# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST (HURCH

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Epiphany Sunday – *Angels Among Us* Series

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 Betsy Pletscher

**Threshold Moment** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" – UMH#328 Cliff Maxey

Lighting the Candles of Life

James & Georgette Rogers

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, alight within us your flame of life this day.

Grant us openness to hear your message.

Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world, creating more life in the midst of fear.

\*Opening Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" – UMH #206

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Traditional Choir** "Seeking the King" – *Night of the Father's Love* Cantata, Pepper Choplin Luke Henderson

\*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri UMH #70

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSVA) Cliff Maxey

\*Hymn "We Three Kings" – UMH #254

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 2:13-23 (NRSVA)

Message "Dreams and Warnings" Pastor Alissa

\*Hymn of Response "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" – UMH #233

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Alissa

**Offertory** Betsy Pletscher

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

\*Offering Prayer Pastor Alissa

The Great Thanksgiving Pastor Alissa & Cliff Maxey

Follow along with the words onscreen.

Music During Communion "One Holy Night in Bethlehem" – TFWS #2097

"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow" – TFWS #2096

**Prayer After Communion** 

\*Sending Forth Pastor Alissa

**Sending Forth Music** 

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# SUNDAY NEWS

January 5, 2024

9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:10 am Worship Children's Sunday School Nursery Coffee Chat

Sanctuary Room 210 Nursery Fellowship Hall

# NEWS AND ANNOUN(EMENTS

This quarter we are collecting paper products for Naomi again! Bring paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues to the Connect Desk January 5, 12, 19, and 26. Questions? See the Connect Desk.

Join us this afternoon for our fourth annual Holy Pub event! We'll celebrate a Twelfth Night experience singing Christmas carols and eating lots of good food at 45 Degree Brewhouse. Bring a friend and have a blast! For those 21 and over only. For questions, see the Connect Desk.

If you are feeling God's nudge to explore ministry opportunities, consider Lay Servant Ministries! Classes will be offered on Zoom during the first part of 2025, including courses on Lay Pastoral Care Giving, Leading Public Prayer, and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. You can find more information on BeADisciple.com or talk to Pastor Alissa.

Have you ever wanted to learn fly fishing? Did you used to be a fly fisher, but got out of the habit? The Spokane Fly Fishers will be teaching a fly-tying class in January and February on Thursday nights from 6 pm - 8 pm in the gym. Consider joining the group!

**Hot chocolate, marshmallows, and good friends** – a recipe for a perfect morning! Join us for a special Hot Chocolate Coffee Chat after the service on Sunday, January 26!

**The Washington Legislative Conference** will be held at our church and is an opportunity to fundraise for Mission & Service. All money raised at this event will help support our financial commitment for our covenant relationship with missionary Katherine Parker in Nepal. Sign up today to help set up tables and rooms, prepare food and cookies, greet in the parking lot and hallways, serve lunch, and help clean up after.

**Pastor Alissa is headed to Morocco February 3-24** for vacation and renewal! Sue Macgrath will lead worship, provide pastoral care, and work with church leadership during that time.

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.

# THIS WEEK

## 1/6 Monday

9:30 am Shirley small group11:00 am Quilting Group

# 1/7 Tuesday

10:00 am SPR Meeting

## 1/8 Wednesday

6:00 pm Discipleship 2

## 1/9 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew 11:00 am Rachel Circle 1:00 pm Lois group 1:00 pm Sarah Circle FPR

# 1/11 Saturday

10:00 am Choir

# 1/12 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service Liturgist: Susan Ingalls 9:00 am Children's Sunday School and Nursery 10:00 am Coffee Chat Trustees 10:30 am Adult Sunday School



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