



**DECEMBER 21, 2024**

# WELCOME

We're glad to have you worship with us 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 11. Alternatively, you may also reach out through our website at [spencervillechurch.org/contact](http://spencervillechurch.org/contact). Thank you for worshipping with us. May God richly bless your time worshipping 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](http://spencervillechurch.org/prayer)

### REQUEST FOR BAPTISM

[spencervillechurch.org/baptism](http://spencervillechurch.org/baptism)

### REQUEST FOR A BABY DEDICATION

[spencervillechurch.org/dedication](http://spencervillechurch.org/dedication)

### REQUEST MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

[spencervillechurch.org/transfer](http://spencervillechurch.org/transfer)

### CHURCH CALENDAR

[spencervillechurch.org/calendar](http://spencervillechurch.org/calendar)

### CONNECT GROUPS

[spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups](http://spencervillechurch.org/connectgroups)

### TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING

[spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting](http://spencervillechurch.org/zoom/prayermeeting)

### FIND A SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS

[spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool](http://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 John Gonzalez
Song of Praise	Angels We Have Heard On High	
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
Scripture	Luke 1:32-33	
Songs of Praise	He Shall Reign Forevermore It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Silent Night	
Prayer		
Sermon	"O Holy Night: A Gospel Story"	Pastor Chad Stuart
Song of Response	Oh Holy Night	
Benediction		Pastor Chad

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

### **Praise Team**

**Vocals:** Armando Miranda Jr., Karen Miranda, Daniela Cruz, Yessica Cabezas

**Strings:** Jason Garcia

**Banjolele:** German Rodriguez

**Piano:** Hadid Cortez

# 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	Organ Voluntary Good Christians, Now Rejoice TUNE: IN DULCI JUBILO	Asriel Davis, organist
Welcome		Pastor John Gonzalez
† Invocation		Pastor Chad Stuart
† Hymn of Praise	No. 122, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing TUNE: MENDELSSOHN <i>arr. David Willcocks</i>	Congregation
Children's Lesson		Pastor Lerone Carson
† Responsive Reading		Linda McNeill
† Hymn of Consecration	No. 132, O Come, All Ye Faithful TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES <i>arr. David Willcocks</i>	Congregation
*Congregational Prayer		Michael Kruger
Choral Response	Infant Holy, Infant Lowly TUNE: W ZLOBIE LEZY <i>arr. David Willcocks</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Choral Meditation	Breath of Heaven <i>Chris Eaton &amp; Amy Grant</i> <i>arr. Lloyd Larson</i>	Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra Elsa Balint, solo

† Indicates congregation is to please stand

\* Indicates congregation to please kneel

Sermon	“O Holy Night: A Gospel Story”	Pastor Chad
Anthem of Response	O Holy Night <i>arr. David Clydesdale</i>	Sanctuary Choir & Orchestra
† Hymn of Response	No. 142, Angels We Have Heard on High TUNE: GLORIA	Congregation
† Benediction		Pastor Chad
** Postlude	Toccata on Joy to the World <i>Tune: Antioch</i>	Asriel Davis, 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 been a tremendous blessing this Christmas season! The joy continues this morning during the 11:30 worship hour, followed by our special Christmas service this afternoon at 4:00.

**This Afternoon:** *Evensong: Christmas Lessons and Carols* in the General Conference Auditorium at 4:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

**Next Sabbath:** Communion Service

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

### INCOMING

*This is the second reading.*

**Todd Huber** from The Movement Germantown, Darnestown, Maryland

*This is the first reading.*

**Patricia Goodman** from Metropolitan Adventist Church in Hyattsville, Maryland

### OUTGOING

*This is the second reading.*

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

### NEW MEMBER BIO

*Todd* works for a Tech company called Service Now where he is an IT advisor/solutions consultant for a Risk Management software program. His wife, *Puii*, has a masters degree in Biotech. *Todd* and *Puii* were married at Spencerville Church. They have two children, *Luke*, who is in the first grade, and *Naomi* who is in the sixth grade. Both children attend Spencerville Adventist Academy.

# CHURCH/SCHOOL LIFE

## THE OFFERING FOR DEC. 21

*Today's offering is for the 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](http://spencervillechurch.org/give).

## 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](http://spencervillechurch.org/sabbathschool) to find the list of Sabbath School classes, descriptions, and a facility map showing where each class is located.

## COMMUNION NEXT SABBATH

Next Sabbath, December 28 we will celebrate our final Communion Service of 2024 and our first Communion Service at LCSA. Foot-washing and the Lord's Supper will be observed during both the first and second services. Plan to attend and close out this calendar year on a spiritually high note.

## POTLUCKS RETURN STARTING IN JANUARY!

Come and dine with your church family on January 4 as we return to a regularly scheduled potluck, now on the first Sabbath of each month. We will begin promptly following the 11:30 worship service (at approximately 1:00 p.m.) in the Multipurpose Room at Spencerville Academy.

Please bring your fully prepared hot or cold dishes to the school starting at 9:45 a.m., noting that all food must be ready to serve, as the school kitchen will not be available. Please bring enough food to feed your family and 4-6 additional people. Doing so will ensure that our guests have plenty to eat! We look forward to dining and fellowshiping with you!

## FIRST QUARTER ADULT STUDY GUIDES AVAILABLE NOW

Quarterlies for the first quarter of 2025 are available for pickup at the Welcome Desk in the foyer.

## MIDWEEK WORSHIP PAUSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Please note that our Midweek service will take a break for December 25, returning January 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spencerville Adventist Academy auditorium.

## 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 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.

## **ATTENTION ALL HIS TEAM MEMBERS AND LEADERS!**

*HIS Team Vespers and Workshop 2025: Refresh, Reflect, Recharge.*

Join us on **January 18** for a truly amazing HIS Team gathering. This will be a time of connection, encouragement, and purpose, and we can't wait to share all the details with you soon. Stay tuned—you won't want to miss this!

## **FAITH CONNECTIONS: JOIN OUR NEW CONNCET GROUP**

Join Andre Hastick in a study for community and outreach! Designed to build and strengthen connections, this Bible study will dive into essential Biblical truths with a distinctly Adventist and relational perspective. Whether you're deepening your faith or exploring for the first time, you'll find a supportive community here. This is more than just a study—it's an outreach to the community and a way to share God's love in a setting that's open to all. Come grow, connect, and make a difference!

**Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., every other week, beginning Jan 18, 2025 until April 28, 2025** at the Panera Bread in Maple Lawn.

## **YOUTH MISSION TRIP: PERU 2025**

This year's Youth Mission Trip will take place from March 16 to March 25, 2025. Our youth are headed to Iquitos, Peru, to serve in partnership with the People of Peru Project,

a ministry dedicated to transforming lives and communities through the love of Christ.

Our team would like to make a lasting impact! Your help is needed to enable our youth to purchase Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books to bring to Peru. If you feel led to support this important project, you may do so in one of the following ways:

**Donate Online:** You may donate online through [AdventistGiving](#) using the field labeled "Youth Mission Trip."

**Donate by Check:** Please make your check payable to "Spencerville SDA Church" and include "Youth Mission Trip" in the memo line.

**Prayer for the Mission Trip:** Please pray for the mission trip over the next several months. Pray for the people in Peru and for the hearts of our young people as they serve them.

We're grateful for your consideration and support!

## **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 were 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](mailto:office@spencervillechurch.org) 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 [bit.ly/irs-tax-free](https://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](https://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!

## **SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTERS**

If you'd like to receive the two emails published by Spencerville Church, sign up at [spencervillechurch.org/weekly-update](https://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.

## **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 [spencervilleacademy.org/apply](https://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.

## **SAA ACADEMY DAY**

Attention students in grades 8 to 11! This is your exclusive invitation to preview Spencerville Adventist Academy. Join us on Wednesday, **January 22, 2025** between 8:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

You will be engaged in innovative and Christ-centered activities that give an up-front view of the kind of academic experiences you could have here at SAA and most importantly the type of education

# CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

- 21 Evensong: Christmas Lessons & Carols  
G.C. Auditorium - 4:00 p.m.
- 24-25 Church Office Closed
- 24 No Virtual Prayer Meeting
- 25 No Midweek Worship
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 28 Communion Sabbath
- 31 No Virtual Prayer Meeting

## JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 1 Midweek Worship - SAA - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Monthly Potluck Lunch following Second Service in the SAA Multipurpose Room
- 18 H.I.S. Team Vespers & Workshop
- 22-31 10 Days of Prayer - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
(Location TBA)

## SAVE THE DATES

- Feb. 1 State of the Church in the  
SAA Auditorium - 5:30 p.m.
- Feb. 1 International Social in the  
SAA Multipurpose Room - 6:30 p.m.

For a complete list of Spencerville Church events visit our website: [spencervillechurch.org/calendar](https://spencervillechurch.org/calendar).

that will prepare you for your future. Come ready to be inspired, challenged, and excited about what's ahead! Current students: Please "dress for success" or wear your school uniform.

Pre-registration is required. To register your student, please visit [spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025](https://spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025).

## SAA STEP UP DAY FOR GRADES PRE-K TO 7

Spencerville Adventist Academy invites Pre-K to 7th grade students to this exciting event on **January 22, 2025**. This is your opportunity to experience life in the next grade meet future teachers and explore new routines. Register students attending using this link: [spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025](https://spencervillechurch.org/academy-step-up-2025)

### *Special for Pre-K and Kindergarten parents:*

Attend from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. for a guided school tour, Q&A session, and an information presentation created just for you! Please call the SAA office to register to attend at (301) 421-9101.

## 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).

# STAFF DIRECTORY

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## PASTORS

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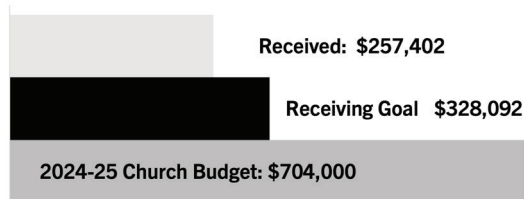
## OTHER CONTACTS

Prayer Requests..... ext. 140.....prayerline@spencervillechurch.org  
Member Care Line..... ext. 141..... membercare@spencervillechurch.org  
Spencerville Academy..... 301.421.9101..... info@spencerville.org  
Chesapeake Conference .....301.596.5600 .....info@ccosda.org  
National Domestic Violence Hotline..... 800-799-7233

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## OPERATING BUDGET GIVING

December 14, 2024 - Week 24 of 53



## CURRENT DEBT AS OF DEC 15, 2024

\$2,442,651

## 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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Silver Spring, MD 20905

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