

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Epiphany Sunday

*Thank you for joining us for worship today! We invite you to sign in on our attendance pads which will be passed out during the Choir Hymn. (\* indicates "Please rise in body or spirit")*

## **Gathering Music**

### **Welcome**

Pastor Alissa

### **\*Call to Worship** – Lighting the Candles of Christmas

Georgette Rogers

O come, let us bring our gifts of peace to the Christ Child  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!**

O come, let us bring our gifts of hope to the Christ Child  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!**

O come, let us bring our gifts of love to the Christ Child  
and consider what wondrous things God has done:

**The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,  
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!**

O come, let us bring our gifts of joy to the Christ Child  
for God has done wondrous things!

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **\*Opening Hymn**

"We Three Kings" – UMH #254

### **Opening Prayer for Epiphany** – from *A Deacon Prays*

Zack Reiber

## **Announcements**

### **Traditional Choir**

"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"

Betsy Pletscher

### **\*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

### **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 2:1-12 (CEB)

Georgette Rogers

### **Message**

"The Gifts of Christmas"

Pastor Alissa

### **\*Hymn of Response**

"What Gift Can We Bring" – UMH #87

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Pastor Alissa

## **Offertory**

### **\*Doxology**

UMH #95

### **\*Offering Prayer**

### **Recognition of the Transition of Leadership in the Church**

Pastor Alissa

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Follow along with the words onscreen.*

Pastor Alissa & Zack Reiber

### **Receiving the Elements**

"In the Bleak Midwinter" – UMH #206

### **Music During Communion**

"There's a Song in the Air" – UMH #249

### **Prayer After Communion**

"Star-Child" – TFWS #2095

Pastor Alissa

### **Sending Forth**

Zack Reiber

### **Sending Forth Music**

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## January 4

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This month at the Connect Desk**, we are collecting men's and women's socks and underwear for VOA/Crosswalk and the Young Adult Shelter. Men's boxers and women's boxers and briefs, as well as athletic and crew socks are encouraged. Adult sizes only, please. For any questions, see the Connect Desk.

**Our youth are hosting a food drive through January 11th!** They will be collecting cans and shelf-stable food through the month; in particular, they will create "Birthday in a bag" kits (disposable tin, cake mix, frosting, can of 7-Up, birthday candles, and a few birthday balloons). These kits allow families an easy way to celebrate each other in challenging times, allowing simple pleasures we sometimes take for granted.

**Volunteers are needed for the Eastern Washington Legislative Conference** at the end of the month! Sign up at the Connect Desk to help with a variety of tasks, including set-up, preparing food, greeting attendees, and directing traffic.

**We need cookies for Coffee Chat!** Bring any kind of cookies you'd like to eat.

## THIS WEEK

**1/5 Monday**

10:00 am Walkers  
11:00 am Quilting group  
6:30 pm Sarah Circle

**1/6 Tuesday**

10:00 am SPR Meeting

**1/7 Wednesday**

10:00 am Walkers

**1/8 Thursday**

9:00 am Thursday Crew  
11:00 am Rachel Circle  
1:00 pm Lois' Small Group

**1/10 Saturday**

10:00 am Choir Practice

**1/11 Sunday**

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgists: Ann Holmquist & Lucas Price  
10:00 am Coffee Chat  
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

*If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill our one of the cards in the pews and either place it in the plate on the back table or pass it to an usher when they come by during the choir anthem.*



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*Spokane Valley United Methodist Church is here to invite people to follow Jesus, love others, and transform the greater community through the grace of God.*

*Love is the Spirit at Spokane Valley UMC – we are a weapons-free and drug-free community. Thank you for abiding by this policy and helping to make our church a safe space for all.*

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