

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)



“The Joy of The Lord” I-59 SPW-229 Vale

The joy of the Lord is my strength.
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He heals the brokenhearted and they cry no more.
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He gives me living water and I thirst no more.
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The joy of the Lord is my strength.

“Lift Up Your Heads“ I – 15 Fry

Lift up your heads to the coming King.
Bow before Him and adore Him. Sing!
To His Majesty, let your praises be.
Pure and holy, giving glory to the King of Kings.

Choir “Lion of Judah” arr. by Tome Fettke

Scripture 1: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (p. 1684)

Scripture 2: Luke 1:46b-55 (p. 1458)



Faith and Engagement

“Joy to the World”

No. 40

(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 18- Tom and Marina Billott
Sharon Comfort

Prayer Concerns

Prayer family: **Gene and Liz Helmettsie**

Prayer young person: **Elliot Bailey**

Prayer theme for young adults: **general welfare**

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

Sunday -- 4PM Remembrance Service (zoom [LINK](#))
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 \(candornychamber.org\)](#)

12/20: 5PM Community Caroling @ Nichols Pond Gazebo (w/cookies,cocoa & coffee from Lions Club!) -- come one come all!

@ 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 17, 2023 – 11:00 AM



Welcome

Prelude Meditation on "Gabriel's Message"
by David Lasky

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: JOY

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)



"The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" No. 16

(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 Weissel

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.

