

Assurance of Pardon & Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

(Blue No. 579)



Scripture 1: 2nd Peter 3:8-15a (p. 1735)

Scripture 2: Mark 1:1-8 (p. 1424)

Faith and Engagement

“Jesus Loves Me” Anna Bartlett Warner

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
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The Bible tells me so.

“O How He Loves You And Me” RP 214 Kaiser

O how He loves you and me.
O how He loves you and me.
He gave His life—what more could He give.
O how He loves you.
O how He loves me.
O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv’ry did go,
His love for mankind to show;
What He did there bro’t hope from despair.
O how He loves you.
O how He loves me.
O how He loves you and me.

Choir: “Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord” arr. by Doug Holck



“Prepare the Way”

No. 13

(Blue Hymnal)



Prayers of the Pastor and the People with Praise
Thanksgiving *share briefly names & situations to lift to God in prayer – we know God is more than able to hold all we offer & God knows the details!* Lord in Your mercy...**Hear our prayer**

Blessing

“Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah (X3)

Hallelujah, Hal-le-lu-jah!”



Personal Milestones

December 15- Emma Drake

Prayer Concerns

Prayer family: **Ray and Lori Maratea**

Prayer young person: **Ava Decker**

Prayer theme for young adults: **faith**

All medical professionals, emergency responders & those serving in hospitals, nursing homes & care facilities

Military folks & family - the USA & all those in leadership

S-VE School Board members, administrators, teachers & others

North Spencer Christian Academy

Church Finances

Samaritan’s Purse

Van Etten Assembly of God

Calendar

Monday -- 6PM AA
Wednesday -- 11AM Adult Study
Wednesday -- 2PM Pastor's Mtg
Friday -- 11AM Women's Bible Study
Friday -- 12:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday -- 1:15PM Spencer Singers Rehearsal
Sunday -- 10AM Adult Study & 11AM Worship

Announcements/Reminders:

A note about offering - all we have is a gift from God. We are invited weekly (and honestly at all times) to respond to God & joyfully give some of what we've been trusted with. For financial giving please place in an offering plate when arriving/leaving or mail to:

939 Danby Rd, Spencer NY 14883 -OR- PO Box 367, Spencer, NY. 14883

Community Events:

Mon. 10AM Story Hour @ Spencer Library

Wed. 4-5:30PM [Open Hearts Dinner @ Mckendree UMC **TAKE OUT ONLY**](#)

3rd Thurs. 10-11:30AM [Mom-to-Mom group @ Inspire](#) (57 E. Tioga St, Spencer)

3rd Fri. 11:30-12:30PM Sr. Social Hour @ Inspire RSVP @ 607-687-4120 [INFO](#)

**Candor Events: [Home \(candornychamber.org\)](#)

12/10: 1-3:30PM Making Wreaths Together @ Inspire (57 E. Tioga St, Spencer)

FREE event - please RSVP @ 607-882-5389

or zoe@philosophyfamilyfarm.com (with number of people, and any kid ages)

12/14: 9-10:30AM Food Cupboard Christmas food give-away. Both indoor (bring bags/boxes) shopping & pick-up options. (Orchard St. near the "old" Dollar General; open to all who live or work in SVE School District)

12/14: 6:30PM Middle School Music Concert (grades 5/6) @SVE HS Auditorium

12/14: 7:15PM Middle School Music Concert (grades 7/8) @SVE HS Auditorium

12/16: 10AM-12noon Santa is coming to the Spencer Library

@ Spencer Library

Non-perishables are available in the front entryway to the library (if you'd like to donate - donations can be received during open hours)

*** Story Hour Mondays @ 10AM ***

@ Van Etten Library ([LINK](#) for their website/hours/calendar)

Hours: Mon: 1-5PM; Wed & Fri: 11AM-1PM & 2PM-5PM

Christ the King Fellowship Presbyterian #love December 10, 2023 – 11:00 AM



Welcome

Prelude "People Look East"

arr. by Dale Wood

Call to Worship (Jer. 33:14):

The day of the LORD is surely coming: **the promise of God will be fulfilled**

(music) "O come, O come, Emmanuel..."

Advent Candle Lighting: PEACE

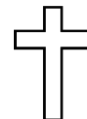
God of grace, we & all the earth rejoice in hope for our Savior's birth & return. Prepare us to receive him for He is LORD forever & ever. Amen.



(The Doxology) **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen** (Blue Hymnal No. 592)



"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 8
(Blue Hymnal)



Confession (from BCW) God of the future, You are coming in power to bring all nations under Your rule. We confess we have not expected Your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, & refuse Your justice and peace. Forgive us. Turn us to Your will by the power of Your Spirit, so all may know Your justice & peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior.

[silent prayer & reflection; let the Holy Spirit identify any sin that needs confessing - offer it to God & let it go]

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” Georg Weisell

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

“Prepare the Way” Frans Mikael Franzen

Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

Christ brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.
Oh blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.

