

SPOKANE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 15th, 2024 – Third 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 The First Noel/Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella Betsy Pletscher

Threshold Moment "Surely the Presence of the Lord" – UMH#328 Georgiann Cheney

Advent Candle of Joy Prayer Dennis & Desiree Forster with Karlene Brown

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit,
alight within us your flame of joy 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** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" – UMH #213

Welcome & Announcements

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

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

Scripture Reading Matthew 1:18-25 (The Voice) Georgiann Cheney (Narrator)
Follow along the words onscreen C.J. Amestoy (Messenger), Ethan Amestoy (Joseph)

Message "Do Not Be Afraid" Pastor Alissa

***Hymn of Response** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – UMH #211

Invitation to the Offering Pastor Alissa

Offertory God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen Betsy Pletscher

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Offering Prayer** Pastor Alissa

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

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** "People, Look East" – UMH #246

***Sending Forth** Pastor Alissa

Sending Forth Music He Came Down

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SUNDAY NEWS

December 15, 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

SVUMC is collecting \$10 gas cards in December to partner with Family Promise of Spokane. We recommend Maverick gas station as the best place to purchase them. Bring them to the Connect Desk through December.

The final Grieving Through the Holidays Support Group will be held on Thursday 12/19 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM in Room 115. 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.

Ruth Reynen's memorial will be held at the church today at 2 PM. Reception to follow. Everyone is welcome.

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Tuesday, December 24th at 8:00 pm. Bring your family and friends!

We need more cookies for Coffee Chat! Bring any cookies you want to see at Coffee Chat – peanut butter, chocolate chip, shortbread, or whatever you like best!

Join us for our Singing Celebration Sunday service on December 29th! We'll have lots of fun singing in the New Year.

The SVUMC office will be closed Wednesday, December 25th through Wednesday, January 1st. We will re-open on Thursday, January 2nd. Thank you!

Join us Sunday, January 5th 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.

The church received an unidentified check from LPL Financial last week. If that was yours, please contact Desiree Forster at 509-220-8707 or lightofsarai@gmail.com so we can credit it to the right account.

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

12/16 Monday

9:30 am Shirley small group
10:00 am Marlene small group
3:30 pm Nancy Larson small group

12/17 Tuesday

10:00 am Touched by Cancer meeting
6:00 pm Coordinating Council

12/18 Wednesday

6:00 pm Discipleship 2

12/19 Thursday

9:00 am Thursday Crew
2:00 pm Grieving Through the Holidays Rm 115
1:00 pm Lois group

12/21 Saturday

10:00 am Choir

12/22 Sunday

9:00 am Traditional Service
Liturgist: Stephanie Turner-Wilson
Lighters: Chris & Heather Nilles & Cindy Plowman
9:00 am Children's Sunday School and Nursery
10:00 am Coffee Chat Finance
10:30 am Adult Sunday School

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