonight at 6:00 p.m.** 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. Sign-up by visiting <u>spencervillechurch.org/caroling</u>

#### FIRST QUARTER ADULT STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE NOW

The Sabbath School quarterlies for the first quarter of 2025 are available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

### 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: <u>spencervillechurch.</u> <u>org/prayerministry</u> 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 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 <u>enanasi@spencervillechurch.</u> 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. We've had our challenges this year, and your commitment and dedication to the financial needs of the Spencerville Church is greatly appreciated!

#### Mailed Contributions:

To have your contribution included in the 2024 calendar year, it 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 handdelivered contributions.

#### **Online Contributions:**

Contributions made online by debit or credit card through <u>AdventistGiving</u> 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 endof-year statements in a timely manner. If your address has changed anytime in 2024, please send an email to <u>office@</u> <u>spencervillechurch.org</u> so we can be sure our 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 <u>bit.ly/irs-tax-free</u> 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 <u>spencervillechurch</u>. <u>org/rebuild</u>. 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!

#### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS

If you'd like to receive the two emails published by Spencerville Church, sign up at <u>spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update</u>. *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.

#### SAA APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Spencerville Adventist Academy's 2025-2026 school year applications are officially open! Start your student's application at <u>spencervilleacademy.org/apply</u> 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 **this evening from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and tomorrow from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** at Spencerville Adventist Academy, located at 2502 Spencerville Road. Please come and 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: <u>sabchornets@gmail.com</u>.

#### 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 <u>prayerline@spencervillechurch.org</u>.

# CALENDAR DECEMBER

- 14 Connect Group Caroling 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Virtual Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Midweek at SAA Auditorium 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Evensong: Christmas Lessons and Carols G.C. Auditorium - 4:00 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATES

- Jan. 22-31 10 Days of Prayer 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Location TBA)
- Feb. 1 State of the Church SAA Auditorium 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1 International Social SAA Multipurpose Room - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

For a complete list of Spencerville Church events visit our website: <u>spencervillechurch.org/</u> <u>calendar</u>.

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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### PASTORS

Chad Stuart, Senior Pastor	ext. 122	cstuart@spencervillechurch.org
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Eugene Korff, Treasurer		korffeu@gc.adventist.org

### OTHER CONTACTS

Prayer Requests	ext. 140	prayerline@spencervillechurch.org
Member Care Line	ext. 141	membercare@spencervillechurch.org
Spencerville Academy		info@spencerville.org
Chesapeake Conference		info@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 15300 New Hampshire Ave Silver Spring, MD 20905

Mailing Address:

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