

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 14th, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes 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

Threshold Moment

Pastor Alissa & Ali Norris

Threshold Song

"Welcome Christmas" from *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas*

(See Grinch green sheet music in pews)

Advent Candle of Love Prayer – based on Luke 1:46-55

Brian Hoyt & Amy Norton

Like Mary, our souls magnify the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

For God has looked on us with favor; on the lowliness of God's servants.

God's mercy is for those who love him from generation to generation.

God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

Come, for God is doing a new thing!

Let us light the Advent candles of peace, hope, and love!

Yes, God is doing a new thing! Let us worship with all our hearts!

*Opening Hymn

"People, Look East" – UMH #202

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Alissa

Traditional Choir

"Comfort, Comfort" (trad. carol, arr. Ferguson)

Betsy Pletscher

*Greeting Time & Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

Ali Norris

Message

"When You're Sure You're Right"

Pastor Alissa

*Hymn of Response

"Love Has Come" – W&S #3059

Invitation to the Offering

Pastor Alissa

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Offering Prayer

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Alissa

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – UMH #213

*Sending Forth

Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music

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SUNDAY NEWS

December 14

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

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This month, we are collecting \$10 gas cards for Family Promise of Spokane at the Connect Desk. For questions, see Madelyn Bafus.

Join us today, December 14th from 2-4 pm at 45 Degree Brewhouse for the fourth annual Holy Pub Christmas Singalong! This is a 21+ event; children will have a simultaneous Sunday School Grinchmas at the church.

Our youth are hosting a food drive in December! 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.

Youth Present Wrapping Station Our youth are available to wrap Christmas presents for you in Room 115 directly after service today until 10:45 am. They will have wrapping paper and bows to choose from, or you can bring your own. To reserve a spot for gift wrapping, text or email Jen Price.

December's Youth Schedule Today, December 14th, there will be youth group, as well as the Children's Sunday School Grinchmas from 2-4:30 pm. On December 21st the youth are hosting Coffee Chat and will have a Youth Grinchmas Party. For questions about the youth schedule, see Jen Price.

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

Be sure to join us for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm on December 24th in the sanctuary! Bring your friends and family!

The church office will be closed Christmas Day, December 25th through Friday, January 2nd, and re-open Monday, January 5th.

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

12/15 Monday

9:30 am Shirley Small Group
10:00 am Walkers
11:00 am Quilting group

12/16 Tuesday

11:30 am Touched by Cancer
2:30 pm Finance

12/17 Wednesday

10:00 am Walkers
11:15 am Marlene's Small Group

12/18 Thursday

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

12/20 Saturday

10:00 am Choir Practice

12/21 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Susan Ingalls
Lighters: Richmond Family
10:00 am Coffee Chat Youth
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

If you have a prayer request for our Prayer Team, fill out 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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