

# SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – First Sunday of Advent – *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** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (French Psalter, Setting by Lloyd Larson) Betsy Pletscher

**Threshold Moment** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" – UMH#328 Mike Lambert

**Advent Candle of Hope Prayer** Ed & Raeann Ducar

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,

**alight within us your flame of hope this day.**

Grant us openness to hear your message.

**Grant us courage to be your messengers in the world,**

**creating more hope in the midst of fear.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" – UMH #196

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Traditional Choir** "Waiting" – *Night of the Father's Love*, Chopin Luke Henderson

**\*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri** UMH #70

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:5-25, 57-80 (The Voice) Mike Lambert (Narrator)

*Follow along the words onscreen* Margie Manfred (Messenger), Ed & Raeann Ducar (Zechariah & Elizabeth)

**Message** "Ready for More Hope" Pastor Alissa

**\*Hymn of Response** "Blessed Be the God of Israel" – UMH #209  
(Tune: Kingsfold)

**Invitation to the Offering** Pastor Alissa

**Offertory** Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah (Yiddish folk tune) Betsy Pletscher

**\*Doxology** UMH #95

**\*Offering Prayer** Pastor Alissa

**Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**Invitation to the Table and Great Thanksgiving** Pastor Alissa & Mike Lambert

*Follow along the words onscreen*

**Receiving the Elements**

**Music During Communion** "Hope of the World" – UMH #178 Luke Henderson

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" – UMH #204 & Betsy Pletscher

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" -UMH #240

**Prayer After Communion** Mike Lambert

**\*Closing Hymn** "What Gift Can We Bring" – UMH #87

**\*Sending Forth** Pastor Alissa

**Sending Forth Music** Fling Wide the Door (German Advent hymn)

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# SUNDAY NEWS

## December 1, 2024

9:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:00 am	Children's Sunday School	Room 210
9:00 am	Nursery	Nursery
10:10 am	Coffee Chat	Fellowship Hall

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sign up to bring cookies** to the ornament decorating night on December 5<sup>th</sup>! See the Connect Desk to sign up. If you would like to help with Ornament Night at Broadway Elementary on Thursday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, sign up at the Connect Desk. This is a fun evening making ornaments with Broadway families!

**Advent study – the Angels of Christmas.** The book *The Angels of Christmas: Hearing God's Voice in Advent* which goes along with the Advent sermons is available for purchase in the Welcome Center. A donation of \$10 is appreciated. If interested in joining a group for the study, ask for group times when you purchase the book. When joining a group for 4 weeks you have a chance to discuss the study and view a video by the author.

**Calling all angels!** Bring any angel figurines you have for Coffee Chat in the month of December to decorate the tables. See Margie for more information.

**Grieving Through the Holidays Support Group** will be held on Thursdays, 12/5, 12/12, and 12/19 at Nancy Ashworth's house at 10:00 am. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or a difficult situation in their life. For more information and to sign up, please contact Nancy Ashworth, 509-993-9074.

**SVUMC United Women in Faith invites all women of the church** to the Annual Christmas Celebration on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We will have a salad potluck, an autumnal dessert, and good fellowship as we hear Sue Macgrath give a timely message about mental health and wellness during the holiday season. RSVP today at the Connect Desk!

**The next 55+ Luncheon is December 5<sup>th</sup>.** Project Joy will come to play Christmas music and hot turkey sandwiches will be served. See you there!

**Ruth Reyman's memorial will be held at the church December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.** Reception to follow. Everyone is welcome.

*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

## 12/2 Monday

9:30 am Shirley circle  
10:00 am Marlene small group  
11:00 am Daughters of Dorcas Quilting group  
3:30 pm Nancy Larson small group  
6:30 pm Sarah Circle

## 12/3 Tuesday

10:00 am SPRC meeting

## 12/4 Wednesday

10:00 am Walkers  
6:00 pm Discipleship 2

## 12/5 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew  
Grieving Through the Holidays (time TBA)  
1:00 pm Lois group

## 12/7 Saturday

10:00 am Choir

## 12/8 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service  
Liturgist: Alyssa Vanos  
Lighters: Samantha & Easton Anglin  
9:00 am Children's Sunday School and Nursery  
10:00 am Coffee Chat  
Shirley's small group  
10:30 am Adult Sunday School



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